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Stockbreeders' Hold Representative Annual Meeting.---Fuel Oil Tax Proposed.---City Council Meet.---Apathy by some to Patriotic Fund

Proposed Grazing Regulations Debated by the Stockbreeders

Full Report of Adjourned Annual Meeting of Nicola Stockbreeders' Association.---Healthy Financial Condition.---Full List of Directors

Considerable business of importance to the stockraising industry in the Nicola Valley was transacted at the adjourned annual meeting of the Nicola Stockbreeders' Association, held in the Government building at Nicola on Wednesday afternoon under the chairmanship of the President Mr. Francis B. Ward. The directors for the year were elected, reports were received, showing the association to be in a healthy and thriving condition, both as regards work accomplished and finances, while the proposed regulations to govern grazing on public forest lands were fully discussed, amendments being suggested and changes made.

H. S. Cleasby, secretary-treasurer, in a brief and comprehensive report, read accounts showing that the receipts for the past fiscal year were $463.92, expenses $452.93, and that the balance to the credit of the Association a year ago, December 2nd, 1914, $246.65 had been increased to $257.64.

This showing was considered by the president and other members present to be highly satisfactory in view of the fact that several of their members were away fighting with the colors. The financial statement, which had been certified as correct by the auditors, J. W. Langley and A. N. B. Rogers, was adopted.

The fifteen directors to act during the present year were elected, J. Freeman of Stump Lake, E. J. Clark of Brookmere, and Del King of Kingville, being substituted for E. G. Walker, C. Winney and T. Heslop, who owing to removals and other reasons could not attend the meetings. The full list of directors for 1916, is—

F. B. Ward, president; R. L. Clark, Nicola: James Corbett, Princeton Road; W. Lauder, J. Guichon, Quilchena; L. P. Guichon, Quilchena; T. G. McBride, Stump Lake; E. J. Clark, Brookmere; L. Quinville, Mamette Lake; D. Dodding, Lower Nicola; J. W. Langley Canford; H. S. Cleasby (secretary,) Coutlee; J. H. Collett, Collettville; Del King, Kingsville; J. Freeman, Stump Lake.

Following are some important suggestions of amendments and changes in the clauses which have been proposed on authority of the Government for the prospective Grazing Regulations act, a copy of which is in the hands of members of the association.

To clause 2, which deals with the granting of permits for grazing on public forest lands, and exempting from license the small settlers with not more than ten head of cattle or 50 head of sheep and goats, was added "providing sheep and goats are not allowed on cattle ranges."

In Clause 3, which refers to the granting of permits for ten years, an amendment was proposed on the advocacy of J. W. Langley, that the word "under-estimating" should be inserted instead of "false statement" in the part respecting the cancellment of permits of those who give a wrong count of head they own or run.

In Clause 10 which calls for all who hold permits being required to repair all damage to roads, trails, and fences caused by the presence of their cattle on the range it was decided to recommend the deletion of the words 'roads and trails" and the word fences being altered to "legal fences."

On the advocacy of Mr. Dodding

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Half Cent Tax on Fuel Oil

Important Budget Proposal by Minister of Finance Sir Thomas White

A tax of one half cent per gallon or 20 cents per barrel on crude oil imported into Canada is proposed under the budget introduced by the Hon Thomas White Minister of Finance, and will likely be imposed.

The news has given much gratification in Merritt and Middlesboro both among the mine managers and miners. It is believed that the protection to be given the coal industry under this war measure will be of benefit to the mining industry of the Province as a whole.

If we are going to build up our own industries and encourage employment at home, it appears the natural thing is to do everything possible to encourage those industries. Fuel oil has injured this province. and if we have to raise money for war purposes, why not tax those things that directly compete with our principal industries and which give employment to Canadian workers.

The proposed tax of one half cent per gallon is but a fraction less than that strongly advocated by the boards of trade of the Province with the exception of Vancouver board. The proposal is one half cent, which is five tenths of a cent, while six-tenths was urged before.

On Monday the Council of the Vancouver Board of Trade spent several hours debating the recently announced war taxes. A resolution suggesting changes in the proposed 25 per cent tax on profits in ordinary trade was despatched to Sir Thomas White. Regarding the duty on fuel oil the Independent "Vancouvor World" states: "The question of the duty on fuel oil was discussed at length and objection taken to it by several members, but this was not included in the wire, as the tax also had its supporters."

To Publish List Patriotic Fund

Important Meeting of Executive. Secretary F. Nation Invited Here Again

The executive of the Nicola Valley Branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund at a meeting held at the City Hall on Friday afternoon unanimously decided to publish, monthly, in the local newspapers a list of all subscribers to the fund with an acknowledgement of the amounts received, and showing arrears.

The decision followed a close discussion on the best and most direct means of having money promised turned in more quickly. To facilititate this it was resolved that the secretary get forms printed. These would be available for all persons who wish to give authority to their banker to deduct the instalments of their subscription from their account as they become due monthly quarterly, or half yearly.

