The Nicola Valley News

THE HOME PAPER FOR THE CITY OF MERRITT AND THE NICOLA VALLEY

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Two Brave Nicola Officers now Share Great Distinction of Bringing Honor---Unique in Whole Dominion---to the Nicola Valley.

Transacting the City's Business

City Council and Local Improvements. New Lights. Coldwater Telephones

At Monday's meeting of the City Council a communication was read from Superintendent Stevens of the Government Telephone Service informing of the steps he had taken in furtherance of the application being made locally for the establishment of telephonic facilities for the Coldwater district. The postal authorities at Ottawa and the Hon. Martin Burrell had knowledge of the request, he stated.

Under the signature of T. E. Clarke. secretary, the Volunteer Fire Brigade of twenty-one members, submitted a requisition for a sum of one dollar per hour or part of an hour while on duty at fires as a recompense for injury to clothes etc., as was being paid in other towns in B. C. After a brief discussion the petition was referred to the fire and police committee for consideration and a report.

On the motion of Ald. Ewart and Ald. McFarlane, it was decided to accept the recommendation of the electric light committee for the extension of the straight lighting series system along Quilchena Avenue to Eastwood Street and to do away with the present goose neck fixtures, at a cost of not more than $200.

A recommendation by Ald. Jackson and Ald. McLean for "goose neck" street lighting facilities on Voght Reserve was adopted, Ald. Ewart, chairman of the electric light committee and the City Engineer having power to carry out the work.

It having been resolved that the membership fee of $30 be paid to the Union of B. C. Municipalities, Solicitor Grimmett and Ald. McGoran were delegated to attend the next convention on September 9-10 at Chilliwack, with Mayor Walters as alternative in either case. Recommendations respecting suggested amendments to sections of the Municipal Act relative to the borrowing powers of municipalities will be placed before the convention.

Ald. Jackson and McLean brought the attention of the Council to the need of repairs to planking of roads and bridges in the City area.

A refund of $2 pound fees were ordered to be paid to Mr. Marr.

The City Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Hindmarsh thanking him for bringing to their knowledge a sidewalk defect near the school which was responsible for injuries to his wife and child last Saturday evening.

Position of M.H.O. Must be Filled

Health Act Demands it. Tenders Invited. Post Vacated by Dr. Williams

The question of appointiug a medical health officer in succession to Dr. Williams, resigned, was considered at the meeting of the City Council held on Monday when it was resolved that applications be invited locally for the post.

Dr. G. H. Tutill had put in an application for the vacancy, and when it was read Solicitor Grimmett in reply to the query by Mayor Walters said that under the Health Act the City had to fill the position.

Ald. McFarlane moved and Ald. McGoran seconded, that Dr. Tuttil be appointed M. H. O.,

The Mayor: Should not the vacancy be advertised?

City Solicitor; If you wish. The appointment is at the discretion of the Council.

Ald. McGoron was not in favor of paying $100 per year under present conditions. There was already a school inspector to take care of health conditions at the schools while tue sanitary inspector was looking after sanitary conditions in back yards etc.

Ald. McFarlane speaking of the importance of a M. H. O. should epidemics arise thought it little enough salary considering the medical fees that would otherwise have to be met.

Mayor Walters thought the other doctor, Dr. Gillis, should have the opportunity of applying too.

It was eventually decided that the Clerk invite tenders from both local doctors for the position, stating the salary required, it being left to the sanitary committee to make the appointment, the motion being moved by Aldermen Jackson and McFarlane and unanimously carried.

Change of Location

Announcement is made in another column of the impending removal of the Bank of Toronto from their present location to larger, more commodious and more central premises in the Walters block, next to Radcliffe's office, on Quilchena avenue.

On Monday next, August 23, the bank will transact business in the new quarters. Business will be conducted as usual at the present location tomorrow Saturday. The attention of patrons of this popular bank is drawn to the change of location necessitated by the rapid expansion of the business done by the bank, especially among the miners.

Another Brave Son of Nicola Secures the Coveted D. S. O.

Captain Jack Nash Displayed Remarkable Bravery and Saved his Battalion from Complete Annihilation. Nicola Justly Proud of Her Heroes

An honor of high importance, unequalled in the wide Dominion of Canada and probably unsurpassed by any community of similar size throughout the British Empire, has fallen to the picturesque farming community of Nicola.

Nicola now possesses two sons who, in this war, have gained the high distinction, the D.S.O., a decoration of rarity and bestowed only for the most distinguished service and gallantry on the field.

The "News" has received word that Captain Jack Nash now shares the honor with his friend Major Harold H. Matthews of having won the Distinquished Service Order medal. Captain Nash, who left with the first Nicola Valley contingent on August 15th, 1914, was an expert in signalling.

His decoration was recommended for distinguished bravery on Whit Monday when he saved the situation for his battalion from complete annihilation. Out of the full battalion sixteen officers and 365 men were killed, Captain Nash however, coming through the fierce and terrible fighting untouched and by his fearlessness and great gallantry and skill saving the battered remnant of his battalion.

Nicola is to be congratulated on the above news which has been received by Mr. V. H. Harbord from the wife of Capt. Nash who is now residing in England.

