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Grand Opening of Merritt Rink on Saturday. Good Prospects of Good Ice.---Ranchers Held Three Meetings Last Monday.

Two Vacancies on Teaching Staff

Resignations Received.— Chairman Cleasby to Continue on School Board

Two teachers at City schools, Miss Patchett and Miss McPherson, have resigned their positions. So far as is known these will be the only vacancies to be filled.

The schools "break up" today and the recess will terminate at the reopening on Monday, January 3rd, 1916.

At the meeting of the School Board held on Friday, Trustee Gay was absent. Trustees H. S. Cleasby and P. McLean transacting the business up for discussion. Trustee Gay's term of office expires at the end of the present year, and it is necessary that one other trustee shall resign before the coming election. Chairman Cleasby moved that he himself, should vacate his seat to fulfil the request of the Department of Education which wishes the rotation of retirement of members of the local School Board being in conformity with others throughout the province. Trustee P. McLean desired that Mr. Cleasby should remain on the board and firmly refused to second his motion. After several attempted moves in higher stategy and outflanking, prompted by the modesty of the two members, it was agreed to spin a coin. Trustee McLean retires and Chairman Cleasby remains.

Last evening Chairman Cleasby entertained the teachers of the schools at his home at Coutlee when all passed a very pleasant evening.

Sympathy will be extended from many homes in the Valley to Mr. and Mrs. Clark, of Nicola whose two months old child died on Sunday evening last. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at Nicola cemetery.

Few Alterations to the Voters' List

List Twenty-five Less than Last Year.—Only Minor Corrections Necessary

There is but a slight decrease in the number of persons on the civic voters list for Merritt as against that of last year.

The list, as revised by the Court of Revision which sat on Friday, contains 324 names against 349 last year, a reduction of but 25.

The names of six property owners, who declared they had registered deeds were added, while three names were struck off, two for not being qualified, and one dead.

In the West Ward there are now 187 voters, in the East Ward 120. In the outside School district list are 17 voters against 31 last year.

Mayor Walters (Chairman) with Aldn. McLean and Ewart constituted the court.

More Money for Local Officers

Following representations made by the School Trustees with the co-operation of Alex Lucas, the Yale member, the Provincial Government has advanced the sum of $1043 to the School Board on taxes on property in the district within the jurisdiction of the Merritt District School Board, but outside the civic area. The cheque was received this week and has eased considerably the financial situation at the schools.

Merritt Sakting Rink will be open tomorrow, apply for your season ticket.

Merritt is on Eve of Witnessing Big Developments in Copper Mining

Shipment of First 100 Tons will start Tomorrow is Official Statement. Crew at Aberdeen Group to be Increased Next Week-4000 Sacks on way. Local White Labor to be given Preference in Employment. Camp Supplies are being Bought at Merritt Stores. Indications of Large Bodies of Shipping Grade ore Extremely Encouraging.

The probabilities of Merritt becoming very soon the centre of big developments in copper mining is the live question here today.

Many mining men are in the City from outside points, and we have the authority of Mr. E. C. Johnson for stating that the preliminary work of getting the camp buildings and other equipment into shape at the Aberdeen Group of copper claims at Mamette Lake, ten miles from the City, is about completed.

"Four thousand sacks for ore are on the way to Merritt" stated Mr. Johnson "and tomorrow we shall start shipping ore to Tacoma smelter."

Mr. Johnson with other members of the Seattle financial company, of which he is manager, informs the "News" that so far as the tests made by himself, Superintendent Corwin and the crew have made during the last few days and in the past the indications of there being a large body of copper of shipping grade are very good. "I am very well satisfied with the outlook so far" said Johnson, who did not care just then to give out details for publication.

Eight men have been engaged on the fixing of the camp and quartz miners in the district will be shortly engaged.

Mr. Steffens, of Lower Nicola, has been given a contract for the freighting of the first 100 or so tons to the K.V.R. depot at Coutlee, just outside Merritt, and has had some local men employed with teams for the past week.

The E, C. Johnson interests have taken an option on the Hunter claims five miles from Nicola and negotiations are proceeding respecting the taking of options of two more likely prospects.

Interviewed, Mr. Johnson states that work will be commenced at the Hunter property "in the near future."

Considerable supplies have been purchased from local stores already. The camp requirements will only be bought in the locality, states Mr. Johnson.

On my retnrn from Seattle shortly after Christmas an engineer will go thoroughly over the ground we have worked and on his report after investigation much will depend on the wideness of our plans of development.

Mining Problems Freely Discussed

Yale Member's Free and Frank Talk with Miners. Many Questions Asked

Taking advantage of his visit to Merritt Mr, Alex Lucas addressed a meeting of miners in the Middlesboro Club on Tuesday evening when there was a good number present.

Mr. J. Fairclough wrs voted to the ohair. On being introduced to his audience, Mr. Lucas said he wished to make plain the fact that he was not there to make a political speech but he discuss with the men a question that was of paramount interest to themselves and the prosperity and progress of the City.

The proposed duty on crude petroleum oil in protection of the coal industry in B. C., was a question of importance which the men knew as well if not better than he did.

He explained that while the Provincial Government and Sir Richard McBride had interested themselves closely in this matter little could be accomplished until a strong and determined agitation was brought about by the miners and mine owners, the press and the public, which would cause a stir until the sympathy of other provinces in the Dominion was brought to bear in getting what the people engaged in coal mining in B. C. wanted.

