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Former Editor of "News" Killed in Action.---Death of Prominent Rancher.---Snipers' Rifles Dispatched.---Rev. Collins Declines Offer

Passing of Well Known Rancher

With regret we announce the sudden death of Mr. Alexander D. Adamson, manager of the Duke of Portland ranch at Aspen Grove, who passed away at the ranch home on Wednesday night, aged 52.

The deceased gentleman only two days previously had left the Nicola Valley Hospital, where he had been receiving treatment for an internal trouble, feeling much better and with medical advice that he take things easily on his return home.

Mr. Adamson, it appears, had been attending to some horses in the barnyard, and going into the house remarking, "there's something wrong," sat down in a chair, and expired immediately. His wife hurried to get assistance but the respected rancher had passed away before she returned.

A native of Strichen, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, A. D. Adamson responded to the call of the free life of America when seventeen years old. For some thirty years he lived in different parts of the States, managing several important cattle ranches.

During his residence in B. C. he settled for some years in the Summerland district where he owned two fine orchards up to the time of his death. Leaving the Okanagan he came to Aspen Grove some four years ago to manage and develop the Duke of Portland's ranch of several thousand acres.

The deceased leaves a widow, who also came originally from Scotland, and two children, a boy and a girl.

City Hall Meetings for Next Week

City Council and Other Boards will Meet.—Court of Revision

Next week will be a busy one at the City Hall as regards the number of meetings to be held.

On Monday evening at 8 p.m. the City Council will meet in regular session when various routine matters will be discussed, including some business held over and which should have come up two weeks ago when the Council could not proceed with the civic business owing to lack of a quorum.

The Police Commissioners, Mayor Walters, Commissioners J. McFarlane and Dr. G. H. Tutill, will also meet on Monday to transact regular monthly business.

On Wednesday the Board of License Commissioners will meet in the City Hall at 10 a.m., when formal application will be received for the renewal of licenses for the sale of liquor at the four hotels. The Board comprises Mayor Walters with Commissioners P. McLean and F. Hyland.

Next Friday, December 10, at 10 a.m. the Court of Revision for the Civic Voters list will be held when the list will be revised, corrected and applications for any alterations in the list determined. On the Court of Revision are Mayor Walters and Alderman A Ewart and P. McLean.

A straightforward and able business man, the late Mr. Adamson will be sorely missed in Merritt where he had several business interests and was a frequent visitor.

The funeral cortege will leave N. J. Barwick's undertaking parlors on Granite Ave at 1.15 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, for interment at Nicola cemetery at 2.30 the Rev. J. Hyde officiating.

Lieut. Croly was Honored Monday

In honor of Lieut Chris. Croly, who left yesterday for Ottawa to take up active service duty, Ms. and Mrs. A. E. Howse entertained the members of the staff of the Mercantile and A. E. Howse Co and their wives at their Nicola home on Monday night. Pte. C. J. E. Scrim and Pte. Hatton who recently returned from the front wounded, were also guests.

During the evening, when the host and hostess most hospitably entertained their guests, whist was played and music enjoyed, while Trooper Scrim, a former member of the staff of the Mercantile Company and Pte Hatton related some of their experiences on the battlefields.

Mr. Howse, who has presented Lieut Croly with a Colt revolver, took the opportunity of making a few remarks on the pending departure of the firm's accountant for overseas service. That gathering was, he said, indicative of the good relations existing mong the members of the staff and the happy feeling between them all. Every man in their firm was a commercial business expert, he declared, and knows how to do his duty to his firm and the public he serves. In their accountant, Lieut. Croly was a fine type of man who strongly feels that it is his duty to his country to leave Merritt to take up more serious work in the army. He could not wish him more than that after doing his part he would return home looking as fit as the two friends among them. These had told him of the great experiences they had gained as soldiers at the front, of the honor they enjoyed of having "done their bit" and how they were now doubly proud of being British subjects.

Those present besides Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Howse were Lieut. C. Croly, 31st B. C. Horse and Mrs. Croly, Troopers C. J. E. Scrim and A. Hatton, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Durland, Mr. and Mrs. H. Boothroyd, Mr. and Mrs. W. Aitken, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas, Messrs Hugh D. Martin, Barry Reid, Lu Price, and Harry Kobeyaski

Experiences of one of the "Fighting Fifth" Home from the Trenches

Thrilling Incidents Described by Trooper Scrim.---The Dying Major's Last Words.---Memorable Scenes

Thrilling experiences of Nicola Valley soldiers graphically told by Troopers C. J. E. Scrim and Arthur Hatton now recuperating from wounds received on fields of carnage and desolation.

Sitting comfortably among many friends of Merritt and Nicola in a cosy room, looking fit and strong and unaffected by the hardships through which he has passed during the last twelve months, Trooper C. J. E. Scrim related on Monday at Nicola some of his experiences since joining the colors as a recruit, through several months in the firing line in France, and in the period prior to his return to British Columbia.