Merritt Public Schools Will Re-open on Monday Next

Staff now Complete. Four New Teachers. Latest Appointment. Record Number of Scholars Expected

Monday next is school opening day when children are a little sad and mothers are glad and when fathers return to bucking their own wood. The youngsters always display a certain amount of curiosity as to the changes that have been going on during vacations. They miss the presence of last term teachers and make the acquaintance of the new ones.

There will be quite a few changes in the teaching staff when the doors reopen on Monday, when Chairman H. S. Cleasby and the School Trustees attend to encourage the teachers and children in commencing their work for the autumnal term.

The latest of the four new teachers to be appointed to the staff is Miss Ruth Gregg, of New Westminster, who will take charge of the entrance class. Other new teachers (which have previously been announced in the "News") are Mrs. L. M. Freeman, of Vancouver, Senior Third; Miss Jennie Thompson, of Howe Sound, Junior Third; Miss Zella Hawe, of Vancouver, who will succeed Miss Whitworth, resigned.

The four teachers engaged last term who will continue their work are Mr. L. E. Morrissey, of the Superior school who will take charge of High School work and be principal of the ordinary schools; Miss McPherson, Miss Lawson and Miss Patchett. There are thus eight teachers as last term, four new ones and four continuing their work at the schools.

Parents are specially requested to take notice of the announcement on page three regarding the age at which new pupils will be admitted.

Will Advocate for Increased Legal Borrowing Powers

City Delegates Appointed to Attend Convention of Union of B. C. Municipalities to be held at Chilliwack in September

The elimination of the proviso at the end of section 134 of the Municipal Act that deals with the borrowing powers of municipalities will be advocated by delegates of the City of Merritt at the forthcoming convention of the Union of B. C. Municipalities to be held at Chilliwack in September.

In short, the City desires legal power to borrow on 100 per cent. of the taxes in arrears.

The proviso objected to by the city authorities here, with others throughout the Province, limits the borrowing powers of one year to the amount of the previous year's levy less the amount of the loan that has not been repaid.

Taking the situation this year, the levy made for all municipal requirements in expenditures aggregated $23.000 against which, as the act stands, the City is only legally empowerad to borrow $9,300, an amount barely sufficient to meet sinking fnnd and debenture interest charges and leaving nothing for other standing charges such as appertains to the maintenance of the schools, police and civic institutions.

The opinion of local municipal officials is that if a municipal authority is legally empowered to make a levy sufficient to care for its estimated maintenance expenses then it should be able legally to borrow a sufficient sum to meet those expenditures carrying legal endorsation.

The difficulties of financing, of course, have arisen through the extreme difficulty in securing the payment of arrears of taxes to repay bank loans.

Local municipal authorities also claim that section 134 and section 195 are contradictory in that section 195 authorises borrowing powers in addition to those limited in section 134.

These matters, with suggestions respecting the establishment of a better system of government affecting school boards and their work, will also be introduced by the local delegates. These are Alderman McGoran and City Solicitor Grimmett.

First Canford School Will Open Monday

Canford's first school, a Government assisted school, was completed today by Contractor Hugh Leitch. and will be opened on Monday next with Miss Foy, of Victoria, as principal, and some dozen scholars enrolled. Situated half a mile north of the mill, it is a frame building with a substantial brick base, the latter being constructed by W. Schmock of Merritt.

Previously, Canford children were obliged to go to Lower Nicola School but through the energetic efforts of the local School Board, of which H. C. Meeker is chairman and E. J. Rhodes, secretary, and Alec LUCAS M. P. P. local member. Canford now has its own school.

Year's Work Is Very Creditable

What the Patriotic Guild has Accomplished Since the War Started

As the war was one year old on Aug. 4, last we took it upon ourselves to ascertain exactly what had been accomplished by the members of the Patriotic Guild during the period.

Between November 30, 1914 and August 9, 1915. the following donations and comforts have been sent in aid of the soldiers and to help the cause.

Articles of Comfort.—total 1,211

Bandages	400
Belts	1
Blankets	3
Cholera Belts	1
Handkerchiefs	136
Mits, (prs)	2
Nightshirts	9
Pillow slips	40
Wristlets	24
Scarves	9
Shirts	64
Sheets	22
Sleeping Caps	7
Socks, (pairs)	429
Tobacco plugs	30
Gum, (packets)	30
Playing cards, (packets)	4

Cash Donations,—Total $259.00

Nov. 13, 1914. Cash Xmas presents for Nicola Valley soldiers	$ 20
June 8, 1915. Donation to Red Cross Fund (Eng.)	$139
Aug. 4, 1915. N. V. Commemoration Fnnd	$100

The Guild meets every Monday afternoon at the City Hall.

Eloquent Sermon At St. Andrews

Rev. G. W. Wilson, Superintendent of B. C. Home Missions Visits Merritt

One of the most powerful and eloquent sermons delivered in the City was, in the opinion of many, that by the Rev. G. W. A. Wilson, superintendent of B. C. Home Missions of the Presbyterian Connexion, preached in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening last.

Basing his well reasoned remarks on the text, Peter 1; 2c; 17, "Fear God and Honor the King" his discourse was lucid and vigorous, with a stirring patriotic theme predominant, as he spoke on aspects of Christinnity during the war.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson, who was deputising for the Rev. J. Hyde, during his vacation, arrived in the City on Friday and returned home on Sunday.