While no names were divulged some strong criticism was levelled at individual, in the community who, to the public knowledge, were in receipt of large salaries but were contributing insignificant amounts towards the upkeep of dependents of Nicola Valley soldiers who are fighting for their protection. One person only had refused to donate.

A member of the committee said when they found such cases they were led to believe that another visit by Mr. Nation the travelling secretary of the Canadian Patriotic Fund for B. C. would awaken tho people to the profound importance of greater self-sacrifice.

After discussion it was resolved to request Mr. Nation to visit the Valley when, as a member said "they should pack the Armory with men and women so full that he would be obliged to speak from the balcony."

It was decided to send the money collected to headquarters monthly.

In place of Mr. Harbord, and at the latters request, Mr. A. N. B. Rogers was elected chairman of the finance committee. Mr. Rogers reported that assisted by Mr. Armstrong, he had collected on his list in Merritt alone subscriptions amounting to over $3000, that he had only some fifteen to twenty five people to see, and he expected with every confidence that he could increase his total to between $4000 and $5000. The Inland Coal & Coke Co. employees had donated the sum of $678 which would mean a monthly receipt of $56. The Middlesboro mine list had not yet been received. Tributes to Mr. Rogers energy were accorded.

Secretary (Rev) G. H. Kinney reported that he had been asked by several miners whether foreigners who were earning $2.50 and $3.00 per day at the mines, and who had been given work owing to the scarcity of labor, in British subjects, many of whom had left to fight for the flag for $1.10 per day, were contributing adequately to the fund. It should be seen that they were.

The treasurer reported that to date some $5.778 had been promised. $286 had been contributed as cash donations. $857 altogether received. The announcement of the amount of money actually turned in on account of promises startled the committee and led to the decisions reported at the head of this article.

Ald. McGoran, chairman of the relief committee, reported on the work done by them, On his recommendation all local ministers were added to the committee. The committee will take up the matter of a proposed grant to an Indian woman, whose son is serving at the front. The suggestion emanated from Mr. A. E. Howse, who expressed the opinion that no color distinctions should be made in this Empire wide war and in the responsibilities of the citizens to the soldiers.

Present at the meeting were, President M. L. Grimmett, G. Lodwick, R. Whittaker, A. N. B. Rogers, A. E. Howse, V. H. Harbord, A. W. Strickland, G. B. Armstrong, A. McGoran, J. S. Morgan, Rev. G. H. Kinney, (Secretary.)

Mr. S. J. Hammond, of the Vancouver office of the Bank of Toronto, arrived in Merritt last night and today took up his new duties at the local branch of the bank. Mr. Hammond succeeds Mr. Robert Methven, accountant, who is leaving the City next week for the Eastern States.

Trade Licenses Discussed by City Council on Monday

Debate Postponed until Next Meeting by Acceptance of Notice of Motion.---Ash Piles will be Levelled.---Lighting at Bridge Street

A brief and uneventful session of the City Council was held on Monday night the question of amending the trades license bylaw and further discussion on the appointment of an independent assessor to assess civic land on an equitable basis occupying the larger portion of the hour spent at the Council table.

Regarding the appointment of an assessor. City Clerk Priest read a communication from the assessor at Kamloops regretting that he would not have the time or opportunity to make the local assessment and so could not give a figure, also replies from five large mortgage and trust firms in Vancouver who generally stated they had no official as assessor acquainted with municipal assessing qualified to act in the capacity required.

C. J. Loewen, of Lazy L Ranch, who stated that he had twenty five years experience of land appraising in England and Canada made a tentative offer to do the assessment and being willing to meet a Council committee in the matter. It was decided on the motion of Aldermen Ransom and Jackson, that the finance committee be authorised to take the matter up with Mr. Loewen.

The finance committee having reported that they had given full consideration to the request of C. J. Vanhear for a reduction of his license fee of $70 per year on his poolroom business, believing that a license fee of $5 per table was a reasonable figure, and not being being able to recommend a reduction as asked, Aldermen Jackson and Ransom moved that the report be accepted.

Ald. Grieg argued that the license bylaw was drafted five year ago when fees were enacted when business was good in every direction. "Must we today be governed by the legislation of our grandfathers," he asked, especially when a section of the municipal act gives the Council the privilege of fixing the fees on a sliding scale. It was to him not right that a merchant or merchants doing a turnover of say $50.000 a year should only pay a fee of $20 and a poolroom taking in $8 to $10 per day $70. He could not concur in the argument that a reduction of Mr. Vanhear's fee could be obtained by him only doing business on some of his tables as customers of a poolroom generally came in crowds when they did come at all. The land assessment had been reduced because of decreased values and to him it was logical that the licenses required adjusting. In Kamloops the trades licenses were lower than in Merritt although the former City has a much larger population for businesses to draw upon.

Ald. McGoran, chairman of the finance committee, said that while there was much truth in Ald. Grieg's argument it could not be denied that every business in the City had suffered compared with five years ago when times were good. If there was a reduction in one case there would have to be a reduction all round. The City could not do without the very necessary revenue contributed by licenses. The water system was not paying, the electric light department just about broke even. The City must be financed.