Scrim's narrative is typical of what would be told by nearly all the "boys" who left the Nicola Valley, by young men enjoying the free and open life of the Canadian West who offered themselves, body and soul, to their king and country to endure the stern discipline service in the army entails, with its horrors and dangers, risks and stern realities of a modern conflict by armed nations means.

Trooper Scrim, so far as we are aware did not bring home any relics of the war zone in the shape of badges or buttons from Hun's greycoats, or even a spiked helmet. A souvenir he did bring back and which he carries on his right leg, instead of on his belt, is one which he will not lose for a long time. It is a six inch long shrapnel wound. Above his right ear is another stopover place for a piece of German shrapnel.

The events leading up to the time when Scrim, who claims he is the smallest man in the Fifth Battalion, make interesting reading. When the B. C. Horse left Merritt, he says, we were a happy bunch, and in ways did we have a fine time at Valcartier camp. "Do you know" he says proudly, "That the B. C. Horse was the only unit to reach Valcartier overstrenght."

Telling of the life of the boys of the 5th in camp in England and the hardships in the wet environment of Salisbury Plains he says they got quite a little Irish stuffed into their body and soul by being fed everyday, at one period, with the butchers delight or necessity commonly known as Mulligan.

It was in February when the fifth battalion, after a long and dreary period of waiting suddenly got orders to prepare to leave their English camp for a certain Port to join a transport ship for France. All were as delighted as boys rushing out of school, for they were nearer seeing the gratification of their burning desires to get at grips with the Germans. The soldiers were however to be given a taste of military strategy before they alighted on the shores of France as on leaving camp and entraining they were taken to port different to that they were told they would go to.

Anyway they did eventually 'set sail' and so excited were they the men just had one thought. They wanted to cross the streak lying between England and France. Scrim tells how it took them seven days to cross the English Channel. He also explains why.

Landed at the French port the long files of hardened recruits in kharki, representative of the cities and prairies and mountain valleys of Western Canada, were huddled into cattle trucks and limited accommodation allowed them but squeesing space." "For four days and four nights," continued Trooper Scrim, "we remained packed close together until suddenly the train stopped and we reached the front." You can imagine our burning curiosity he said, to get right there, being now so close. In our march we had early evidences of the lightness of heart of the British Tommy, for we had to walk up a road, the war name for which is "Plug Street." It is so named because of the extreme danger of the locality.

One of our first duties in the firing line was started at night when darkness had arrived. We were ordered to put up some lines of barbed wire entanglements. Not until dawn arrived however did we know that we had been working in "No man's land," between ours and the German trenches.

The extreme curiosity of men in the trenches to peep across the parapet to the German trenches and the wonderful vigilance and deadly aim of the watching snipers was told interestingly by the returned soldier. He instanced how an old warrior who had been thru the Mons fighting and several critical engagements without the slightest injury succumbed to the curiosity of his mind, peeped over the top, and was instantly shot through the head. That man had in his pocket his pass authorising leave of absence in England. Instead of enjoying a well earned holiday he lies buried "somewhere in France." Beams, of Princeton, was one of our first casualties says Scrim. We were sorry to lose him "he was a fine fellow."

The scenes around Neuve Chapelle were graphically described by the subject of these notes. It was at Ypres where the Fifth met the "Pats" for the first time. Then, the town was busy, plenty of Belgians were about the streets, stores doing business, the architectural lines of the magnificent buildings showed up to the best effect. The town was of course full of soldiers —British, French and Belgians.

Respecting the "gassing" of the Canadians and French he stated that the French described the scene as "hell let loose." Vividly he describes the charges so well known and recorded, and recollects how a convoy of the Fifth at one time found itself attacked on three sides by Germans. The Trooper speaks highly of the bravery of the higher commanders, and relates how in one critical attack an old major insisted on going into the trenches himself despite the urgent demands of the men that he should not so expose himself. He went but did not return alive for he

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Two Probationers For the Hospital

There are vacancies for two probationers on the staff of the Nicola Valley General Hospital and applications are invited from young ladies desirous of graduating as nurses.

Applications should be made to the matron.

The decision of the Board to appoint two new probationers to the staff is prompted by the circumstance that next year two of the present staff will become senior nurses having completed their graduation course, and by having their prospective successors in training without delay the efficiency of the nursing staff will not be impaired.

Rev. A. W. Collins Declines

Word has just been received from Bishop of New Westminster that the Rev A. W. Collins of Whonnock, has declined the offer of the incumbency of St, Michaels Merritt.

Yale's Member in Merritt Today

Mr. Alec Lucas, M.L.A. for Yale, who is in the city today states that he has been deluged with congratulatory messages on the result of his libel action, including several from the ministers and prominent Liberals. He says the Liberal cause has had a serious set back following the explosion and withdrawal of the pamphlet which they so lovingly fathered. The Conservative outlook in Yale is most promising, he says.