Mrs. George Ransom and Mrs. Hugh Leitch sang feelingly the sacred duet "And must I go Empty-Handed."

Canford Ranchers and Irrigation

A number of ranchers and owners of property in the Sunshine Valley, of Canford, are considering the advisability of making an earnest endeavor to get the section irrigated from Petite Creek, under the plan by which the Government authorities bear the cost of the installation of the system and the property owners as an irrigation municipality, pay for the cost in taxes.

The Sunshine Valley possesses fine farming land and by irrigation its productiveness could be very largely increased. Messrs Longbotham, Tyner The Lytham Bros, and Walford and Mrs. Brenton are amongst those with property in the district proposed to be irrigated.

Solicitor J. A. Maughan is on a visit to the Coast cities.

Merritt - Montreal By Automobile

Hooter Coughed itself Hoarse as Car Left on Transcontinental Trip

With Merritt as the starting point and Montreal, three thousand miles away, the destination Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kennedy, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilkinson, all of this City left here on Monday last at 1,25 p.m. in the 1914 Winton Six automobile owned and driven by Mr. Kennedy, who was a electrician in this City.

Given an enthusiastic farewell by their numerous friends in the City the car hooted itself nearly hoarse in response.

Fully equipped with tenting and cooking necessaries the party left for Princeton with a big load. They will pass through Princeton, Hedley and Keremoes to Spokane thence along the broad and splendid American "Pacific Highway" which leads to Minneapolos, St Paul, Chicago, and Detroit. Toronto and other leading Eastern cities will be passed through ere reaching Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson are proceeding by this novel route to England. They will thus take with them vivid recollections of the many varied beauties and scenic attractions of the different American states through which they traverse by auto but could not by rail.

Unrestricted by fixed time schedules, the party will enjoy short stays at various points of outstanding interest en route, and expect to be on the road between four and six weeks.

Can Enlist Here For R.M. Rangers

Recruiting Facilities Provided in Merritt. Terms of Enlistment

Through the public spirited efforts of Ald. Dobson, of Kamloops. who while in Merritt last week end, was informed through an article in the "News" of the lack of recruiting facilities in this Valley, arrangements have now been made by which Mayor Walters has been authorised by the Adjutant of the 102nd Regiment at Kamloops to swear in recruits for enlistment in the Rocky Mountain Rangers.

After recruits have been sworn in and medically passed by Captain G. H. Tutill, M.D., they will receive 75 cents per day. Free transportation will be arranged to the training camp of the regiment, and on arrival at camp the men will receive the full rate of $1.10 per day.

The Mayor, who can be seen at his office in the Walters Block, facing the Coldwater hotel, has attestation forms ready for signature.

To minimize the inconveniences of indirect rail transportation the authorities would be well advised to consider arranging for the recruits being conveyed direct to the Vernon Camp by auto stage. The journey would be shorter, no stop-overs, and the cost would be much the same as by rail.

Rebeccahs Honor One of Fraternity

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. Paton (nee, Grimes) a surprise party of twenty sisters of the local Rebeccah lodge visited their home, Nicola Avenue, on Monday evening. After congratulating the newly married couple on their recent marriage, Mrs. W. Kemp, Noble Grand, on behalf of the lodge, presented their sister with a handsome set of table silverware as a token of affection and esteem for their financial secretary. Music and games were enjoyed and supper served, a very pleasant evening terminating shortly after midnight.

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A YEAR AGO

One year ago last week end---August 15 is the actual date---the Nicola Valley soldiers of the B. C. Horse left Merritt for Kamloops en route to the front. Some have since fallen and sleep beneath the ravaged lands of Flanders, others have survived the terrific strain of warfare, some to gain high military distinctions for bravery, all gaining glory and honor as comrades in that husky body of of Canadians who have given prominence to the word "Langemarcke" for the lasting memory of all peoples of the civilized world---many yet unborn.

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ONE FOR US

A remarkable example of the value of live newspaper publicity expediting the solution of local problems has come to light. Following an editorial in last Friday's "News" on the lack of recruiting facilities in Merritt, read by military visitors from Kamloops the same evening, steps were immediately taken to provide the facilities required. Now recruits can be medically examined and enlisted in Merritt for the Rocky Mountain Rangers. Does Advertising Pay?

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CHEAP NOTORIETY

We have neither time nor space nor inclination to give G. W. Ruddock the cheap notoriety he seeks by replying at length to his inspired attack on the staff of the News last week. His sweeping untruths can be negatived by a glance at the receipts in our office and others at the Nicola Valley Laundry, by Paul Meacham, also by a professional gentleman we can name. Mr. Ruddock, janitor, dont try to stir a dust in public. Our advertising rates can be had on application.

Wedding Bells

BROWN — STEPHENS

The marriage took place recently at Vancouver between Miss Roberta M. Stephens, late of the teaching staff of Merritt Public Schools, and Mr. A. W. Brown, M.A., Principal of Agassiz school.