After further discussion on a proposal to appoint a committee and arbitrator to decide on the Vanhear application the matter closed with the acceptance of a notice of motion, by Ald. Grieg, that at the next meeting of the Council he would move for the amendment of the trades license bylaw, when the entire matter will be thrashed out.

The finance committee submitted a batch of accounts which were passed for payment when funds are available.

Ald. Ransom brought up the matter of the promised light improvement at Bridge Street, which had been before the old Council, and it was left for the City Engineer to attend to the matter. Mayor Jackson reported having had a load of ashes sent to the road in front of the Andrews property.

On the suggestion of Ald. Cranna, supported by Ald. Ransom the matter of levelling roads where ash piles had been placed during the winter, will receive attention, Ald. Ransom remarking on the desirability of such work in Voght Reserve district.

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Pte. G. Sinclair 4th Battalion, killed in Flanders
Pte. A. Dickson 72nd Seaforths, (in training) Vancouver

FOR QUALITY "MERCO" FOR SERVICE

To Hold Leap Year Dance at the Armory

In the Armory, on Tuesday next, February 29th, will be held a Leap Year Dance arranged under the auspices of the Patriotic Guild.

Good music will be provided, refreshments served, the dance will start at 9 o'clock, and the admission charge is $1 per couple, extra lady 25 cents.

Plenty of fun is assured for patrons of this dance as it will be in leap year style, the mere males being the weaker sex on this occasion.

The attendance will, we hope, be large. The members of the Patriotic Guild have done noble and consistent work for the sons of the Empire in the trenches. This week a shipment of 150 pairs of hand-knitted socks was despatched, and by the financial aid expected from the dance the energetic ladies hope to augment their funds to enable them to procure material to keep their nimble hands busy.

TAX THE FUEL OIL

In support of the imposition of a tax on imported crude oil, as proposed in the budget of the Hon. Minister of Finance, the Merritt, Middlesboro and District Conservative Association despatched a wire to Ottawa urging in the strongest terms that the duty be imposed in protection of the coal mining industry.

Without Notice Train Leaves Nicola Earlier

A slight change in the schedule of the Nicola-Merritt branch of the K. V. R. took effect on Tuesday when the train which hitherto left Merritt at 10.40 a.m. for Nicola left at 10.10 and returning left Nicola at 10.35 instead of 11.05. These times will be adhered to in future.

Complaints reached this office by phone on the day of the change that the alteration in the time of leaving at Nicola was done without the usual notice being published in convenience thereby being occasioned to residents in the despatch of their mails, the hope being expressed that in any future changes due notice will be given the public. The local post office authorities, it is understood, received no such intimation from their higher officials. As it happened no passengers missed the train.

Saturday's Bye-elections

Following its policy of always serving the public with the latest news the NICOLA VALLEY NEWS has made special arrangements to receive, immediately after the declarations are known, the results of the Vancouver and Rossland bye-elections. The results are expected by 9 o'clock and will be posted on the outside of Andrew Ewart's (The City Tailor) Store.

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TAX ON FUEL OIL

Announcement of the proposal of the Hon. Thomas White, Minister of Finance in the Federal House, to impose a duty of one half cent per gallon duty on crude oil imported into Canada has occasioned mild jubilation in Merritt whose very existence almost entirely depends on the output of coal fuel from the local mines. The proposal of the Borden Government came as a particularly bright ray of sunshine to those who happened during the past few days to read the startling statistics in the bulletin issued by the Provincial Department of Mines, showing that in 1915 the production of coal in B. C. was 264.000 tons less than that of the year before, the diminution being almost entirely due to the competition of Californian fuel oil.

The protection of the Coal Industry is a matter of "life and death" for us here. On the strength of the output of the mines in the past and in prospect very many thousands of dollars have been invested in this community. On the success of the coal mines depends the health or decay of all business here. Whether the tax, if imposed, will or will not be passed on to the consumer or tend to the greater use of coal burners instead of oil burners the fact remains that it will likely help to protect the coal markets from further injury.

The tax proposal was introduced as a war measure but we hope to see it a protective tariff continuing after the war. The money produced in B. C. is needed in B. C. and if the coal mining industry of British Columbia is to be worth anything at all we hope to see it protected under that great Imperial trade policy which the British Empire is instituting.

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THE PATRIOTIC FUND

The local executive of the Canadian Patriotic Fund has decided to invite Mr. F. Nation, Secretary for British Columbia, to visit Merritt and address a mass meeting of residents of the Valley on the urgent needs of the fund and the responsibilities of the public toward it. According to the lists already turned in many people who have been asked to "do their bit" are doing their bit too literally. Some people known to have substantial incomes are giving paltry amounts. They seemly do not realize that their contribution often means bread and butter to the dependents of those Nicola Valley soldiers who, standing with their backs to Calais and their faces to Berlin, are bearing great hardships and risking such agonies as "Crucifixion on a barn door," all for those very subscribers' comfort and safety.

