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Canford Mill To Run Day and Night.---Teachers and Patriotic Fund. C.P.R. Officials Announcement re Hope Cut Off.---Council Meeting

Canford Auxiliary of Red Cross Gave Splendid Entertainment

People Respond Excellently to Aid Effort for Patriotic Purposes.--- Hospitality at the Mill.---Many Visitors from Merritt

"God Bless our King and Queen" on a banner the width of the room, the all inspiring and thrilling flags of the British Empire effectively set about the walls, the all significant Red Cross standing out prominently above the platform, with energetic lady helpers dressed in snow white linen dresses and caps busily attending to details of the evening's entertainment, all in a room, on the small side but with the audience occupying every inch of seating room, this was the scene presented to a visitor to the patriotic entertainment arranged by Mrs. H.C. Meeker, and other ladies of Canford and held at the mill on Saturday evening.

As a result of the effort some \$25.00 was realized for the use of the Red Cross Society, several Canford ladies having informally organized themselves as a district auxiliary of the Merritt Branch.

Among those present from Merritt to lend their aid to this, the first effort of its kind organized in Canford, were Mrs. J. P. Boyd, secretary of the local branch, and Mr. Boyd, Mrs. W. R. Langstaff, Miss Irene McGoran, Miss Z. Hawe, Mrs. Nunnerley, Mrs. Freeman, J. B. Upston, and E. B. Mayon.

The proceedings opened with a very enjoyable and versatile concert. In view of the St. Patrick's Day season, Irish numbers were in favor. Following the concert a most appetizing and dainty supper was served informally by the ladies headed by Mrs. Meeker. Then came a very enjoyable dance, the music being ably contributed by Miss Irene McGoran and Mrs. W. R. Langstaff. Mr. H. C. Meeker, acting the role of Master of Ceremonies.

During the evening Mrs. Meeker gave an interesting summary of objects

and accomplishments of the Red Cross Society during the war, told how quite a helpful quantity of articles had been made up and sent in by the Canford ladies as well as a cash donation. She mentioned that there were now 484 branches of the Society in Canada, and very many auxiliaries like theirs at Canford.

The visitors from outside points were most hospitably received, cheers being given for them at the close, these being followed by three more lusty ones for Mr. and Mrs. Meeker, and the ladies and others who had done so much to make the entertainment so strikingly successful.

The program was as follows:

Opening with a vigorous rendering by all of "Tipperary," Cissie Rhodes next contributed cleverly a recitation entitled "The Pride of Battery B." Following a particularly interesting reading by Miss Foy, Miss Irene McGoran and Mrs. W. R. Langstaff rendered a vivacious selection of Irish Airs as a piano and violin duet. Percy Boyd was in strong demand for his fine baritone numbers, while Mr. Ransome betrayed a splendid memory in his recitation of a character poem. Miss Hawe was a popular artist for her humorous recitations. "An Irish Philosopher," a recitation by Mr. Freeman compelled much laughter, but not as much as the songs, antics and quips of "McKenna and Munro," as Pat and Mike, two extravagantly attired characters. Local hits were made galore, mill office officials, the mill managers car, and a servant serving to provide pegs on which to hang jokes, which in their telling made the room rock with laughter. The concert concluded with interesting tableaux on Red Cross work.

Grant Hall and Opening of New Hope Short-cut

Extending his tour to the Coast after conducting an inspection of the lines in the Kootenay and a trip over the Kettle Valley Railway, Grant Hall, vice-president and general manager of C. P. R. lines in Western Canada, arrived in Vancouver the early part of this week.

Intimation was given by Mr. Hall that arrangements are being made for inaugurating daily passenger service between Vancouver and Nelson over the Kettle Valley route around by Hope and over the Coquahalla mountains when the summer time tables are put into effect. The company intends to commence its augmented service on the first Sunday in June.