The bride who was at Merritt but one school term was formerly engaged in teaching at Chase, B.C. Her many friends and acquaintances in this district will congratulate the bride on her marriage. The couple are now in residence at Aggasiz.

A China Shower

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Paton and their recent marriage a number of friends called at their home on Wednesday night to give them a "China Shower." A happy time was spent, the donors being Mr. and Mrs. H. Priest, Mrs. Joe Collett, Mrs. M. McIntyre, Mrs. Langstaff, Mrs. Cumberland, Mrs. Fuerst, Miss McKenzie and Messrs. W, Bell and A. Grundy.

There are five banks in Prince Rupert, and each of them pays $200 a year to the city for a license.

Red Cross Society And Tobacco

The headquarters of the Red Cross Society have requested that no letters, packets or cigarettes will in future be packed with the socks as there is a duty on tobacco, and all such packets are removed before the articles are sent away.

All who are donating these "First National Banks" for the soldiers are urged, therefore, to watch the nature of the deposits.

NOTICE.

COUNTY COURT OF YALE

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 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 13th day of August, 1915.

Will Machine Gun Funds be Pooled

An Ottawa despatch states that all money subscribed by public spirited citizens for machine guns in various cities of the Dominion will probably be pooled and one Dominion fund created. Trustees of funds from New Brunswick as far west as Vancouver have written the Military authorities at Ottawa asking how to go about the purchase of machine guns with the money already in hand.

The donations in most cases were for guns for battalions recruited in the province in which subscriptions were received, but the military authorities point out that if the requests of the trustees of all the funds were acceded to, certain battalions would have a great many more machine guns than others. Letters have therefore been sent to trustees of various funds suggesting that all donations be pooled so that all battalions may receive their fair share of guns.

Letters sent out explain that the demand for machine guns has been so large that some battalions would not be equipped before November.

Methodist Minister Goes to the Front

The reception and farewell meeting organised on Friday night in honor of Rev. G. O. Fallis (Kamloops Methodist Pastor), was a striking tribute to the hold he has gained on the public, and his own congregation in particular, and also to the popular, and also to the popularity which attends any movement in the direction of leaving for service with the Empire's forces in the great struggle for Right and Democracy against Might and Militarism.—Kamloops Sentinel.

Explanatory

The following is copy of a letter which has been handed to us with a request that it be published, has reference to an exchange of views between the promoters of the RedCrossSociety then about to be formed and officials of the Patriotic Guild. It is self-explanatory.

Patriotic Guild,
Merritt, B. C.

Dear Mrs. Sadler.—In answer to your interview with our Vice-president (Mrs. R. Jackson), I beg to inform you that our President (Mrs. G. Slater), would rather the Guild remain under the name of the Patriotic Guild and work under the same conditions as we are now. I am also requested to extend a welcome invitation to anyone who wishes to assist in the good cause.

Thanking you for your kind offer.

I am, yours truly,
ANNA KAY,
Sec.-Treas.

July 19, 1915.

At the battle of Ypres more men were killed than in the entire Civil War in the United States 50 years ago.

Clark Beats Burns In Clean Contest

After a spirited yet clean contest lasting the full scheduled twenty rounds, Jimmie Clark at Menzies Hall on Saturday evening won out against "Roughouse Burns" in the contest staged by Andy Stirling. He secured the victory on points.

Although Burns showed good points at spasmodic intervals, Clark with scientific work, deftness, and finesse maintained the superiority throughout. Only about the fourteenth round was Burns really dangerons, when he drove a powerful jab in the stomach, and was following up with another when Clark was saved by the gong.

Dr. Gillis and M. M. Shore were judges, Tommy Bryden referee.

$75 was taken at the door. The contest was not a financial success.

Progress on K.V. Wire System

Work on the wire line of the K.V.R. between Princeton and Hope will probably be done about the end of September, says J. J. Dunn, who has the contract for the construction of the system between Penticton and Hope. Wires have been extended about twenty miles west of Brodie, formerly known as Coldwater Junction, on the Hope cut-off.

Gangs are now working east from the Hope end and expect to finish the section there by the end of this month.

Owing to the lack of bridges over several canyons it is impossible to proceed straight ahead with the line construction. The unfinished gaps probably total about 30 to 35 miles.

Are You My Daddy?

"Are you my daddy?"

This was the tender and plaintive appeal of the tiny child of Mrs. Davidson, wife of Sergt. Davidson, to a kharki clad soldier at Spences Bridge last week.

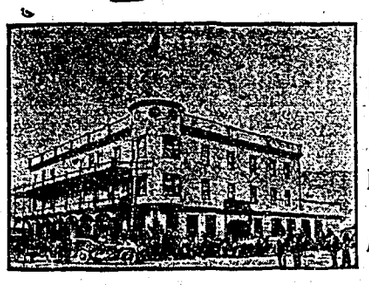
Mrs. Davidson, the sorrowing widow of a hero who fell at Langemarcke, was on the depot waiting to embark on the transcontinental which would take her back to Scotland, when the pathetic question was asked.

The swiftness and unexpectancy of the remark of the child, as his eyes sparkled with innocent delight, and its poignant significance produced a painful incident, which will be memorable to the small party present.