In the cornor store of the Walters Block opposite the Coldwater hotel on Saturday December 18th the Women's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church will hold a sale of aprons, cakes, home made candy and articles suitable for Christmas gifts. Commencing at three o'clock afternoon tea will be served. The patronage of the public is requested at this endeavor in aid of church funds.

Former Editor Killed in Action

Lieut. Coffee wss Able Newspaperman. Was Popular Figure in the Valley

It is with deep regret we announce the passing in action on the field of battle in Gallipoli of Lieut. Frank Coffee, of the Australian Expeditionary Force, a late editor of the Nicola Valley News, and one of the best known and capable newspapermen in B, C.

The sad news was conveyed in a telegram received in Vancouver on Monday from Mr. Frank Coffee, of Sydney, New South Wales, father of the journalist, and briefly stating, without more enlightening details, that Lieut. Coffee was killed on November 18th.

The news of the death of Lieut. Coffee will be received with particular sorrow by a number of intimate friends in Vancouver. Mr. Coffee lived on the coast for several years, and made a host of warm friends, which included practically every newspaper man in the cities of Vancouver and Victoria. In 1908 he became associated with the World, and in 1910 became the first mayoral secretary to be appointed in Vancouver. After holding this position for some six months he returned to newspaper work, and was at different times with both the Victoria Colonist and Times. Subsequently he was appointed secretary to the Provincial Agricultural Commission. Some two years ago he returned to Australia and when war broke out, immediately took up a course of training to fit him for the serious work to which the Empire was calling all its able-bodied young men.

"Lieut. Coffee had the genial temperament and the sunny disposition which are heritages of the Irish race," states the Vancouver World in its reference to the death. "He was generous to a fault and always ready to divide his last penny with another. Those who knew him will readily deduce that he must have been a dashing leader and just the man to head a gallant charge against a difficult position."

In Gallipoli the proportion of killed among the troops from the sister Dominion has been greater perhaps than on any other front on which the war is being waged. Very many have gone down to soldiers' graves in the full vigor of manhood. Yet there is something of the majestic and of the sublime in giving one's best self, as it were, for one's country and for one's ideals. And, were the soldier who falls in a battle granted a fleeting moment before consciousness finally passed away, one feels that that moment would be filled with an infinite satisfaction which would have power even over the last pains of dissolution.

Snipers' Rifles on Way to Trenches

The committee of the Nicola Valley patriotic fund has slashed through red tape by filling an immediate need at the front by donating snipers rifles to a Winnipeg Battalion from funds primarily intended for machine guns.

Four B. S. A. rifles for snipers use, costing altogether $263.10, thoroughly tested by experts and approved by a military authority on rifle manufacture, and which are being sent to Acting Lieut-Col. H. H. Matthews D.S.O. a Nicola officer in charge of the 8th (Winnipeg) Battalion at the front, have been shipped to England.

The actual charge of the guns on the fund is only the exact cost of the rifles with the freight—$274.65.

No charges incidental to the purchasing or the expert inspection and examination will be made against the fund. Tisdalls Ltd. of Vancouver, who supplied the rifles, state in a letter that their head gunsmith spent twenty four hours "of high priced time" in fitting the telescope sights and testing them at the targets as to efficiency and accuracy. By not charging for these exacting tests Messrs Tisdalls have donated handsomely to the cost of the rifles. The firm writes, in part, "it is some satisfaction to know that they are absolutely right and can be depended upon to place bullets jus where they are intended to go.

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THE LATE LIEUT. FRANK COFFEE

His many friends throughout the Nicola Valley will read with deep regret the sad news of the death of Lieutenant Frank Coffee who fell whilst nobly assisting in the Empire's struggle for right, as an officer in the Australian Expeditionary Force at the Dardanelles. While no details of the action in which he met his death are available, all who knew him will feel sure that he would be in the forefront when anything very stirring was going on, that being one of his well-known traits The genial Frank Coffee was well and favorably known to most people in the Valley when he edited the News, in the time of T. J. Smith's ownership of the paper. Possessing a most genial temperament he was, too, generous to the extreme, as many who have good reason to remember. Few strangers came to the town who did not meet with hospitable treatment at his hands, and to them he always had information to impart regarding the district of which he had obtained a very thorough knowledge.

Before coming to Merritt and since he left, he had served in his journalistic capacity on many of the daily newspapers of Vancouver and Victoria. Coming from Australia, he was on the World staff for a couple of years, which position he relinquished to become secretary to Mayor Taylor, of Vancouver, being the first to occupy that position. After six months he returned to his own profession and occupied positions on both the Colonist and Times at Victoria, subsequently being secretary to the Provincial Agricultural Commission.