Yale was only one of six hundred ridings in Canada to take up the matter with any determination and a propaganda of such strength should be put under way that progress in this direction could be made. In this he was prepared and ready and anxious to throw all his energies and obtain the best ihfluence he could obtain.

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Only Censored Hospital News for the Public

Whereas it is desirable that representatives of the press be admitted to the meetings of the Board and whereas it is also desirable that the press when reporting the proceedings of such meetings should refrain from mentioning by name any member of the Board but should confine itself strictly to reporting the actual results only of the meetings and not what might be said by the directors during their deliberations.

"Therefore be it resolved that the representatives of the press govern themselves accordingly, and further be it resolved that an infraction of such resolution be punished by the exclusion of the press." Moved by Directors Grimmett and Rankine and carried unanimously.

As the "actual results," or decisions and resoldtions would be unintelligible to the public and subscribers without the discussion leading up to them we pass our regrets to our readers who are subscribers for not being allowed to give them an uncensored report of public proceedings publicly conducted by publicly elected representatives of a publicly supported institution.

Farmers' Institute Met on Monday

Officers Elected for 1916. Financial Statement Presented

For the third year Mr. R. Whittaker of Lower Nicola, has been elected president of the Nicola Farmers' Institute. At the annual meeting of the Institute held on Mouday afternoon the other officers elected were— vice-president, Mr. John Manning [of Dot], whose election was heartily supported all round the table; secretary-treasurer, R. Dodding; directors, R. L. Clarke, W. B. Jackson, H. S. Cleasby, J. Blackwell, L. P. Guichon, J. H. Collett, James Smith.

Reporting on the operations of the Institute during the past year, President Whittaker said that for the use of members the secretary had purchased to favorable prices, 2000 feet of fuse, 2000 caps, 24 boxes of powder, 8,280-lbs of seed wheat, 100-lbs. of Indian Corn, 4,928-lbs. of oats, also mangel and alfalfa seed. Two lectures had been given on topics of interest to farmers. The membership for the year was 90. There were eighteen entries in the crop competitions, twelve for potato crops and six for oats. On the motion of Messrs. D. Dodding and H. S. Cleasby the report was accepted.

In was decided that the secretary arrange for two lectures to be given next season, one in Merritt the other at Lower Nicola. Subjects dealing with forage crops, livestock and seed grain were suggested as appropriate topics of interest to the majority of the members.

On the motion of Messrs. Jackson and Dodding it was resolved to ask the Government to arrange for wheat and potato crop competitions being held in the Valley next year.

President Whittaker was delegated to represent the Institute at next year's conference of Farmers' Institutes to be held at Victoria.

He was requested to take up the matter of voicing the grievances of some of the ranchers at Lower Nicola end respecting the absence of fencing at certain points on the K. V. R., where the lives of cattle are endangered. Messrs. Manning, Cleasby and Costillou with others emphasized the inadequacy of the present cattle guards at railroad crossings. Mr. Manning stating that he had even seen sheep negotiating the ribbed woodwork with comparative ease. Mr. Dodding Sr., said at one point on the Crown land near his place he had had four head killed in a brief space of time, which might have been avoided by the erection of fencing.

A communication on this matter will, it was resolved, be sent to the Minister of Agriculture.

In response to the desires of Mr. Cornborough, of the Department of Agriculture, the secretary was instructed by resolution to endeavor to start a farm garden competition in 1916.

The financial statement for the year was read by Secretary R. Dodding.

Receipts	
Cash in hand, Jan. 1, 1915	30.16
der Capita grant, 1914	38.50
Entrance fees for crop compt.	9.00
Fuse sold	4.50
Blasting caps sold	3.50
per Capita grant, 1915	40.50
Membership fees	45.00
Prize money, crop competition	70.00
Received from members for Seed grain, 1915	406.39
Received for Stumping Powder	249.50
Total received	$897.15
Expenditure	
Advertising	6.25
Stamps and Stationery	3.25
Secretary's Commission	22.50
Travelling 1.20, P.O. Orders .50,	1.70
Blasting Caps	29.00
Freight	4.00
Prizes, crop competition	90.00
Dept. of Agriculture for Seed Grain	406.39
Powder Companies	249.50
Cash in hand	84.56
	$897.15

On the motion of Messrs. Blackwell and Manning the auditor's report as read was accepted.

The Rex Theatre proprietor is arranging for a series of special shows for the festive season.

Merritt Mercantile Company

Suggestions:

With the Christmas Season so near to hand it is sometimes difficult to know just what to give. Perhaps our few suggestions will help you to make a choice

For Men

Mufflers
Neckties
Arm Bands
Smoking Jackets
Pipes in Cases
Tobacco Pouches
Tobacco
Cigars
Cigarettes
Cigar Cases
Gloves
Sweater Coats
Socks
Handkerchiefs
Suspenders
Top Shirts

For Boys

Hockey Shoes
Skates
Hockey Sticks
Neckties
Mitts
Sweater coats
Stockings

Sundry

Model Teakettles — Carving Sets
Cut Flass — Percolators
Chafing Dish — Chinaware
Silverware

Xmas Tags ane Seals

Ferns

Flowers in Baskets,
make dainty gifts
Prices Range from 50c. to $3.50

Toys

We have just received a few additional lines which we are selling at low prices in order to clean up our entire stock this season