Won the Case

With ticket number 28, Cyril Walters, son of Mayor Walters of Merritt, and Liberal candidate for Yale riding, won the 30 h.-p. Case automobile owned by the local garage and raffled on Saturday last, the little son of Station Agent Shore drawing the lucky pasteboard signifying the winner.

Penticton is to have a new hospital.



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Sojourning brethren are cordially invited to attend.

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

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Nicola Valley Lodge, No. 46

Meets in K. P. Hall every Wednesday at 7.30

Visiting brethren cordially invited.

J. Fairfoul, C.C.
W. Cranna, K. of R. & S

L. O. L., 1701

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Local Jottings

Mr. Downes, representing Pat Burns was in the city this week.

Birth—To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Oakes of Vancouver, formerly of Merritt, a son.

Mr. Timmins, of Armstrong's Department Store, left on Tuesday's train for the main line.

At Nanaimo on Monday next, the annual Convention of the Ancient Order of Foresters of British Columbia will be opened.

Miss Reid, of the nursing staff of the Nicola Valley Hospital, left for her summer vacation on Tuesday, travelling to Vancouver

Mr. Eddy, late accountant of the Bank of Toronto in this City, who went to Vancouver office some two months ago, has been transferred to Winnipeg branch.

Attorney-General I. B. Lucas of Ontario, with Mrs. Lucas and two sons are visiting Mr. Alex. LUCAS, M.L.A. for Yale, at his home in Vancouver.

A. B. Young, of Kamloops, has been appointed as permanent telegraph operator at the local C. P. R. depot and has taken up his duties.

Capt. Worsnop, Alderman Robson and Police Magistrate McMillan, all of Kamloops, were in Merritt last week end, en route to the Okanagan.

Jimmy Clark, the electric-jab-connector has accepted a position with a survey party up the K. V. "Rough-house" Burns returned to the Coast the first of the week.

Miss Dorer, daughter of S. F. Dorer, left on Wednesday for Bradner, in the Feaser Valley, to resume her duties on the teaching staff at the school there.

"Purity" will be the subject dealt with by a lady at the Meth-Bible Class which will meet in the Church on Sunday next at 2.30 p.m.

Tom Bailey, of Lytton, was a visitor in the city this week, calling upon Chief of Police Grundy, whom he knew—quite unofficially of course—when Mr. Grundy wes engaged at Lytton.

The snowshed work on the Coquihalla section of the Kettle Valley railway will be finished late this coming autumn. In the work 900 carloads of material will be used, and 200 workmen are engaged.

The late Donald MacAuley was an old soldier connected with noted Scotch regiments. He was Pipe Major in his early days, in the 78 Seaforth Highlanders (Rosshire Buffs, as they 'are called). He was a veteran of both the Egyptian and Ashantee campaigns. He was a masterly exponent of military bagpipe playing.

David Wallace, artist, with his wife and seven children, who have been camping one mile from Merritt, for the last few weeks, during which period Mr. Wallace has pointed many local scenes, will leave shortly probably for the Interior. They have a ranch near Kamloops. During the summer they travel round in the caravan style, moving their tent like the Arabs and silently stealing away to other picturesque spots. In this way the family has lived an outdoor life for long periods at a time and has visited most parts of Canada and the United States, both east and west. The youngsters have attended more than a few schools in their time.

Princeton and District will send a machine gun to the front. More than the required $1,000 is now in the hands of the committee.

What We Hear

That the better crops here this year will mean better conditions financially next.

That the Mayor and Aldermen were glad to see Ald. Ewart at the council table on Monday.

That a young lady elocutionist of no mean ability was unearthed at the Epworth League debate on Monday.

That the new street lights proposed to be installed at Voght Reserve will be welcomed by the residents in that locality.

That Alec LUCAS, M.P.P. will visit the Valley next week on business affecting the welfare of his constituency.

That the people of Nicola of today and the future will ever cherish the association of Major Matthews and Captain Nash, two D. S. O,'s, as residents of their community.

That a visitor just arrived from up the Kettle Valley line states that mail will probably be carried on trains passing over that line at an early date.

That there will be some interesting appeal cases up for hearing by Judge Swanson at the approaching session of the Yale County Court.

That there is no truth in the rumour that the earthquake shocks felt locally this week were the result of the editorial in last weeks great family journal announcing its fall from the political fence.

That the text preached upon in a local church last Sunday "Be ye steadfast. Halt ye not between two opinions" should be food for thought for the Liberal candidate for the division.

That Nat Barwick—quite a singer himself—has been appointed local agent for the Singer Sewing Machine—a world famous production to be found in the majority of well furnished homes.

That the Nicola Valley Meat Market finds its many customers throughout the City and Valley are, practically without exception active supporters of their "strictly cash" business system.

That the report of director Gay's stand against the hospital compromising in a settlement of the Lyon account, published in last weeks News—only, was widely commented upon, generally favorably, by the thinking public.

"That if large sellers of cattle during the war would keep their local paper posted on transactions the famous Nicola Valley would get wider and more valuable publicity. Publicity is the life of development, and what appears in the 'News' is frequently quoted in the leading Journals of the Province.

That the Bank of Toronto having decided to move to one of the best business locations in the city will increase its operations even more than it has done in past, and that its expansion will be welcomed by the many miners and others who transact business with this popular bank.