Whilst in Merritt, Lieut. Coffee was associated with every movement for the good of the community. He acted as secretary to the Board of Trade and also of the local Conservative Association. Always fond of a good time, there were few social functions complete without the renowned Coffee, and his knowledge of the world gained by travel and reading enabled him to always have a good story to tell. Many people in the district will join with the News in expressing true sympathy with Lieut. Coffee's father, on the loss of a noble minded son. Mr. Coffee sen., was also known here, having met many of the residents on the occasion of a visit to his son.

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IN WAR AND POLITICS

Forecasts from Ottawa reported that Sir Charles Davidson's commission which investigated the purchase of the Chilean submarines will exonerate Sir Richard McBride and his associates from "wrong-doing, neglect and extravagence."

A special jury yesterday gave Mr. Alex. Lucas, M. P. P. damages in a libel suit brought by him against the Ministerial Union of B. C. and Mr. Moses Cotsworth arising from attacks on the Government and on Government officials in the pamphlet entitled "The Crisis in B. C."

All of which goes to show that it is a good maxim in politics as well as in war to make sure of the terrain before you deploy for the attack—Vancouver World.

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If rural merchants knew now to advertise, and would, the howl about mail order houses getting business would soon be no louder than a frozen whisper.

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Experiences of One of the "Fighting Fifth"

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was shot through the head. Temporarily hard pressed by the Germans just then the troops fell back. The major, beloved by all, was surrounded by men who would give their lives for him. As his life ebbed away he gasped "Never mind me boys, retire and leave me." But no power in the world could at that time have made us retire, says Scrim.

In the fierce fighting in which the "fifth" figured Trooper Scrim and Trooper Hatton with several others got detached from the main body. For two days and nights, half clothed, almost entirely without food, exposed to the rigors of the changing weather they laid in a ditch.

A stirring experience, says Scrim, was to hear brave British soldiers shouting "Are we downhearted" in the thick of a hand fight. It thrilled one. He tells, too, how he found Ypres desolate and in ruins on his return visit to the town and how the war-worn men in kharki walked in single line instinctively feeling their way beneath the cover of the ruined buildings in search of imaginary shelter from the big exploiding shells from the German guns.

Both Troopers Scrim and Hatton relate how once they were together on guard duty on the banks of the Yser Canal under very heavy shell fire and how although the heavy firing was of more than usually terrific intensity the cows and horses nearby moved about as if all was quiet.

Both men pay high tribute to Major General Currie, who before a charge at Festubert, endeavored to shake hands with every man he could. He tells how the men yelled in their temporary war madness as they rushed in the face of the death dealing machine gun fire "Arthur (Hatton) was on my right and poor Jack Birch on my left in the charge. Jack got in the head and Arthur in the lung," he continued.

Trooper Scrim received his injury from a shell which killed six men near him and as he was being carried from the trenches Corporal Charlie Howse (son of his present host and hostess) gave him his water bottle.

"Forty-eight hours after I was hit I was in bed in a hospital in England. It is wonderful what skill the British and Canadian doctors and nurses and the Red Cross people show. If a wounded man can only get picked up and into a hospital they will make something of him even if to all appearances he is smashed beyond repair."

The members of the Methodist Ladies Aid will hold a Sale of Work on December 21st.

Supt. A. MacDermid, of the Dominion Bridge Co., and Mrs. MacDermid returned this week to Merritt after a trip to Interior points on bridge Construction business.

Major Conant to Return to the Firing Line

Major Eric W. Conant, of the Nicola Valley, who served with the 20th Hussars in the historic engagement at Langemarcke and who returned home from the front some time ago to recuperate from wounds received on the battlefields, is among several officers who returned wounded to the West who will go on active duty again. Major Conant, it is announced, has been officially attached to the 102nd (Northern British Columbian) Battalion. Capt. George Rothnie, of the 31st B. C. Horse, and late Chief of Police of Kamloops, has also been accepted for overseas service with the same battalion.

Local Soldiers' Amusing Stories

How some of the soldiers of the fifth battalion "traded" the singing of Tipperary for a rendering of Wacht der Rhine by Germans in the trench opposite them is described by Trooper Scrim, just returned to Merritt from the front. "We like your singing" was the remark that flashed across No Man's Land and prompted the temporary respite in fighting. "You no shoot we no shoot" was another request that was accepted, while soldiers of the "fifth" also traded with the Germans with jam and cigarettes. Eventually the informal armistice expired, by order of the company officers.

Trooper A. Hatton tells a good story. While in hospital in Rouen, being treated for a bullet wound in one of his lungs, he made repeated requests, he says, to be sent over to England. The doctor was firm in his refusal of the request for a long time but ultimately said that if Hatton would solemnly promise not to be seasick—a condition that would be serious owing to his lung trouble—he would allow him to proceed to England. Delighted at the prospect of crossing the channel the Nicola soldier firmly resolved in his own mind to keep away from the malady. All was going well until a new orderly on the ship made a mistake. Instead of handing Hatton a drink of pure water he gave him salt water!