Baby Goods

Coats — Bonnetts
Booties — Mitts

For Ladies

Bedroom Slippers
Hosiery
Shoes
Dress Lengths
Waist Lengths
Sweater Coats
Gloves
Centre Pieces
Satin Underskirts
Handkerchiefs
Skates
Waists

For Girls

Sweater Coats
Hair Ribbons
Boots
Skates
Stockings
Gloves
Dress Goods
Slippers
Handkerchiefs

Genuine Holly

Christmas Dainties

Mince Meat,	Heinze's bulk	lb.	.25
Plum Pudding,	Heinz, in tins		.40
Comb Honey,	Fresh		.25
Cranberries,		lb.	.20
Apples,	No. 1 grades	box	1.75
Cluster Raisins,	pkgs.		.25 and .35
Figs,	small pkgs.	2 for	.25
Figs,	large layers	lb.	.25
French Capers		bot.	.50
Olives Stuffed		bot.	.35
Mixed Candy,	"Merco"	lb.	.25
Mixed Nuts,		lb.	.30
Dates,	Fresh	lb.	.15
Popping Corn		lb.	.10

Pay Day Cash Specials

Good from Pay Day until Christmas

Flour, Royal Household	sack	1.75
Sugar,	18-lb. sack	1.70
Butter, "Merco"	lb.	.40
Lard, pure	5-lb. pail, each	.90
French Peas,	2 tins for	.25
Onions,	8 lbs. for	.25
Red Bayo Beans,	4-lb. for	.30
Quaker Oats, round pkgs.		.30
Eggs, Fresh	doz.	.65
Molasses,	2 tins	.25
Oysters, Blue Point	tin	.25
Jelly Powders,	3 pkgs.	.25

CHOCOLATES IN FANCY BOXES AT ALL PRICES

To Hold Show Next Summer

Agricultural Society Annual Meeting. Election of Officers

The Nicola Valley Agricultural and Horticultural association met in the Council Chamber on Monday for the annual meeting, when reports were received and other business transacted. The election of officers took place, while it was resolved to hold an agricultural exhibition next year provided the Government forwarded, in due course, an adequate financial grant. Mr. Lucas, who was present and questioned, said there appeared to be no doubt whatever but that if the show were held a grant would be forthcoming.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, D. Dodding re-elected; vice-president, L. P. Guichon; second vice-president, J. H. Collett; treasurer, A. N. B. Rogers; directors, J. B. Baldwin, J. W. Langley, M. L. Grimmett, A. Jackson, R. M. Woodward, John Manning, F. W. Crowder, Robert Dodding, W. B. Jackson, Wm. Smith, J. Guichon, B. G. Stewart, R. Whittaker, D. L. Munro, R. L. Clarke; delegate to Victoria convention to be the delegate appointed to represent the Farmers' Institute which will meet aboxt the same time.

On the motion of R. Whittaker and A. N. B. Rogers, a brief report on the year's operations, tendered by Secretary Cleasby, was ordered to be received. This dealt mostly with finances, no show having been held.

Treasurer A. N. B, Rogers submitted the financial report. Receipts—balance carried forward $3.19, grant from Government $100, membership fees and donation $3.00, total $106.19. Expenditures—loan paid off $100, interest $6, war stamps .06, total $106.06, leaving a balance in hand of 13 cents. Assets—cash in hand .13, racks, tents, four prize cups, etc., $209, total $209.13. Liabilities—membership fees paid in 1914 for 1915 —no show held—$35, paid in 1915, $2, total $37.00

M. L. Grimmett and J. H. Collett were elected as auditors for 1915.

All devotees of skating will be wending their way to the Rink tomorrow.

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A YOUNG PREMIER

For a statesman to relinquish the premiership of a great province at the early age of forty-five years after twelve years occupancy of the highest administrative office in the country is in itself a remarkable tribute to the rare gifts of that man. Sir Richard's service during this term was officially recognised at the polls by a public which saw in their premier one who, with his business initiative and courage, diplomatic and energetic faculties, was the right man in the right place to carry big responsibilities. Looking back upon the years of his premier ship Sir Richard will be able to see that many of his policies have borne much fruit in the development of a country which only a few years ago was an almost uninhabited stretch of unknown territory. True, experience has proved that he and his colleagues have made mistakes in administration but no British Columbians can conscientiously doubt the sincerety which marked Sir Richard's work nor deny that he displayed the courage necessary to keep pace with the rapidly changing conditions of a Province emerging from its early pioneering state. It is easier to criticize policies than to fashion them.

In the new premier, Mr. W. J. Bowser, is a strong and able man, whose strength is expressed in quick, unhesitating, direct action, and whose mind does not become dimmed by philosophical doubt. Political enemies he has many. Of the newcomers into his cabinet the entry of Mr. C. E. Tisdall, one of the most trusted and highly esteemed business men in Vancouver, as Minister of Public Works, should be received with general satisfaction.

To the people of the Nicola Valley whose lives and prosperity are largely dependent upon the development of the coal and quartz mining mining industries special pleasure will be given at the announcement of the appointment of Mr. Lorne Campbell as Minister of Mines. Unlike the late premier, who was unable to give the attention the important mining industry required, the Hon. Mr. Campbell will devote his whole time, energy and mining experience to the vital problems which we in Merritt are only too well conversant with.