Must the soldier at the periscope or writhing riddled with bullets in "No Man's Land," or that soldiers wife or mother at home with tear stained eyes bear additional anxieties as to whether she will receive the necassaries of life until her war scarred loved one returns? Those who have conscientious objections to the Fund and favor the Government looking after the soldiers' dependents, might with advantage remember Lloyd George's comment that "It is a case of act not argue when under shell fire."

Fell to Cupid and Surprised Friends

Miss Mary Dunnigan, for several years a resident of the city and of the staff of the Coldwater Hotel, occasioned quite a surprise for her friends on Sunday evening. At 8.30, at the Catholic Church, Miss Dunnigan was married to Mr. Andrew Goodall, of Princeton, and formerly of Merritt, the Rev. Father Wagner officiating at the ceremony. The happy bride is well known and very highly respected by all who know her.

Present as witnesses were Miss Halinan and Mr. J. Dunnigan. The happy couple will take up residence in Nanaimo.

C. L. Betterton was a passenger on Thursday morning's Coastbound train.

County Court Will Sit March 21st.

Owing to the severe weather and the difficulties of transportation felt by Judge Swanson in his travels as County Court judge His Honor was not able to get to Merritt on Tuesday this week as at first arranged.

Registrar J. S. Morgan received word to this effect last week and immediately posted notices calling the next session of the Yale County Court for Tuesday, March 21st next, at the Provincial Courthouse here.

Jack Chapman, Lower Nicola's merchant, was in the city last week end, coming up in his auto.

Birth—To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Riley, of Nicola, a daughter. Thursday, Feb. 24th.

MERRITT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice—Owing to the severe weather the time for receiving beginners in the Primary Class has been extended to Tuesday, February 29, 1916.

HARRY PRIEST, Secretary

Evening Meal was A Dainty One

"We were in the firing line in Flanders, a little group of us gathered around a charcoal brazier, preparing our evening meal, bully beef, carrots and potatoes while some of the boys were in the dugout making preparations for your parcel that arrived that day. Some of us suddenly heard from the trench outside what Shakespeare would call "Curses not loud but deep," writes a soldier of the Princess Patricias to a Nicola Valley lady who had sent a parcel of dainties to the firing line.

He continues, "Two snipers, pursuing their elephantine way had upset our brazier and appetising suppers.....It was a cold supper that we had that night but thanks to your gift it was a dainty one."

Mr. R. F. Larcombe Gets Rousing Send-off

R. F. Larcombe, of the Bank of Toronto staff, who recently signed for the Cariboo Rangers left on yesterday's morning train for Kamloops to join the camp.

Several banking and business friends of Mr. Larcombe were present at the depot and as the train pulled out three hearty cheers and a tigar were raised as a message of goodwill, good luck and Godspeed to him during his service with the colors in Canada and at the front.

CORRESPONDENCE

We welcome correspondence on public matters from our readers. By publishing correspondence it does not mean that we agree or disagree with the contents. In all cases the persons signature must accompany correspondence—not necessarily for publication. ED.

Mayor Jackson Ignores Challenge

To the Editor,
Nicola Valley News.

Sir,—His Worship Mayor Jackson has not seen fit to accept my invitation to repeat his charges on the public platform, nor has he thought it good policy to apologise. Really I did not expect an apology, but I thought he would be man enough to at least try to make good his position. Possibly however one week is not long enough for him to come to a decision, therefore, I have pleasure in extending the time to Thursday next, March 2nd. Failing his acceptance of the challenge, I will leave it to the citizens to place their own value on his utterances, and shall be free to make my own arrangements to place the facts before the people. Thanking you for the space.

Yours faithfully,
JOSEPH WALTERS

J. P. McConnell, in "J. P.'s Weekly," last week, poured forth voluminously his feelings respecting Yale Liberal Conventions and Mr. J. H. Collett of this Valley. J.P. can yap and then some, nobody cares about his yammering. Jack Collett is too well known here for people to hang on to what J. P. has to say respecting him.

Mr. W. Common, proprietor of the Rex Theatre, left for the Prairies on Tuesday's train for a short vacation. Lu Price is operating the machine during Mr. Common's absence.

No less than twenty new arrivals registered at the Coldwater Hotel on Tuesday.

"Ed" Tingley, road foreman, of Tulameen arrived in Merritt last night.

Miss Dodding has returned to Lower Nicola, much improved in health, after an extended vacation spent at the Coast.

Mrs. Tom Priest spent a few days in town this week visiting friends, being a passenger on Tuesday's train from Penticton.

Effect of Fuel Oil on Coal Mining

Need of Protection for Industry Clearly Demonstrated by Returns

"The competition of fuel-oil has been keenly felt, and the adoption of this fuel by the three transcontinental railways for use in British Columbia has removed a steady and growing market for coal."

This is a significant sentence in a bulletin dealing with mineral production in B. C. during 1915 and issued by the Provincial Department of Mines.