Officers-Elect of Local Oddfellows

At a meeting of the I.O.O.F. Pettiko Lodge No. 13 held in the lodge rooms on Tuesday night the following were decided upon as officers-elect for installation on the first Tuesday in January, when the appointive officers will also be named;

Noble Grand	Chas. McIntosh
Vice Grand	John Leese
Recording Sec.	Wm. Houston
Financial Sec.	Wm. Kemp
Treasurer	H. Tredwin

Grand Master P. W. Dempster Grand Lodge B. C. will pay an official visit to the lodge on Thursday the 18th inst.

The patriotic spirit of the brethren has been evidenced stronger than ever lately, the lodge having subscribed for a substantial block of war loan bonds, while the lodge has sent a Christmas box to members of their local fraternity now at the front.

The annual dinner of the hospital Aid of Penticton hospital held recently realised approximately $160.00, states the Penticton Herald.

The choosing of officers-elect of the L.O.L. 1701, will take place at a lodge meeting to be held tonight. The Worshipful Master of the lodge, Bro. A. Paton recently joined an overseas regiment.

Rates on Parcels From Canada to the Front

The Post office Department is in receipt of applications to havo parcels addressed to our soldiers in France sent free or at reduced rates of postage, there evidently being an impression that the Department has control of these rates and could do as it wished, but this is not so, as the question of postage is fixed by international agreement, so that it is not within the power of the Canadian Post Office department to undertake to carry the parcels free or at a reduced rate of postage.

Under International law, provision is made for the free transmission of parcels for prisoners of war, but this privilege does not extend to parcels for troops engaged in active service, nor is it within the power of the Department to so extend it.

The rate of postage required on parcels addressed to the troops depends upon the location of the addressee. If the addressee is in England, the rate on parcels for England applies, which is twelve cents per pound; whilst, if he is in France, the parcels are subject to the rates applicable to parcels for France, which are as follows; 1-lb. 32c.; 2-lbs. 40c.; 3-lbs. 48c.; 4 lbs. 64c.; 5 lbs. 72c.; 6-lb. 80c.; 7-lbs. 88c.; 8-lbs. 1.02; 9-lb. 1.10; 10-lb. 1.18; 11-lb. 1.26.

These are exactly the same charges which existed for years between Canada, England and France before the war, and are the result of an agreement or convention made between these countries and Canada, and as these countries have not agreed to lower their rates between England and France, Canada has to pay to them the same rates as before the war and must charge the same postage.

In all cases parcels for the troops must be addressed c.o. Army Post Office, London, England, but this does not in any way affect the rate of postage which depends entirely upon the location of the addressee.

First Aid Exam. On Sunday Next

An examination of members of St John Ambulance Association who have been taking the course of lectures on "First Aid" work given during recent weeks by Dr. G. H. Tutill will be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Sunday next at 1.30 p.m. Dr. J. J. Gillis will be examiner.

A regular practical class will be held as usual on Sunday morning next but will commence at 9.30 sharp instead of the usual hour.

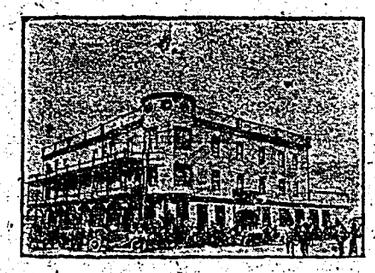
Canford Lands for Pre-emption

At 9 o'clock on Monday morning next, December 6th, at the office of Government Agent W. N. Rolfe, at Nicola, certain lands in the vicinity of Canford will be open to entry for pre-emption.

The particular lands to be thrown open were formerly reserved by Timber License No. 37581, but this reserve was cancelled by notice published in the B. C. Gazette on December 27th, 1907.

Lance-Corpl. W. C. Aynsley, of Nicola, who served with the Strathcona Horse in the war and recently returned to Vancouver having been wounded by the accidental discharge of a gun which smashed the toes of one foot, arrived home at Dot on Saturday night, and on Tuesday went to spend a short time with his brother at Nicola.

Penticton City will invest $18,500 from the sinking in the War Loan.



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The next meeting of the Western Irrigation Congress will be held at Kamloops, in November 1916. This year's convention, held at Calgary, was the greatest in the history of the association.

Mrs. Marshall of Brookmere, was a visitor here the first of the week.

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: "Doing my little Bit." Discussion by the class.

Wet Feet Worse Than Bullets

In response to an invitation, extended in these columns, to ladies of Merritt and district to lend us letters they have received from the front in acknowledgment of gifts, more letters have reached this office.

In a letter to Mrs. A. Limb, of the Patriotic Guild, Pte W. Turner, of the 18th Battalion, second Canadian contingent, states after expressing heartfelt thanks for a pair of warm woolen socks "received in a form of an army issue,.....I am sure if any of the boys who have received sox have not written they nevertheless must appreciate them as well as I do. Dry warm sox are most necessary to us—wet feet are, to me, more unpleasant than bullets....well, I'll have to quit. I am writing this letter on the parapet and occasionally I have to look over to watch "Fritz" he concludes.