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MUZZLING THE PUBLIC PRESS

If newspaper representatives are to be told by an arbitrary resolution to report at all times only "the actualities," that is the resolutions, decisions or signed committments of the hospital board, how can they bo expected to serve the public when, as sometimes happens, matters of considerable importance are discussed and yet are not crystallized in a resolution. If the resolution reproduced elsewhere stands, the situation will be that newspapermen will have no need to attend the meetings for the reason that what information they are allowed, to publish can be copied by the office devil from the secretary's minutes.

Have the newspapers ever failed to suppress the publication of deliberations which in the public interest should not be divulged when a request has been made by the chairman or a director?

The resolution attempts to empower the board to force the newspapers to publish what they want the public to know and not wnat the public has a perfect right to know through their only mental channel of information—the public press.

Services at the Catholic Church

Instead of the usual service on the 3rd Sunday of the month the following services will be held on Christmas December 25th:

Midnight mass at 12 o'clock,
3rd mass at 10.30 a.m.
December 26th, Sunday, mass at 10 a.m.
Bible and Catechism, 2.30 pm.
Evening service at 7.30 p.m.
Monday mass at 8 a. m.

The Deer hunting season closed on Wednesday.

Hospital Report for November

Patients admitted	10
Female	6
Male	4
Patients discharged	8
Births	0
Deaths	1
Hospital days	221
Average per day	7

Miss Jessie Leitch
Superintendent

W. Quinville was a visitor at the beginning of the week returning to Mamette Lake on Tuesday.

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Stockbreeders to Meet in Annual Session Dec. 29.

The directors of Nicola Stockbreeders Association met in the City Hall on Monday and decided to hold the annual meeting on Wednesday, December 29, at the Government building, at Nicola, commencing at 1 o'clock.

An important matter for discussion at the annual meeting will be that relating to the suggested drafting of grazing regulations. A committee of Messrs. F. B. Ward (President), L. Guichou, R. McBride, H. S. Cleasby and R. Clarke was deputed to take the matter up and to lay their views before the stockbreeders on December 29.

Alex. Lucas, M.L.A. told the directors that the drafting of rules governing grazing on Crown lands had been deferred by the Federal and Provincial governments, who desire to make the rules in harmony with each other, where necessary and desirable, until the stockbreeders and farmers had advanced suggestions from their local knowledge of requirements.

It was also decided, by a motion of J. H. Collett and J. Corbett, to discuss at the annual meeting the question of joining the Western Stock Union which takes in stockbreeders' association west of the Great Lakes. Conferring with the board, Alex. Lucas said the fixing of grazing regulations had been under consideration at a couple of sessions at Victoria, and as the question of determining limits for cattle and sheep grazing would, with other details, come up for consideration again next session he urged the association to take up the matter quickly and thoroughly. Action by the Government depended on the the suggestions and advocacy of the Stockraisers,

Directors Cleasby and L. Guichon agreed with other directors that the proposed rates of 10 cents per head for cattle and 2 cents for chicken and goats would give permanency to the grazing grounds for the ranchers, Director Cleasby adding that quite a large number of ranchers contemplated going in for sheep raising once the grazing limits for cattle are determined and defined.

Vice-president D. Dodding presided over a good attendance of directors. President F. B. Ward was unavoidably absent owing to pressure of business in onnection with the shipping of a large consignment of cattle from Nicola to the Coast.

Official Bulletin For the Farmers

An official bulletin, or monthly calendar, for farmers in B. C., is advocated by Alex Lucas, M.L.A. who songht the views of the members of t e Farmers' Institute on the proposal.

The bulletin would be a well edited, absolutely non-political, authoritative magazine published solely in the interests of and for the benefit of farmers and agriculturalists, and deeling with problems of the farm and ranch peculiar in every section of the Province.

Such advice as the proper time for sowing, the cultivation and marketing of crops in the different agricultural districts would be given. The magazine would be self supporting by being able to command remunerative advertising rates from reputable firms selling agricultural requirements. The magazine would, in a large measure, take the place of lectures which had been given at considerable expense but often were badly attended.

"The idea is one I gained while touring Australia," said Mr. Lucas, "and proved most helpful to farmers in New South Wales and New Zealand, who, as in B.C. did not seem to support the government lectures. There the bulletin has proved remarkably beneficial."

After a short discussion in which the proposal seemed to promise acceptance as useful it was decided, by a resolution moved by Messrs. H. S. Cleasby and W. B. Jackson, to lay the matter on the table until the central meeting of Farmers' Institutes at the next session at Victoria.

Several local people took advantage of the good sleighing conditions last Sunday, one party of ten going to Quilchena, returning at night after a fast exhilarating ride.

Many Recruits Join the Colors

A recruiting concert was held in the Armory on Wednesday night when patriotic addresses were given by, among others, Corporals McMyn and Haddon, of Kamloops, Pte. Capps (a returned soldier), Pte. Joe Clarke and Mayor Walters. Lieut. C. Tyner presided. Songs and recitations were contributed by several local artistes.

Jas. Paterson, D. Hogg, Jr., J. Ovington, J. Hobson, J. C. McFarlane and J. F. Pollitt, all recruits for overseas left on Thursday night's train for Kamloops to be designated to units in training.

William S. C. Dryborough enlisted this week for the Home Defence and left for Kamloops, on Tuesday, bringing the family total of Empire servers to four sons and the father in kharki.

William Dryborovgh served in the South African war with the Argylshires.

Others who left with him on Tuesday morning to join the Home Defence at Kamloops are Thomas McKeating, John Battersby, Ralph Hebron, John Paul, Peter Smith, W. McFarlane, Jas. Cummings (Canford), M. Moody John Taylor, Alec Lownie.