That many people who have heard of Christian Scientists actively working for Red Cross Societies are puzzling their minds in endeavoring to find out how the scientists who firmly believe in the curing of physical sickness and desabilities only by the power of will and faith can in justice to their convictions provide money and labor for ensuring medical and surgical comforts and necessaries for the wounded soldiers during the war.

Corporation of the

CITY OF MERRITT

TAX SALE, 1915

THE COUNCIL HAVE DECIDED TO

Postpone the Sale of Land for 1912 and 1913 Taxes until October 14th, 1915.

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

The last day for accepting 1912 and 1913 Taxes without adding the Sale costs is SEPT. 10th, 1915, the cash must be at the City Hall on that date, otherwise it will be too late.

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

Dated this 5th day of August, 1915.

Harry Priest,
Collector.

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NOTICE

The Merritt Public Schools

WILL RE-OPEN

On Monday, August 23rd, at 9 a.m.

Parents please see that your children attend the opening Session. All children to go to their old rooms.

RECEIVING CLASS

New pupils only admitted if SIX (6) years old now or before end of 1915. Pupils will not be admitted to this class after the first two weeks of the term.

HARRY PRIEST,
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Loving our Enemies

Daily papers state;—

On August 9th the C.P.R. paid its usual dividend of 2 per cent on preferred stock for half year and 2 1-2 per cent on the common stock for the quarter ending June 30th.

A Spences Bridge report to the "News" states,—A C. P. R. servant who worked for the C. P. R. some time past has just received his cheque with a slip "Your King and Country need you; we don't."

Irony is added to the company's patriotism by the fact that the dismissed man worked alongside of 7 Austrians who are still being employed.

Only one mine in British Columbia has produced molybdenite ore of export standard and that is at Lost Creek, in the Nelson district. The price is at present about $27 per unit for 90 per cent. ore delivered in England. Several prospects carrying molybdenite are being opened up, but whether they will produce ore of shipping grade remains to be proved.

Anglican Church

NOTICES

The following changes in the services at the Anglican Church are due to the Vicar's absence on missionary work in the Aspen Grove district.

Sunday, August 22nd, 1915

Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Morning Prayer and Holy Communion 11 a.m.
No evening service

Sunday, August 29th.

No services at 8 or 11 a.m.
Evening Prayer at 7.30 p.m.

There will be no Intercession service on Tuesday, August 24th, but the usual service will be held on Tuesday, August 31st, at 4.30 p.m.

The Sunday School of St. Michael's will re-open on Sunday, Sept. 5th, at 10 a.m.

The popular opinion in Victoria declares that the Provincial election will be held not later than October next.

Penticton may donate three machine guns to the government.

Belgium had the first railway in the world. The state owns the railways and carried workmen free before the war. For 700 years it has been the battleground of empires.

Penticton's cannery payroll is averaging about $2,000 weekly.

The quick and forceful way in which the Canadians jumped into the present war was very pleasing to Roosevelt. It almost made him regret that he was not a Canadian.

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EDITH TALIAFERRO in

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SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS.

Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

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

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

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

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Personal Column

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rowen, of Dot, were on a visit to the city on Tuesday.

Mrs Lu Price left here on Monday for New Westminster where she will spend a vacation.

C. R. Betterton was among among the arrivals on the train from the Coast on Monday.

Mr. Silk, of Chulus Indian Reserve, left this week for Penticton, to spend a vacation at the home of his mother.

Dr. Williams left early this week for Rossland, B. C. to take up his new practice.

Capt. Chas Tyner left this week for a business trip to the Coast, in connection with mining propositions in the Valley.

Paul Meacham left on Mondays train for the Coast. He will visit the Exposition before taking up residence in Oregan.

Tom Meldrum, a resident of Merritt for four years, left on Wednesday for New Mexico, to take up a position there at the mines,

Mrs. F. B. Ward, of Douglas Lake, was a visitor to the Coast on Mondays train, registering on arrival at the Hotel Vancouver.

Mrs. N. J. Barwick and children left on Monday for Princeton where they will spend a short vacation with their relatives Mr. and Mrs. Gibson.

LADIES I have still a few Hats to dispose of at a reduced price to clear, also some of the latest **Novelties in Tams. etc., and Infants Bonnets** which I am selling very reasonable. Call at the **Rose Marche** and see them

Ralph E. Pope, who is engaged on tunnel construction work near Glacier, arrived in Merritt last week end to spend a vacation with his wife and daughter.

Miss Sutherland, daughter of Road Superintendent D. G. Sutherland, passed through the city on Tuesday on her way home to Lytton. after spending a vacation at Penticton.

Miss Lawson, of the teaching staff at the City schools, arrived home on Wednesday evening from a holiday spent at Victoria and other points on the Coast.

Miss Chrissie Aitken, late of Merritt Postoffice, a Lusitania survivor, now resident in Mid lothian, Scotland, has, we are glad to record, sufficiently recoved from the illness and shock occasioned by her terrible experiences, to enable her to take up a position as assistant at a sub postoffice one mile from Davidson Mains.

Road Improvements in the Valley

Local Provincial road foremen this week were instructed to give preference in work to married men as against single men eligible for service as soldiers.