"The real, good pair of sox which I have just received from you, has come just at the right time (October 23) as it is now beginning to get cold." writes Gunner Charles E. Cuthbert, 12th Battery. 3rd Brigade, C. F. A, in a letter to Mrs. Limb.

A. G. Kerr, lieutenant of the 18th battalion, writes for his men acknowledging sox from Mrs. N. Battersby, stating "if you and the other members of your splendid guild had heard the expressions of our men or seen the looks of pleasure on their faces on getting warm dry sox after standing for four days in the trenches, you would all have felt you had been amply repaid for your labors."

Gunner J. Aitken of the 12th Battery, 3rd Brigade, after expressing his thanks for a pair of sox informs Mrs. Battersby that that their are some Nicola Valley men in proximity to him and he would like to hear if any Merritt men Mrs. Battersby knows are in his battery.

New Officers of K. P. Lodge

At a meeting of the Knights of Pythias, Nicola Valley Lodge No. 46 held Wednesday evening J. Bevis was elected as C. C.-Elect in succession to J. Fairfoul C. C. At the first lodge meeting in January the following other officers-elect will be installed, V. C. L. Clark; Prelate J. McGrath; M. of W. J. Fairfoul; K. of R. and S. J. A. Simpson; M. of F. T. E. Clarke; M. of E. Joe Hutton; M and A Neil McMillan, Inner Guard W. Neilson; Outer Guard J. Ross.

Old Prospector Passed Away

Jack Lucy, one of the old brigade of prospectors in Rossland and Boundry Camps is dead. He died at Greenwood last week, and before crossing the line he remarked "Boys' it's all off with these diggings. I'm just going prospecting on the silvery sands of yonder fair, celestial shore."

Jack Lucy was in the Granite Creek excitement of '85-86, and many old timers of the Nicola who will remember his smiling countenance will sincerely regret the passing of their old friend.

One striking sentence in a sermon preached by Archdeacon H. T. Heathcote at Christ Church Hope, on November 14, was "no one really wants prohibition but all serious people earnestly wish to see the expenditure for intoxicants greatly reduced," states the Hope Review.

Steel has been laid on the P. G. E. to within eighteen miles of Clinton or 148 miles from Squamish. A service will be inaugurated to Clinton as soon as the line is completed.

Great Send-off for Lieut. R. C. Croly

The general popularity and esteem in which Lieut R. C. Croly is held in Merritt was amply demonstrated yesterday morning when a large crowd representive of all spheres of city life was present at the local depot to bid Godspeed to the young Lieutenant who left for Ottawa to take up his appointment in the signalling section of the Canadian Engineers.

As accountant of the Merritt Mercantile Company, and a leading figure in most all the social organizations in the City, Lieut. Croly is well and favorably known. A young business man of the strictest integrity and of unusual allround ability he is extremely popular in business circles and while he has been obliged by the dictates of duty to leave for more serious work in the army his departure from Merritt will be regretted.

Lieut. Croly, who served in the Boer war, and has seen service in India with a regiment of Hussars, is an expert in signalling. He comes of a fighting stock, his relatives for more than fifty years having been members of the army or navy.

Lieut. and Mrs. Croly and family were accorded deafening cheers as the train pulled out. They will travel together as far as Sudbury when Mrs. Croly and children will proceed to Beaverton, near Toronto. where they will reside for the present, while Lieut. Croly will go on to Ottawa to join the Canadian Engineers, at whose camp he expects to stay a short time before going overseas. Last week end Lieut. Croly went to Vancouver to visit his father and mother.

Trooper C. J. E. Scrim was a passenger on the same train, travelling to his home in Vancouver after spending a few days as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Howse, at Nicola.

Yale County Court Opens Wednesday

The winter sitting of the Yale County Court will be held at the Provincial Courthouse in this city on Wednesday next, December 8, at 10 a.m.

His honor Judge Swanson will preside over the court. J. S. Morgan is deputy registrar.

There will be a small docket. An interesting naturalization case is expected when Albert Ahhn will apply as a Servian seeking naturalization as a British subject. The case has previously occupied the attention of legal and official minds here.

J. A. Menzies is sueing W. Schmock for $9.00 in connection with goods ordered and refused by buyer. Local lawyers are expected to represent the parties in the suit.