Colonel J. W. Warden, o.c. of the 102 Regiment (Overseas contingent) was a visitor in the city on Tuesday.

Guild Not to Change Policy

The Patriotic Guild sent a further consignment of articles to Halifax, N. S. on Tuesday nights train, from which port the box will be despatched to the trenches. It includes 10 shirts, 38 pairs sox, 13 prs mits, 8 handkerchiefs, 1 sweater, 1 sheet, 6 packets chewing gum and 6 packets cigarettes. It having been reported that a suggestion had been made that the Guild should apply the energies of the members to relief work in the district a unanimous and emphatic resolution was passed in favor of continuing the work for the benefit of the soldiers at the front. Another shipment of wool has arrived. A large attendance of members is urged for the meeting next Monday, when the election of officers will take place.

In connection with the Red Cross concert given on Dec. 10, Miss Hawe and Miss Lawson wish to express their thanks to Mrs. Tutill, Mrs. G. B. Armstrong, Mrs. Lobsinger, Mrs. A. Jackson, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Reid for loan of furniture, curtains etc. to the Ladies Auxiliary for donation of candy boxes: to the numerous ladies who kindly donated candy; to Mrs. Tutill for officiating in the box office, and to Mrs. Boyd and Miss Seaton for acting in the capacity of seat stewards.

Quieter Tones Prevail

Greys and Serges are in Great Favor During the War

"With over 150,000 of the smartest young men in Canada under arms for the defence of the realm it would be idle to pretend that the tailoring trade is as good as ever," said a Semi-ready salesman.

Yet there is a noticeable improvement this season in the selling of Semi-ready garments, and the demand for the Fall and Winter style book has been commented upon.

Quieter colors prevail, greys are much worn in tweeds and worsteds; blue serge is well represented, while striped materials of a not too dark hue are fashionable. Then there is a tendency to cut the business or lounge coat a trifle shorter. Well-dressed men like the new Semi-ready designs. The quick tailoring of special orders to measure in four days at the shops is a distinct advantage.

Local Dealer: Andrew Ewart, The City Tailor.

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Nicola Valley Meat Market

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist Church
Will hold a
SALE OF WORK
On Tuesday, December 21st.
Plain and Fancy Sewing for Ladies and Children and Home-cooked Articles suitable for Christmas will be on sale
Commencing at 3.00 p.m. Tea Provided

HUGH LEITCH, Carpenter and Contractor,
Let me figure on your next job—no matter how small or how large. Satisfaction Guaranteed
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On Saturday, December 18th, 1915
The Women's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church,
Will hold a Cake and Apron Sale in the Corner Store opposite Coldwater Hotel
Sale of Aprons, Cakes, Home-made Candy, and Fancy Goods suitable for Christmas Gifts.
Afternoon Tea will be Served
Commence at 3 o'clock. - - Hearty invitation to all.

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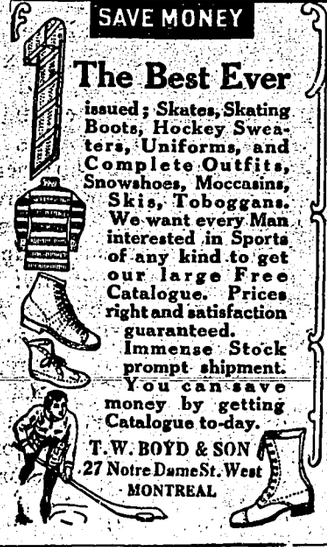

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Out of every wage some portion should be banked regularly, either as security against the proverbial rainy day or as a foundation to future prosperity. $1.00 will open an account in the Bank of Toronto, and interest is added half-yearly to the balances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

Collecting on Christmas

Told by a Drummer

A BUNCH of us were putting in Sunday evening swapping yarns of our early days on the road when it came the turn of an accident insurance special.

"The first trip I ever made was when I was a kid of twenty," he said. "I was shipping clerk in an agricultural implement house in Brooklyn. I was to make a collection, and, of all days in the year, I was to see the man on Christmas day!

"Why then? Well, the chap I was to see was a big farmer up in the hills of Sullivan county, and he did quite a business in farm implements among his neighbors. He had given the house a bunch of notes running four months and falling due Sept. 1. Every one of them came back protested.

"The junior partner had charge of the collections, and he figured there was just one sure way of nailing the chap, and that was to get to the house Christmas morning.

"I don't remember the name of the village I had to get off at, but I do remember it was a mighty cold night when I arrived there. I got away all right in the morning after the hotel man had given me all sorts of directions about the way to get to Johnston's place, twelve miles away.

"Johnston himself opened it and without waiting for a word from me said: 'Come right in, stranger. Mighty cold morning, ain't it? S'pose you lost your way.'

"I didn't commit myself one way or the other, but accepted his invitation by walking into the parlor. There was a bunch of children in the room, one a lad of sixteen or so, who was told to put the horse up. There was a big Christmas tree in the window, all decorated with shiny ornaments and tinsel.

"We chatted for quite awhile until he had to go to the barn to help his men tend the horses. I played with the children, and when he got back I had the littlest girl on my knee and was reading to her.

"'Started snowing again,' Johnston remarked as he stamped his feet on the rag rug outside the parlor door. 'Dinner'll be ready in a little while, but I'll have the wife hurry it up if you have to get away.'