It is estimated that the gross production of coal in 1915 was 1,960,804 long tons, of which 414,140 tons was made into coke, leaving the net production at 1,546,664 tons. These figures show a decrease, as compared with 1914, of 205,624 tons gross and of 264,303 tons net. The quality of coke made was about 248,424 tons, which is an increase of about 13,837 tons as compared with 1914.

There was produced from,

	Tons
Vancouver Island	1,009,779
Nicola and Similkameen	101,060
Crowsnest District	849,965
Total coal mined	1,960,804
Less made into coke (calculated)	414,140
Net quantity produced	1,546,664

Nicola Valley Coalfields

In the Nicola District three companies produced coal in 1915,—viz., Middlesboro Colliery, Inland Coal & Coke Company, and the Pacific Coast Colliery Company—making a joint output of 114,556 tons in 1915.

The Middlesboro Colliery is estimated to have produced this past year 54,500 tons of coal, a decrease of only 6,505 tons.

The Inland Coal & Coke Company is credited with having mined 32,820 tons of coal, a decrease of 20,461 tons.

The Pacific Coast Colliery Company is developing its property, but managed to produce 1,065 tons, an increase of 505 tons over the previous year.

In the Similkameen section the only company credited with a coal production is the Princeton Coal & Land Company at Princeton, which, in 1915, mined 12,675 tons, a decrease from the previous year of 6,860 tons.

The Coalmont Colliery did not produce coal in 1915; this property has been taken over by a Vancouver syndicate and is still under development.

The coal-mining industry in the Nicola-Coldwater coalfields was not as prosperous in 1915 as during 1914. The reasons for this are attributable by the colliery managers chiefly to the fuel oil on locomotives, as the bulk of the demand for the coal in this field was, in the past, for firing locomotives. The depressed conditions have been taken advantage of by the managements of the Middlesboro' Collieries and the Inland Coal & Coke Company to open new mines in virgin ground, in order to be in readiness to take advantage of any market offering.

"Lucky Todd" Copper Claims to be Worked

It is stated that "Lucky Todd" the old Tulameen prospector and Jack McKay have interested friends in the copper group of seventeen claims at Greenhorn Mountain, four miles from J. G. Thynne's ranch at Otter Valley located by them last year, and upon which has been done the usual preliminary work.

F. E. Stokes, of the Summitt, is to manage a company which will put in further developments.

Assays taken only from surface rock have proved very satisfactory, it is claimed, and there is a downhill grade of three miles to the K. V. R. railroad.

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SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS.

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

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

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub divisions 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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Bank of Toronto President is Dead

Duncan Coulson, president of the Bank of Toronto, died on Saturday last at Toronto. Aged over 80 years deceased was one of the foremost banking men in the Dominion and a man of high business attainments. His passing has occasioned widespread regret throughout the many branches of the bank, and particularly in leading financial spheres.

Entering the employ of the bank in 1855 his promotion was rapid. In 1877 he was appointed general manager and in 1911 was elected president. The deceased gentleman had been in failing health for a year prior to his death.

Copper Output During 1915

Important Statistics Contained in Government Publication Just to Hand

Of great interest to those engaged in copper minning in B.C. is the bulletin just issued by W. Fleet Robertson, Provincial Mineralogist to the Provincial Government, and dealing with mineral production during the past year, 1915.

In view of the developments taking place in Nicola Valley copper bearing arrears, particularly at Aberdeen Mine, some facts and figures given in the bulletin make interesting reading. "The Mining and Scientific Press, an authoritative journal, states the bulletin," gives some conception of the enormous expenditure of metals for artillery purposes in modern warfare, No less than 4.500.000 shells were used by a section of the French army in Champagne during a four days bombardment along a twenty-mile front.

The editor, T. A. Rickark, calculates that these shells contained about 18,000,000 lb. of copper 30,000,000 lb. of lead, and 8,000,000 lb. of zinc. To apply these quantities to the total output of British Columbia made during the year 1914, it will be seen that the year's output of copper would have lasted that small section of the French Army about ten days, the lead-output for seven days, and the zinc output for slightly less than four days."

In 1915 the value of the copper output in B. C. was practically 50 per cent of that of the gross metalliferous production of the Province.

The amount of copper estimated to have been produced during the year 1915 is the largest in the history of copper-mining in the Province, amounting as it does to 57,905,488 lb. worth $10,006,068; the highest previous production, made in 1912, was 51,456,537 lb., valued at $8,408,513.

Copper-mining is now the most important form of mining in the Province, and this year it practically equalled in value the entire total value of the other lode minerals produced, and exceeded, considerably, the value of the coal and coke production. It forms 49.7 per cent. of the total value of metalliferous mines and 34 per cent. of the total mineral production.

The only production from metalliferous mines in Nicola Division were two sample shipments from the Copper King group, on Ten-mile or Guichon creek, and a shipment of high-grade ore from the Copper Star mineral claim, situated at the extreme north end of the Aspen Grove camp. Aside from the work at these two localities, there has been but very little activity in metalliferous mining in the Nicola Division.