Auto Party Arrives At Cleveland, Ohio

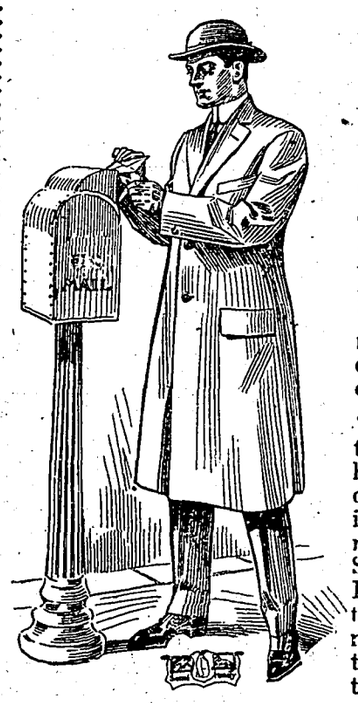
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. R. Wilkinson, the ocean to ocean autoists from Merritt, arrived at Cleveland, Ohio, about the 15th November, and have decided to stay at this place for a while.

The party, so far, has had a pleasant journey. Very little mechanical trouble was experienced. On several occasions the heavily laden Winton Six had to be dug out of the bad roads, and although the party took three months to travel from Merritt to Clevedon, more than half of this time was taken up in sight seeing and stop-overs.

W. Fowler and Albert Quinville both well known here are residing at Cleveland.

Mrs. W. Fairley will be the leader of the Epworth League on Monday, with the subject: "Be Ready!"

Semi-ready Tailoring



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The first thimble was called a thumb-bell, and salemakers still wear the bell on their thumbs when piercing the thick cloth with a needle.

The first Semi-ready suit was proclaimed a reform in fitting. Many people call the ready-made clothes "semi-ready," though the methods of tailoring are as different as chalk is from cheese.

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NOTICE.

COUNTY COURT OF YALE

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 1915

at 10.00 in the forenoon.

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

Dated this 12th day of Nov. 1915.

Wedding Bells

WELCH — STEPHENS

On Wednesday, December 1st, at Kitsilano Methodist Parsonage Vancouver, the marriage took place between Mr. J. Langford T. Welch and Miss Rose Stephens both of Nanaimo. The Rev. Mr. Brown officiated. After a brief wedding trip the couple will reside in Nanaimo. The bride is known to several people in Merritt and the Nicola Valley, visiting Merritt a year ago while her sister Mary E. Stephens was teaching school at Aspen Grove.

Corporation of the City of Merritt.

COURT OF REVISION

VOTERS' LIST, 1916

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Sec. 15, sub-Sec. B of the Municipal Elections Act and Amending Acts a Court of Revision will be held at the

City Hall, Merritt, B. C.

on Friday, the Tenth day of December, 1915, at ten o'clock a.m.,

for the purpose of correcting and revising the List of Voters for the year, 1916.

At the time and place above mentioned the Court will hear and determine upon any and all applications made thereat to alter the said list.

Dated the 17th day of Nov. 1915.

(Signed)—HARRY PRIEST,
City Clerk.

Some Merritt boys and girls think that the activity of their mothers in knitting sox for soldiers is quite permissable so long as they don't forget to keep a good big pair in reserve for hanging on their bedpost at Christmas.

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THE ANNUAL

Meeting

of the Nicola Farmers' Institute

Will be held in the CITY HALL, MERRITT,

On Monday, December 13th, 1915,

To commence at the conclusion of the Agricultural and Horticultural Association Meeting.

BUSINESS:

Secretary-Treas. Report

Election of Officers and Directors for 1916.

ROBT. DODDING,
Sec.-Treas.

The Junior Hockey team aroused by the opinions expressed on the ice last week-end by the "Cubs" wishes here to challenge the "Cubs" to a match in the Rink at the earliest available date. It being understood that only "fully fledged" cubs play in the match.

Hospital Notes

A new semi-private maternity ward, of three beds, is being established at Nicola Valley Hospital. It will be newly furnished and will be replete with everything conducive to the comfort of mothers and their babies.

The "spring cleaning" in the "fall" which is being completed under the supervision of Miss Leitch, the matron, has produced a spic and span appearance in vaerv nook and corner of the institution.

Nurse D. A. Quinville who has been spending a vacation at Quilchena is enjoying the remainder of her recess at her home at Mamette Lake.

While there have been comparatively few new cases admitted during the last few weeks the staff have been busy taking the opportunity of the temporary quiet spell to renovate the furnishings of the hospital.

Miss Tripp, a former and very efficient matron of the institution, is now on war service with Canadian troops at the Dardanelles.

The driest place in the whole of America will be Newfoundland after the beginning of the year. The law provides that spirituous liquors cannot be imported, manufactured or sold in that colony.

The ladies of Nicola recently despatched to the front a number of attractive parcels containing Christmas gifts for Nicola soldiers at the front. The parcels contain articles that should prove both "remindful" and comforting to the boys of Nicola who, in the words of a local patriot, "have their backs to Belgium and their rifles turned towards Berlin."

To the Members of the Nicola Farmers' Institute

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Robt. Dodding,
Secretary

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King Albert's Fete Day Fund

$33.00 was collected from the citizens of Merritt and Nicola on King Alberts Fete Day (Nov. 15th,) and has been sent to the Provincial Secretary to augment the aid given to distressed Belgians by the people of the Province. Only small subscriptions were invited.