"I told him I couldn't think of butting in on the family that way and

"YOU'LL TALK NO BUSINESS TO ME TODAY."

that if he'd give me a few minutes I'd like to talk a little business with him.

"'You'll talk no business to me today,' he said. 'You'll have dinner and supper with us and a mighty good bed tonight. You can talk business in the morning.'

"'But'— I broke in.

"'There's no "but" about it. That's the program, and I'm boss in this house!'

"And let me tell you, boys, I had a bully time!

"After breakfast my host took me into the little office he had between the parlor and dining room and told me to fire away.

"What do you think I said? 'Mr. Johnston, I don't want to talk business at all. I'm going on my way, and I'll come again tomorrow.'

"'Don't be afraid. If it's something disagreeable spit it out!' he said. 'What's the question?'

"'When are you going to take up those notes of Ehrman & Wilson's? That's what they sent me up from Brooklyn about. But after the friendly way you and your wife have treated me I have nothing more to say. I'm ashamed of my job.'

"'You're all right, young man,' he remarked, to my astonishment and relief. 'I don't blame you a bit, and I admire the stand you take. Read some more stories to Nellie out of her book while I look after the cattle, and by and by we'll drive to town, and I'll fix up the notes for you. I have been pretty hard up the last few months, but I got in a sum of money a few days ago, and everything is O. K. now.'

"When we got to the bank he gave me a certified check for the $600 he owed the house and a ten dollar bill for myself to buy something for my baby as a present from curly headed Nellie."—New York Tribune.

Red Cross Concert Was a Financial Success

The concert arranged by Miss Violet Lawson, Miss Zella Hawe, teaching staff, and held under Red Cross Society auspices last Friday evening was a conspicuous success. Every seat and a large part of the aisle was packed with some three hundred persons who enjoyed a miscellaneous program by school children and others, and which passed off without a hitch.

Some sixty youngsters took part in the singing games and action songs, the movements being marked by remarkable precision and betraying a thorough training by Miss Lawson. In "Teachers Sleigh Ride" Miss Zella Hawe proved her high elocutionary powers to an interested audience,

Miss Nora Taylor sang 'Daddy' very sweetly and with due expression and feeling. For a young girl in early teens she exercised splendid command of her voice in a facile and natural manner and, what is pleasing to note, every syllable of her song could be distinctly heard by those at the back of the hall.

A surprise to many was the clever acting of four young children who without a halt or fault played "The Mad Hatter's Tea Party" from "Alice in Wonderland," The characters and performers were, Alice—Myrtle Kennedy; Mad Hatter—Harold Grimmett; March Hare—Irene Kennedy; Dormouse—Dorothy Langstaff.

The second part of the program was devoted to an amusing one-act play—"Between Two Fires" with the scene laid in the living room of Terrill's Country Home. Taking part were; as Gladys Terrill, Miss Violet Lawson; Joe Terrill, Mr. Ernie Williams; Dolly Wakelee, Miss Zella Hawe; Ted Owen, Mr. Jack Butterworth.

The plot was one of love lost and regained after many perplexing situations studded with humour. Well acted throughout, the only glaring deficiency in the story was thas its ultimate "happy ending" was too obvious. The program concluded with a bright and vivacious rendering of "Love is meant to make us glad" a duet by Miss V. Lawson and Mr. Jack Butterworth. Mrs. Plummer, president of the Red Cross branch, accompanied the artistes, as pianist, during the evening.

Financial Statement of Concert

RECEIPTS	
Sale of programs and receipts for admission	$116.55
Sale of candy	14.30
Subscription advertisements on programs	6.00
	$136.85
EXPENSES	
Hire of Rex Theatre	$17.00
To Nicola Valley News for printing posters programs and advertising	6.00
To Merritt Herald for advertising	1.00
Paper and sateen for candy bags	.75
Balance	112.10
	$36.85
Yet to be received	$11.00
Making a gross total of	$147.85

Signed—
Violet Lawson
Zella Hawe
in charge of concert

Audited and found correct
M. L. Grimmett.

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, "What do we live for?" will be given by Mrs. Young.

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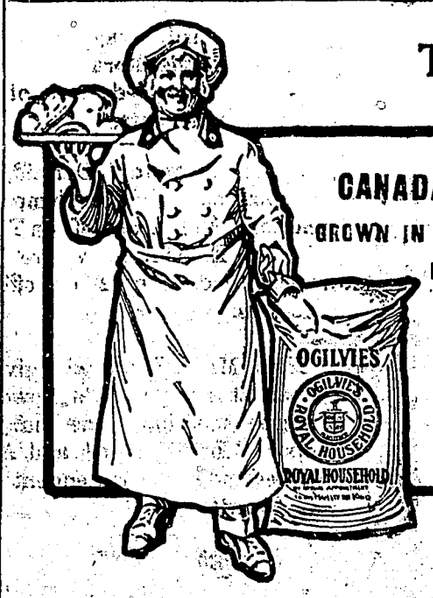

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To Save Fire Loss at Xmas

With the approach of Christmas and its attendant festivities the Provincial Department of Insurance has issued bulletins with the object of promoting fire prevention. Mr. Ernest F. Gunther, Superintendent of Insurance seeks the assistance of all parents and teachers and others of the general public to do all possible in urging upon the children the great hazards of Christmas decorations and entertainments.