Foreman E. J. Rhodes and his gang have finished the repair work done from Voght Bridge to Coalhill mine. They are now doing general repairs in Colletville and will build a new road that will come out near J. Collett's ranch.

Foreman Dundas' gang is making progress with the new cut-off from the main Princeton Road to Coldwater Road in place of that passing through the T. J. Smith acreage.

Foreman F. Steward and gang are doing repair work on main Nicola road. Alec Lucas M.P.P. will inspect the road improvements next week.

Red Cross to Hold Whist Drive

The Red Cross Society in meeting yesterday decided to hold a whist drive and dance on Wednesday September 15, in the Armory, admission 50 cents refreshments free, to raise funds for material to be used for Red Cross purposes.

Mrs. Shore, Mrs. Strickland, Miss Beamish were enrolled as new members.

A resolution was passed that each member endeavor to obtain new members for the branch.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday September 2.

Arrangements were advanced for the joint effort to be made with St. John Ambulance Association in connection with the August 28 Tag Day.

Mrs. A. H. Plummer presided over a good attendance of members.

GROCERIES

FLOUR, Royal Household	per 49-lb. sack	2.10
BUTTER, "CURLEW" CREAMERY,	per lb.	.38
TEA, "MERCO" Brand	Special per lb.	.40
MARMALADE,	5-lb. tins, per tin	.50
HERRING IN TOMATO SAUCE,	per tin	.15
LOBSTER, Finest Quality	per tin	.30
VINEGAR, White Wine or Malt	2 bottles for	.35
OLIVE OIL,	per bot.	.25
WORCESTER SAUCE,	2 bottles for	.25
SWEET MIXED PICKLES,	per bot.	.28
HONEY,	per bot.	.30
SEMOLINA,	per pkt.	23.
PORK AND BEANS,	3 tins for	.27
FANCY TEA BISCUITS,	per pkt.	.10
ST. CHARLES MILK, Tall tins	per tin	.10

DRY GOODS SPECIALS

Ladies **CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS,** hemstitched	3 for	.20
Ladies **SILK VESTS**	reg. 1.25 values for	.60
36-in **IDIAN HEAD,**	reg. .35 per yard, special at	.24
72-in **LINEN TABLE CLOTH,**	reg. 1.10 per yd. Special at	.70
LINEN APRON CHECK,	per yd. Special at	.23
Ladies **EMBROIDERED COLLARS,**	all sizes, each	.08

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News of the District

Nicola Lake

Geo. Lodwick visited the metropolis of the Valley on Thursday.

A. E. Howse paid a visit to the Coast this week returning this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Ewart and family of Merritt. were seen picnicing by the side of the lake on Saturday.

The Rev. A. H. Plummer will hold a service at Nicola Church on Sunday evening next.

Canford and District

Mrs. A. N. B. Rogers visited friends here on Wednesday.

H. C. Meeker has purchased the Ford car formerly owned by Dr. Williams.

Mr. Schmock has shipped in cars of bricks for use in the construction of the new boilerhouse at the mill.

Congratulations are being freely bestowed upon Mr. and Mrs. Langley, of Canford, on the safe arrival of a fine son at their home last week. Mr. Langley is one of the most enthusiastic young ranchers in the Valley and with his wife enjoys a wide circle of friends.

Canford has been visited by the fire fiend who pops up during the hot summer weather. The outbreaks have been persistently combated and while some damage was done good came out of the evil in much useless bush and undergrowth being consumed.

Lower Nicola

Dr. Stewart was a visitor to the city yesterday.

Record crops are to be seen in this district in all directions.

Mr. James Smith has rented the property near the station from a Vancouver party. It is good ranch land.

Aspen Grove Notes

School resumes on Monday the 23rd inst.

Haying is nearly over on most of the ranches.

The Rev. Plummer, of Merritt, will be in this district for twelve days on missionary work, commencing Sunday, Aug. 22nd.

H. W. Adamson was recently the recipient of some 70 fine pure bred cattle from Vernon. Geo. Lodwick of Nicola was ably acting as head cow-boy, the journey taking some three weeks to complete. They came in through Fish Lake, Chateron Lake and Douglas Lake. During his stay at the above mentioned place, Mr. Lodwick was the guest of Mr. F. B. Ward of Douglas Lake.

THE BLACK BOX

That deep and inpenetrable mystery "The Black Box" now being shown at the Rex has sprung into instant favor with the picture-loving public.

Week by week the Episodes will be published in the "News."

EPISODE NO. 1

In "The Black Box" being shown at the Rex a marvelousiy adept criminal pits forces against a world-famous criminologist, Stanford Quest. Back and forth rages the battle until—but that is the story,

The first installment entitled "The Apartment House Case," introduces Lord John Ashleigh of Hamblin house, Dorset England. In compliance with the advice of her teacher, Lord and Lady Ashleigh have decided to send their only child Ella to New York, for the season. The girl's one ambition in life is to study music and such a marvelous program has been arranged for the Metropolitan Opera that the Ashleighs' old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Raleigh, have agreed to chaperone the girl in the American metropolis.