Of $27.00 generously donated by certain citizens to Sergt Leitch during the past few days $25.00 has been disbursed for hotel board of a returned wounded soldier. The balance of $2.00 was used to defray part expenses of a recruit who was compelled, owing to unusual circumstances, to stay over in Merritt.

Miss Mary Dunnigan, left Thursday on a visit to the coast cities and will be absent about ten days.

The Hon. W. E. Scott, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, came into Merritt on the K. V.R. train last night, being en route to Victoria after attending the irrigation congress in Calgary and travelling through the southern interior of B.C. for the first time.

John A. Levi, a recruit for overseas enlisted by Sergeant Leitch, left for Kamloops on yesterday morning's train.

Still Busy at Guild Meeting

The Patriotice Guild met in regular session on Monday afternoon. Amongst other business, the resignation of Mrs. W. Welfare, vicepresident, who resigned owing to ill health, was received and accepted with regret.

Two new members, Misses F. Bond and M. Fairley, joined the Guild on Monday.

A considerable portion of the time was devoted to knitting. The Guild will send still another shipment of sox to the front.

Donald McRae and William May who were recruited last week left on Saturday night for Kamloops to be designated to an overseas unit. May, who is a miner recently arrived in the city from the States and who originally lived at Wigan, Eng., has seen considerable service with the colors and belonged to the Lancashire Fusiliers also the Marines.

G. P. Myren, the well known stockman and farmer of Otter Valley, was transacting business in the city the beginning of the week.

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Hams,	Small and inexpensive	per lb. .19
Salt Pork,		per lb. .20
Butter,	Our usual good value,	3-lbs. 1.15
"Merco" Tea		per lb. .40
Walnuts,	New stock	Special price per lb. .50
Almonds,		per lb. 55
Icing Sugar,	extra fine in Cartons	2 lbs. for .25
Jelly Powders,	Assorted	7 pkts. for .50
Golden Syrup,		2-lb. tin, each .18
Molasses,		2-lb. tins, 2 for .25
Pork and Beans,		per tin .10
Coarse Salt		per 100-lbs. 1.25

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Birth—On Monday, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Voght, a daughter

Monday's and Thursday's are Serial nights at the Rex.

Pri. J. Lester of the Overseas A.M.C. is on a few days furlough visiting friends here.

There will service at the Anglican Church on Sunday next at 7.30 p.m. There will be no service in the morning.

Birth—on Monday last, to Mr and Mrs. Bert Fraser, a son.

M. Brownrigg of Canford, is on a business trip to the coast.

Dan Sutherland, of Lytton is visiting the city today.

Mine Inspector R. Strachan left yesterday for Kamloops on official business.

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There is plenty of good skating to be enjoyed at Nicola.

The snow plow crew spent Sunday in town.

Recruited by Sergeant Leitch Charles Victor Harper left town on Thursday morning for Kamloops camp.

Several "drummers" were in the city this week, and report good orders from Merritt's up-to-date merchants.

The W. A. of the Anglican church met on Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. W. Heslop, Granite Avenue.

Christmas cards. $1.50 per doz printed with your own name and greetings, suitable for home or overseas, at the NEWS office.

The Board of School Trustees will meet in regular session tonight in the City Hall, at 5.30 p.m.

HOUSE TO RENT.— Five roomed two storey house on Coutlee Avenue. Light and water. Address Box 51.

Mr. Joe Graham, director of the Inland Coal & Coke Co., is in the city this week, arriving from Vancouver on Tuesday night.

Miss Ruby Howse while driving an automobile from Nicola to Merritt on Wednesday, chased a coyote along the road for a considerable distance.

Mrs. A. H. Plummer, of Chulus is prepared to take a limited number of pupils for the piano. Anyone wishing to take advantage of a course of lessons should apply to Mrs. Plummer, Chulus, Lower Nicola.

John Gibson, father of Luke and Wesley Gibson, of Hope, and grandfather of Mrs. N. J. Barwick, of this city, who died on November 21, was in his 97th year and leaves 55 grand children and 66 great grand children. Two of his sons are Samuel and Luke Gibson, of Princeton. Born in Inniskilling, County Fermanagh, Ireland, he came to Canada in the early sixties and farmed in Ontario. Forty years ago he came west and settled in Chilliwack.

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VOTERS' LIST, 1916

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with the amendments to the Municipal Elections Act when the assessed owner is the holder of the last Agreement of Sale to purchase land or real property such assessed owner before having his name entered on the Voters' list shall have filed with the Clerk or Assessor of the City before the closing of the Voters' list on November 30th, 1915, a statutory declaration proving that he, she or it (in the case of a Company) is the holder of the last agreement to purchase said land or is the last assignee thereof by the terms of which such holder is liable to pay the taxes and has paid the current year's taxes.

Dated the Seventeenth day of November, 1915.

HARRY PRIEST,
City Clerk.

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

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,
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