No work was done on the gypsum-deposits near Merritt.

During the past two seasons the Guggenhelm interests have been investigating the possibilities of dredging for gold in Cariboo, and the results are not encouraging. The scheme, will, therefore, be dropped. Several areas of payable ground were proved, but these are too limited to warrant the heavy expense of installing a dredge.

There are some promising copper properties in the Nicola district. Seattle capital has become interested in the district and has acquired the Aberdeen and Hunter properties, from which it is proposed to ship ore, to Tacoma smelter.—B. C. Mining Record.

PETROGRAD.

The New Name Is Simply a Return to the Original One.

The city heretofore known as St. Petersburg is in future to be called Petrograd. This apparent innovation is in reality a return to the name which Peter the Great's second capital had borne from the beginning. All the old books published in that city during the latter part of Peter's reign and those of his immediate successors bear the word Petrograd on the title pages. "Grad" and "gorod" are two forms of the same word, which means "city" or "town." Etymologically it signifies an inclosed space and belongs to the same root as the English word "garden." It occurs in hundreds of Slavic geographical names—as, for instance, in Novgorod, "new town;" Ivangorod, Elizabetgrad, Euxinograd. Constantinople itself is often called in Russian the "emperor's city"—Czaregrad.

During the reigns of the Empresses Catherine and Elizabeth the mania for adopting foreign names was rife in Russia, and on many places known in old Russian history German names were bestowed, most of which remain to this day.

After the treaty of Berlin, when Count Ignatiev, who had been Russia's ambassador in Constantinople became at first minister of the interior and then president of the Slavonic society, he, Katkuroy, and a number of other Slavophiles started a movement in favor of altering those German names to their Russian equivalents or to the original Slav appellations, wherever there were any such. In time, no doubt, Peterhof, Oranienbaum, Yekaterinburg, Orenburg and a host of other places will also be rechristened and Count Ignatiev's proposal will be fully carried out.—Dr. E. J. Dillon in Manchester Guardian.

HOW THE SUGAR GOES.

Pathetic Wail of a New York Restaurant Proprietor.

"I love my patrons," said a well known restaurant proprietor, "but friendship and platonic affection cease when they begin to take all the sugar I have. The other day I took an inventory of the stock of this establishment, and I found that my patrons were using fifteen and eighteen lumps of sugar to every cup of coffee or tea that was consumed. I knew that could not be true, and I put a watch on my help, thinking that some one was stealing the sugar. I saw none of my help go near the barrel, while the sugar continued to go at the same rate.

"So I watched my customers. Many of them never used sugar in their coffee or tea before this war, and now they dig into the bowl and take out a large handful of the lumps. Do you think they put any of it into their coffee or tea? No; they put the lumps into their pockets and take them home.

"The war and the high cost of living are responsible. People taking their lunches downtown feel that they cannot afford to buy sugar for the family, so they let the restaurant man furnish it. What am I going to do? If I catch them and tell them to put it back they do not come here for their lunches any more, and if I let them keep on taking it I will be broke soon."—New York Telegraph.

Just Wanted a Peep.

Representative Ashbrook of Ohio has a mania for collecting rare coins. He maintains an index showing the location of practically every rare coin in the country and full information concerning it, a good deal as the Bertillon records of criminals are kept by the police. Ashbrook remarked one day that he wished congress would adjourn so that he could go to a point in Tennessee.

"There's a man there with an 1804 dollar," he explained.

"Couldn't you buy it by mail?" he was asked.

"I don't want to buy it," said Ashbrook. "I've got one. I just want to look at it."—New York Sun.

Pumpkin Pie.

"Should a pumpkin pie be more than an inch thick?" demands the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Well, well! And in this particularly Providence blessed corner of the earth we never speak of "thickness" in connection with the joy producing padding of a pumpkin pie. Up here it is referred to as "depth," the preference being given to the kind that is too deep to be sounded and too luscious to be fathomed.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Radium at the Big Exposition.

The United States bureau of mines is planning a comprehensive exhibit at the Panama exposition in San Francisco. Visitors, after exploring a mine, will regain the surface through a radium booth, in which actual radium emanations will be shown. An officer of the bureau will give his whole attention to visitors.

Slavs in Austria.

Among its peoples Austria numbers about 20,000,000 of Slavic blood, own brothers of the Serb. But Austria's Slavs are separated from the Servians by an alphabet. Their language is practically the same, but the Austrian Slavs use the Latin alphabet, like our English print, while the Servians use the Russian characters.

A Curious Coincidence.

The "oak of peace" at Jena, Prussia, which was planted in 1816 in commemoration of the downfall of Napoleon, was by a strange coincidence struck by lightning and burnt to the ground almost at the moment of the reception at Belgrade of the Austrian declaration of war.

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Continual progress is being shown at the Aberdeen Copper claims. Shipments to the smelters are regularly despatched. This week a new road camp outfit has been purchased, improvements to the road leading from the mine being necessary for quicker and more economical transportation.