One bulletin states,—

It is customary to decorate homes, stores, churches, and schools. Decorations take fire rapidly and spread fire rapidly. The dangers can be avoided by carefulness in the selection and arrangement of material and by watchfulness. Carelessness may cause loss of life as well as of property.

It Is Careless:

To tamper with electric wiring to produce displays.

To hang inflammable material where it touches or may be pushed or blown against stove pipes, steam pipes, lamps, gas, or electric lights.

To allow the inexperienced and thoughtless to do the decorating.

To allow paper and rubbish to accumulate owing to pressure of business.

To allow smoking where there are flimsy decorations.

The agricultural and farmers institute meetings held on Monday attracted many prominent ranchers from outside points to the city. The visitors included Mr. J. Guichon Snr., L. P. Guichon, J. Corbett, and several others.

A special anniversary service will be held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening when the Rev. J. Hyde will preach on the approapriate subject "The history of the Church's growth" The officers of the church extend a cordial invitation to the public to be present.

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C. J. Loewen and Mrs. Loewen of Lazy L. Ranch, were in the City on Monday registering at the Adelphi Hotel.

For the Misses' Christmas presents the Rose Marche is par excellence. A full and varied stock to interest and suit all tastes.

For killing a deer under a year old a Chulus Indian was fined $10 and costs in the Provincial court this week. Dep. Game-warden Lodwick prosecuted.

Christmas Day is the "kids" day. Remember the stocking filling is made easy if you pay the Mercantile store a visit and inspect their varied stock of inexpensive presents.

Superintendent McDermid, of the Dominion Bridge Company, and Mrs. McDermid left on Tuesday for Edmonton where the superintendent goes on official business.

Miss Mary Bond will give a paper at next week's Epworth League meeting, the subject being "Enoch Wood and Alex Sutherland, superintendent of missions."

"Through a Periscope" by "Justin Wilson." of Nicola, a book of war poems with local references has been published. The Nicola Patriotic Guild have ordered 200 copies which are being sold for patriotic purposes.

The Sale of Work at the Methodist Church next Tuesday will be a real Xmas effort. The Ladies Aid members have been busy for weeks preparing for the sale, and patrons will be amply repaid by paying the sale a visit on Tuesday afternoon.

To date this month Recruiting Sergeant J. Leitch has had attested for service in the army 22 recruits, 11 for overseas regiments and 11 for home defence. Since he commenced recruiting a few months ago he has sent away 69 for overseas and 11 for the Home Guard, 80 altogether.

There will be service in St. Michael's Church on Sunday evening at 7.30. No sermon. On the following Sunday day after Xmas day, there will be a Carol Service, when the hymns chosen will be well known Xmas Carols. There will be no sermon at this service. The proposed midnight service on Xmas eve will not be held.

Some thirteen cars of cattle from Douglas Lake and other stock raising ranches in the district left Nicola on Monday for the Coast, a large portion having been purchased by the buyer for Pat Burns and Co. Mr. F. B. Ward president of the Nicola Stockbreeders Association, and manager of the Douglas Lake Cattle Co., was present at the loading of the consingment.

J. J. Warren, president of the Kettle Valley railway, discussed with the premier the construction of a branch of the railway of about twenty miles in length to tap the Copper Mountain mining district. Mr. Warren states that next June a thorough time table will be put in force to the coast over the Hope mountain, giving a service to Nelson.—Kamloops Standard.

Discovery of the value of benzol as a competitor of gasoline, but giving 25 per cent more motive power, for use in internal combustion engines give promise of a future in which automobiles of Kootenay and Boundary and Alberta will be propelled by a product of the collieries of the Crow's Nest instead of by the fluid from California oil wells—Nelson News

Road Superintendent Dan Sutherland, with E. C. Johnson, who is largely interested in the mining development work at Aberdeen Group of claims, and Alex Lucas M. L. A., will visit Victoria on Monday to confer with Government officials regarding proposed road improvements and extensions at Ten Mile Creek road, Lower Nicola, on which ore from the Mamette Lake claims will be freighted to the K. V. R. Dan and Mr. Johnson, left for the Coast last night.

Acknowledgement

Supt. Miss J. Leitch, acknowledges with thanks the following donations to the hospital during November, one large load of vegetables from Quilchena Dry Farm; four boxes of apples and one turkey, from A. D. Adamson.

Trooper Hatton who has been spending a holiday wth Mr. and Mrs. V. Harbord-Harbord, at Nicola, left on Tuesday for Vancouver where he will spend a few days as a guest of his friend Hte. Scrim who was with him in the fighting in France.

On Christmas eve, in the Armory, at 8 p.m., the I.O.O.F. will hold their second annual whist drive and dance. The dance will start at 10 p. m.

Merritt Skating Rink

Grand Opening

SAT. DEC. 18,

General Admission

Adult Skaters	20c.
Spectators	5c.
Children Skaters	10c.

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Gents over 14 Years	$4.00
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Children under 14,	$1.75

Tickets can be obtained from W. Schmock, or at the Box Office

The Red Cross members are raffling five turkeys, generously presented by Mrs. J. S. Morgan who has also donated the proceeds of the sale of five more to the Patriotic Guild.