The operation of trains via the new railway will furnish a short route between the coast and the Similkameen, Okanagan, Boundary and Kootenay districts. The trains will leave Vancouver in the evening and arrive at Nelson the following evening; departing from Vancouver in the morning and getting to Nelson the following morning. At present it takes practically two days to make the trip via Arrowhead, Nakusp and the Arrowhead and Slokan Lakes to Nelson.

Few Questions of Importance Tabled for Discussion at Last Monday's City Council Meeting

The City Council met in regular bi-monthly session on Monday night.

City Clerk and Collector Priest having reported that if it was decided later to hold a tax sale for delinquent taxes this year notices of delinquency should be

Tipperary Tea a Novelty and Very Successful

Some \$20.00 was netted for the Presbyterian Church funds as a result of the very successful "Tipperary" tea served under the auspices of Mrs. Roy Thomas and young ladies connected with the church, at the Walters' Block on Saturday afternoon and evening. Surrounded with Shamrocks and emblems as green as the grass of Old Ireland the room was, too, attractively laid out, several young ladies energetically waiting upon the large number of the public who patronized the endeavor. So busy were they at times they had to "keep a move on" handing out the cookies and tea.

Capt. Nash Slightly Wounded

While engaged with his men in loading a wagon at a place seven miles behind the firing line in France Captain Jack Nash, of Nicola, who holds high rank as an expert signaller, was wounded in the hand by fragments of an exploding shell which killed three or four men in the party. Following his injury he was granted five days leave of absence which was spent in England.

Talented Artistes Contribute to Success of Comedy at the Rex

Nearly \$90.00 Netted as Result of Successful Effort by Ladies Altar Society. Theatre Packed to the Doors.

Under the auspices of the local Catholic Ladies Altar Society, a pleasing entertainment was presented by local amateur talent at the Rex Theatre on St. Patrick's Day.

Nearly \$90.00 was netted from the concert, after all expenses had been paid.

The theatre was packed from end to end by an appreciative audience, which appeared to thoroughly enjoy the play, which was the largest of its kind so far attempted by local amateurs. "Just for Fun" is an up to date comedy play, in three acts by Eleanor Maude Crane, the scene being laid in a New York drawing room and the time the present.

The dramatis personae follows: Mrs. Fitzgerald Mandeville de Smythe, A would-be Society leader. Miss Bertha McGoran.

Miss Edith Morton, her niece, A Western Heiress. Miss Zella Hawe.

Miss Mabel West, a friend of Miss Morton, Mrs. G. M. Gemmill.

Jane McCary, an Irish Servant, Miss Mary Bresnick.

Lord Chelsea, An English Nobleman, L. E. Morrissey.

Jack Earl, His friend, A happy-go-lucky fellow, E. R. Williams.

The opening of the scene depicts Mrs. Mandeville de Smythe opening letters and contemplating the success of her "At Home," at which she will have the pride of presenting her heiress niece to Lord Chelsea, Miss Morton and her friend Miss West arrive, when the latter is welcomed as the heiress by Mrs. de Smythe, who refuses to listen to explanations of the mistake. Left together, Miss Morton and her friend agree to the misunderstanding and change places. Lord Chelsea and his friend, Jack Earl, arriving before they are expected, also agree upon a similar course, and in the assumed characters they are duly presented.

In the second act by the observance of the Irish maid servant, the deception is detected and Mrs. de Smythe hears the revelation.

The third act straightens matters out, the real Lord Chelsea and Miss Morton having in the meantime fallen head over ears in love.

Under the able direction and stage management of Miss Zella Hawe, the play was excellently presented. Each of the performers showed much skill in their respective parts.

Miss McGoran, as the ambitious society lady, carried her part in good style, while Miss Bresnick, as the Irish maid servant, was in her element, though perhaps her "brogue" was a little extravagant. Miss Hawe, in her difficult part left little to be desired, while Mrs. Gemmill also played well. The male members of the company sustained their parts from start to finish, Mr. Morrissey showing himself a devoted lover, while Mr. Williams added to his laurels by his happy-go-lucky manner.