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The Rev. Fr. Wagner was in the city last week end and conducted masses at the Catholic Church.

Protection for B. C. industries figured largely in the Dominion Budget with taxes on foreign oil and apples.

The Rev. J. Hyde at the Presbyterian Church will continue his discourse on "The Virtues of Prohibition in Canada," on Sunday evening next.

Members of the choir which is rehearsing the oratorio "The Crucifixion" are requested to note that the rehearsal next Sunday will be held at the Presbyterian Church at 4 oclock, and not at the Methodist Church, as at first arranged.

J. G. Warren, Worshipful Master of the Loyal Orange Lodge, 1701, (Merritt Lodge) was elected a grand pursuivant at the annual session of the Provincial Grand Black Chapter, the Royal Black Knights of Ireland, held at Nanaimo on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Little Lorrie Howes, daughter of Sergt. A. S. Howes of the No. 2 Tunneling Co., Canadian Engineers, now at Bramshott, Hants., England, has received a letter from "Your soldier man who is fighting for you," acknowledging a Christmas gift of tobacco sent by the local Patriotic Guild. The sender is S. A. Argons, of the 42nd Battalion, C. E. F.

Proposed Grazing Regulations Discussed by Stockbreeders'

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clause 11 dealing with range fires was discussed. It was resolved that recommendations be submitted that payment be made for aid rendered in extinguishing fires on the range started by parties other than those running cattle on such ranges.

A letter from Mr. J. Corbett, Princeton road, was fully considered. He suggested that the range fee of 10 cents per head for cattle was high for a short season. Clause 7 dealing with fees was discussed at length. Regarding the phrase stipulating the fees as 10 cents per head for cattle and 2 cents per head for sheep and goats "which may be varied by the Minister of Lands" it was resolved to suggest that "not more than" the fees enumerated be charged.

The meeting unanimously decided to advise the Interior Stockbreeders Association to communicate to the Livestock Commissioner that "Bulls should not be turned at large until July 1st in that portion of Yale Provincial Riding (as per the Redistribution Act 1915) lying south of the railway belt.

By a resolution moved by D. Dodding and J. Freeman, and unanimously carried it was decided to advise the Interior Stockbreeders' Association that the local association was in favor of joining the Western Canada Livestock Union.

President Ward said the Union had in its membership the leading cattle men of the four Western Provinces and by its great influence hoped to advance the best interest of the livestock industry, one of the special aims being to stimulate the idea of getting small farmers to go in for mixed farming, this being felt to be necessary to the stability of agriculture and the best interests of the country.

On the motion of J. Freeman and J. Guichon it was resolved that an attendance of seven members instead of ten, as in section 10 of the constitution, should constitute a quorum at the annual meeting. The President remarked that they had found it difficult owing to the hard weather to get an annual meeting owing to the absence of members occasioned by transportation difficulties in December.

At the close of the business and before the members dispersed L. P. Guichon moved and D. Dodding seconded a hearty and sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Ward for the able and business like way in which he had presided over the meeting.

J. H. Collett moved and L. P. Guichon seconded a resolution of thanks to Secretary Cleasby for his valuable services during the year. "Mr. Cleasby has done nobly" said President Ward in according the vote, to which Mr. Cleasby replied that the more he did for the association as its secretary the greater he, as a stockman benefitted with the other members of the industry.

Present at the meeting were: President F. B. Ward, Secretary H. S. Cleasby, J. Guichon, L. P. Guichon, D. Dodding, R. L. Clark, R. Whittaker, J. W. Langley, J. H. Collett, J. Freeman, Del King, James Smith, E. J. Clark and J. Bulman.

Increased Freight Service on K.V.R.

On Monday last the Kettle Valley Railway inaugurated an improved freight service between Merritt and Penticton, when a new daily freight train was put on, this being in addition to the tri-weekly mixed trains and the tri-weekly freights.

The addition to the service has become necessary owing to the large increase of freight passing over the line and assured with the opening up of the spring and summer business. With the opening of the K. V. R. road an interchange of business immediately developed between buyers and consumers in the Nicola Valley and Okanagan points, fruit and other produce being delivered here by a direct route for the first time while Nicola Valley coal and other products were provided with facilities for entering new and growing markets throughout the Okanagan and Boundary country.

The addition of a train speaks for itself and the optimism of the K. V. R. management.

The proceeds of the dance at the Armory next Tuesday are for patriotic purposes. All who can should go and thus encourage the ladies of the Patriotic Guild in their labors.

Ambulance Class Starts on Sunday

So far ten persons have signified their willingness to take up a course of first aid instruction under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association, and Dr. G. H. Tutill having kindly consented to give the lectures and demonstrations, these will be resumed on Sunday evening next in the Council Chamber at the City Hall at six o'clock sharp.

A cordial invitation is extended to any new members to join the association and take up the interesting and useful course.