As a final gift, Lord Ashleigh presents his daughter with the famous Ashleigh diamond necklace. As Lord and Lady Ashleigh cannot leave England at the present time, they send Lenora, Ella's personal attendant, and the maid's husband, Ian MacDougal, butler at Humblin house, to accompany the giri to New York.

MacDougal lived in New York during his earlier service and Lord Ashleigh thinks his knowledge of the country and customs will serve Ella well. Six months pass delightfully for the young Englishwoman. At last she is having her fill of music. She returns from the Opera one night happier than she has ever been in her life, saying good-night happily to the Raleigh, who have apartments at the same hotel.

Next morning the hotel is aroused by Lenora's wild shrieks of alarm. The hallman, rushing in, finds Ella's body upon the floor and the famous diamonds missing. The maid is hysterical. Inspector French, of the police detectives, is called but can make nothing of the affair. He calls in the services of Stanford Quest. The criminologist sizes up the situation. Then, by a clever trick, he traps the maid into an expression of terror and imforms her that she must go to his office. She tries to communicate with MacDougal, but Quest interferes.

By means of hypnotism Quest draws from the girl a confession that the crime was committed by MacDougal, that he took the jewelry and that she was to meet him, and escape with him to South America. Satisfied by her story and manner that she is merely a tool of the stronger-minded MacDougal, Quest turns the girl loose, after commanding her to return to his study with the jewels at 7 o'clock that night.

She joins MacDougal in their rendezvous, an apparently deserted house. Quest has tracked her and, by means of a trap is thrown by MacDougal into a cellar. Then the villain turns on a poisonous gas to stifle the criminologist. Gloating over his prisoner, the ex-butler leaves Lenora alone. His eyes suddenly fall on the clock hands which point to seven. The power of Quest's suggestions comes over the receptive mind. Dazed, hatless, she mechanically obeys his order, takes up the jewels and leaves the rendezvous, going straight to his study.

MacDougal has discovered her absence and that of the jewels. He suspects that he has been double-crossed and swears he will get her yet, since Quest is done for. But Quest is not done for. He has a little instrument in his hand attached to wires to capsules of Anishyldite, the latest explosive known to science.

By aid of this explosive Quest escapes and returns to his office to find Lenora already there.

A paper thin steel band is fitted around her temples. This band is connected through a series of coils with a mirror by a fine wire, through which runs a high charge of electricity. The hypnosis induces perfect mental concentration.

"Lenora send your mind out to find MacDougal and see what he is doing," Quest orders.

The girl quivers slightly at the command. Her eyes dilate then close. Her body stiffens rigidly. Anxiously Quest watches the mirror.

The experiment is finished. Lenora has proven herself a wonderful subject and the electro-thought transference a proven success.

"A fine wife, you" he mutters bringing a heavy blackjack down upon the head of the figure. The next instant the lights flash up. MacDougal is handcuffed and Lenora, frightened and trembling, is led in from another room.

McDougal stares at her, his throat contracting. Then he looks toward the table. A detective is picking up the dummy figure. The black wig drops to the floor. A steel rod shows above the dummy hand. MacDougal, the clever criminal, has been caught by a trick.

Lord Ashleigh arrives to find his daughter's slayer in the law's hands.

Then follows a brilliantly executed episode introducing the "Black Box." What is in the "Black Box," what mystery does it hide, what crime does it conceal?

No. 2 Episode of "The Black Box" will be shown at the Rex on Monday and Tuesday Next.

Latest Donations to Commemoration Fund

Total to Aug. 13, published in last week's News	$1403.00
Since received:	
Merritt Mercantile Staff	50 00
W. F. Kimble, Voght Valley	5.00
Proceeds Aug. 4, Concert per C. Croly	89.00
Total to date	$1,547.00

August 4 Commemoration Day General Committee will meet in the City Hall on Tuesday afternoon next at 3.30. The disposal of the Commemoration Day Fund will again be discussed, and if possible a decision made.

Beneficial Organisation

The Nicola Valley Men's Social and Recreation Club, a new institution, non-political, undenominational, open to all young men and others who desire to support a movement for the healthful advancement of the community, is being finally inaugurated.

A canvas is being made for members at an entrance fee of fifty cents. and monthly membership fee of fifty cents, and is meeting with encouraging success.

A general meeting of prospective members will be held at the "Hub" on Friday next, August 27, when the Club will be formally inaugurated and officers elected.

Bishop of Indiana

The Right Rev. Bishop J. A. Baynton (Anglican) of Huntingdon. Indiana, was a visitor to the City on Tuesday on his way home after spending a trip taking in the leading Cities of the Pacific Coast both in B. C. and the States.

He was particularly impressed with the picturesqueness of the country about Merritt and the signs of mining and stock raising activity to be seen in this section.

Birth—Today, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bresnik, a son.

Mrs. Murdoch McIntyre and daughter Muriel left on Wednesdeys train to spend a holiday at Vancover.

In honor of Mr. Ralph Pope who leaves on Monday for Glacier, Mr. and Mrs. Pope entertained several friends very hospitably at their home last night.

Two young women employed at the Nicola Valley Laundry will open a Laundry in the Sunshine Block next week.

B. G. Stewart who proved his eloquence in Voght Park on August 4, will preach at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening at 7.30.