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Sugar,		18-lb. 1.70
Rolled Oats,		8-lb. .45
Wheat Flakes,		per pkt. .40
Corn Flakes, -		3 pkts. for .25
Cream of Wheat		6 lb. bag .40
Butter,		Our usual good value, 3-lbs. 1.15
Pure Lard,		3-lb. .55, 5-lb. .90, 10-lbs. 1.80
Crisco,		per tin .30
Eggs,	Fresh	doz. .50
Cheese,	Very mellow	per lb. .25
Salt Pork,	in small pieces	per lb. .20
Salmon,		2 tins for .23
Pork and Beans,	Extra Value	per tin .10
Our Special Coffee,		per lb. .35
"Ideal" Tea,		per lb. .40
Fancy Tea Biscuits, all kinds,		per pkt. .10
Canned Peas, Corn and Beans		3 tins for .40
H. P. Sauce,		per bottle .25
Rice,	Extra fine quality,	10 lbs. for .50
Raisins,		2 pkts. for .25
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CASH STORE

Miss E. Holmes, who has been attending All Hallows school, Yale, passed througe Merritt, Tuesday, enroute home to spend a vacation with her parents at Coalmont.

Robert Stackhouse, employed by the Coalhill mine, broke his leg last week end while following his employment. A patient at the hospital, he is progressing favorably,

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.

The finest turkeys in the City are obtainable at the Nicola Valley Meat Market.

Section foreman H. S. Rowen, of the K. V. R. of Dot, with Mrs Rowen left recently on the Corsican for England where they will remain until the spring.

Ted Riley who left with a railroad construction party from Vancouver where he holds a position as timekeeper to a construction camp.

Nurse D. Quinville resumed her duties at the hospital this week after spending a vacation with friends at Quilchena, and at her home at Mamette Lake.

The ranchers had a turn at sitting around the table last Monday three meetings of interest to the ranchers coming off one after the other at the City Hall.

Mining Problems Freely Discussed

(Continued from Page One.)

The imposition of a duty on imported crude oil could only be done by the Minister's of Commerce in the Federal parliament after the Tariff Commission had investigated thoroughly the effect a tax would have on the many interests connected with commerce throughout the Dominion. When they remembered too how the C. P. R. had said that no duty on oil would prevent them from using the fuel oil, even if they had to close their own two coal mines, they could with him realize the obstacles they had to overcome in finding a solution.

The development of a bi-product industry in Merritt as elsewhere in B. C. was a questien which he was enquiring into, as to its practicability and possibilities. With the liberation of patents held by German in obtaining valuable bi-products from coal they now had an opportunity of doing something along those lines right here in Merritt. "I am advocating" said Mr. Lucas. that the Provincial Government send a ton of Nicola Valley coal to England for exhaustive and scientific tests as to its prductive qualities in bi-products. If it were found practicable he was favorable to urging Oovernment-In financial assistance to the erection of a bi-product plant here in Merritt.

Following an interjection by R. S. Brown, Mr. Lucas, said he corrected the statement that the Yale Liberals had not taken action with the Conservatives in urging the duty on oil. He accepted the statement that the nominating convention at Spences Bridge when Mr Waltsrs got the nomination strong resolutions were passed. He had been misinformed, he said, by one of the Coast papers.

He agreed with Mr. Brown that the question was one of life and death to Merritt and the miners who had homes and families here and urged that the mineowners join with the men in giving wide publicity to their needs.

Mr. Brown and others spoke to express their feelings that Sir Richard McBride had not given the matter of oil competition the attention he should, as minister of mines.

Mr. Lucas stated that Sir Richard had done considerable in pressing the importance of getting legislation helpful to the B. C. coal mines from the Federal Government, with regard to the deputation of those interested in the use of oil fuel industry he had but assented to send on their representations.

The possibilities of the establishment of a bi-produbt industry here was closely discussed one present intimating to obvious gratification of Mr Lucas that the New York Central Railway were exclusively using pulverised coal fuel.

To many present the development of markets for pulverized coal was one of great possibilities to the local mines, and Mr. Lucas pledged himself to bring this with other matters before the legislature at the next session.

Politics were at times introduced into the discussion which was free and frank.

Yale's member also said that with the facts and data at his command and from the new knowledge he had gained that night he would continue wholeheartedly and untiringly to help solve the difficulties confronting the mining industry in Merritt.

"This is not a political matter" he said it is too serious for that. It is one in which I am ready to co-operate with Mr Walters or for Mr. Walters to co-operate with me."

Mr. McBride, of Stump Lake was visiting in Kamloops this week.

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.

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Deputy Minister of the Interior

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Items of Mining Activities

Everything points to a big boom in mining in British Columbia next year. Old time friends in Spokane who never have failed investing are planning to extend their operations there, and they are interesting new capital for the contemplated campaign. Added to these will be the recruits from among the ranks of investors, and the combined forces are certain to bring about an unpreceeented revival of activity. War prices for metals, together with the depression in other lines that has resulted from the European conflict can not fail to stimulate the mining industry, which now offers better opportunities for investment than ever before.—Spokane Review.

No doubt the mineral belt adjacent to Merritt will receive much attention from mining men, from Spokane who have made millions out of Rossland and the Slocan mines.

J. J. Hayes, of Seattle, and R. J. McKiernan, of Voncouver, arrived in the City on Wednesday from the Coast and registered at the Adelphi. They later proceeded by automobile to Stump Lake to look over the copper mine there on which some thousands of dollars were spent some time ago.

Messrs Hayes and McKieunan were last at the Stump Lake claims in June, then having with them C. P. Riel, D. N. Dally, Lu J. Bradley, S. Gor and T. J. Donhoe, all of whom came from Seattle or Vancouver and are interested in mining development.

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