Members who obtained certificates following the last course are at liberty to take the course about to commence but they will not be able to sit for the next examination, as two certificates cannot be given without an interval of one year elapsing.

Prospective members are invited to see W. Welfare, president, or secretary Geo. Maxwell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Langley and family, of Canford, spent last week end in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. B. Rogers.

Game Warden G. Lodwick and Prov. Constable Farr, of Nicola, were visitors to the city on Saturday.

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Asparagus		per tin .33
Crisco		per tin .33
Molasses,	2-lb. tins,	per tin .13
Vinegar,	Malt or White Wine	per bot. .20
McLarens Cheese		per jar .33
Corn Flakes		3 pkts. for .25
Custard Powder		2 pkts. for .25
Corn Meal		10-lb. sack, each .50
Quaker Oats,		per pkt. .30
Cocoa		half-lb. tins .20
Finest Creamery Butter		per lb. .40
Ginger Snaps,		per lb. .10
Cheese,	Finest Canadian	per lb. .28
Men's Boots, strong and neat Footwear		per pr. 4.00
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The Newsy Pars

Mines Inspector R. Strachan left on Monday on a visit to the Similkameen.

The Provincial Police of B. C. are giving one day's pay each month to the Canadian Patriotic fund.

J. H. Greenwood, of Coquihalla and Tom Hall, of Victoria, were among the registrations at the Adelphi Hotel on Tuesday.

The "beat-all-weather" and dreaded 19th has come and gone, and the weather prophets have another "think" coming.

Mrs. C. Tyner, of Lower Nicola arrived in Kamloops last week to join her husband, Capt. Tyner, of the 172nd Battalion.

Members of the Anglican Church choir and their friends will hold a whist drive at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Langstaff this evening.

Mr. George Devonshire, who left here a few months ago is expected back in Merritt about the week end, having spent a holiday in the Old Country.

Owing to the severe weather the time for receiving beginners in the Primary Class at the Public Schools has been extended to next Tuesday, the 29th inst.

Malcolm Matheson and J. A. Miller, among the latest local recruits for overseas service, left on Tuesday morning for Kamloops to be attested on the strength of the Cariboo Rangers.

The Forward Adult Bible Class of the Methodist Church meets every Sunday afternoon at 2.30. The service is made brief, bright and breezy. Subject next Sunday "Abide." Bro. Frank Bond will lead the subject.

Mr. John Dodding of Lower Nicola, will be the principal speaker at next Monday's Epworth League meeting. The interesting subject "The Press and Nation Building," will be the topic for discussion.

News has been received that Private Andrew Bone of Middlesboro, who is with the Fifth Battalion in France has been wounded. His injuries are not serious and he is officially reported still able to be on duty.

Automobiles and wheels are replacing the runners. No one laments the change. The winter has been a severe one. J. A. Menzies, the merchant, was the first autoist seen on the streets since the loosening up of the weather. Naturally Murdock McIntyre was one of the first to be slicing and chopping the air and cutting through the slush and mud like a torpedo.

Two Survivors Sit Side by Side

An unique feature of the attendance of members at the adjourned annual meeting of the Nicola Stockbreeders Association held at Nicola on Wednesday was that in the small company of fourteen ranchers present were two survivors of world famous maritime disasters. Alongside of Mr. J. W. Langley, the Canford rancher who escaped thru a porthole of the ill-fated Empress of Irland in the Gulf of St. Lawrence on May 19, 1914, was Mr. J. Freeman, ranch manager of Stump Lake, who with his wife and children was plunged into the deep waters off south-west coast of Ireland on May 7, 1915, all being survivors of the Lusitania.

Apropos of this coincidence an item we cull from the "Liverpool Weekly Mercury" of February 5 last, is of interest. It refers to one Charles Dunn, a seaman, who was brought before the magistrate on a charge of having failed to join an Admiralty transport ship.

The paragraph continues, Seamen regard Dunn as a Jonah. He served on the Titanic and Empress of Ireland which foundered, and the Lusitania and Florizan which were torpedoed.

The magistrate naively said "as it is hard to keep such a man down he should be given a chance." The charge against him was dismissed.

Mr. A. T. Hall, of Haney, will succeed Mr. E. B. Ruddick at the local branch of the Bank of Montreal.

Miss Brown, who has been spending a vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brown, left on Thursday's train for her home in New Westminster.

Trooper R. Moodie, of the 102 nd R. M. R's and who has been spending leave of absence in Merritt, left on the K.V.R. train yesterday for Kamloops to rejoin camp.

Mr. Berks, "drummer" and organist, who has been renewing acquaintances with his business friends in the Valley was on Thursday's train bound for main line points.

Miss Jamieson, of the staff at Armstrong's store, left yesterday for her home in Burnaby, having resigned her position at short notice on receiving news from home of the serious ill health of her father with whom she will reside.

With the closing of the rink owing to the welcome rising of the temperature, and the weather improving generally, the Rex Theatre is receiving bigger patronage. The attendance last Saturday was the largest for many weeks past.