The costumes were very gorgeous, especially in the third act, when Miss Morton, Miss West, Lord Chelsea and Jack Earl appeared attired as for a masquerade ball.

The company are to be congratulated on the success of their undertaking, their performance showing that much time and trouble must have been taken up in rehearsals.

The play, extending well over two hours, might have been expected to drag at times, but this did not occur, there scarcely being a dull moment from the curtain rising to the close.

In the intervals between the acts, selections of bright music were rendered by Mrs. Langstaff and Miss Irene McGoran on the violin and piano, and were much appreciated by the audience.

Double Shifts to Be Worked at Canford Mills

The Canford mills of the Nicola Valley Pine Lumber Co., have an extraordinary successful season in prospect an abundance of orders of large dimensions being in hand and assured. These will tax the capacity of the mill to such an extent that a night shift will be put on almost immediately. Mr. Meeker expects the mill will be kept running day and night during the next six months arrangements having been made to cut twenty million feet.

With the activity at the mill will follow briskness in the logging camps in the district which furnish the pine.

Hugh Leitch, the local contractor has received orders to build immediately seven detached bunk houses for the extra labor to be employed.

The Japs at Canford mill had a great celebration in the form of a gorgeous supper and sing song on Saturday evening, neither money nor edibles nor lung power being spared by them in giving vent to their regard for their chief T. Soga, the number one Jap, who was about to leave for a two months trip to Japan. Food of every imaginable and unimaginable description was artistically laid out on two long tables in the mill boarding house. And while the majority were eating some half dozen in a line kicked their feet and clapped their hands and stretched their throats with the liveliness and gaiety of the life of the land of the Midnight Sun. T. Soga is a very "white" Jap, well known to business men in Merritt.

An attendance smaller than usual was noticeable at the Red Cross Society meeting held yesterday afternoon, the wintry weather doubtless having something to do with it. The members nevertheless are still keeping busy and at next Thursday's meeting a further consignment of articles for the front will be packed ready for shipment. As an advance in the price of wool is expected at the beginning of next month a quantity is to be ordered forthwith.

Teachers Donate One Days Pay Each Month

The school teachers at the public schools have offered, it is said, to donate one day's pay per month for patriotic purposes. The total monthly salary bill of the local staff of eight teachers is \$615.00. The monthly contribution is expected to approximate \$20.00. At a meeting of the teachers and school trustees held yesterday, Secretary Rev. G. H. Kinney of the Nicola Valley branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund addressed the meeting and it is practically certain that this fund will benefit by the teachers' self sacrifice.

After a conference with the school board the local teachers decided yesterday to take up the school garden scheme. A start will be made with the plots very shortly.

Many Slides and Washouts Receiving Prompt Attention

The inconveniences given the public by washouts and mudslides on the roads around Merritt and Lower Nicola and Canford districts during the past few weeks have been considerably minimized by the energetic action of Road Foreman Jack Rhodes. At the beginning of last week there was a big mud slide on the Sunshine Valley road at Canford, many tons of dirt blocking the road and bringing down a portion of the telephone wire connecting the main line with the mill.

After prompt repairs had been effected the road was again quickly passable to users of the road. Washouts on the Indian Reserve at Chulus have been fixed up, while Foreman Dundas got his gang busy fixing up a washout on the road near the Hunter place at Nicola.

Thursday April 6, is the date, the K.P. hall the venue, and a good sociable time the object of the Basket Social now being arranged by the Pythian Risters. A whist drive, of fifteen games, will be a feature of the program.

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CARING FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS

Still nothing has been done locally to form a committee to receive, advise, assist, find employment for, or otherwise help any Nicola Valley soldiers who may at any time return home from the front. The need of having some officially elected and fully responsible association established on working lines to receive returned heroes and by systematic arrangements ready to assist them in again taking up places in civilian life was clearly emphasized when the first Nicola Valley soldier arrived in Merritt. Must it be left to generous and patriotically minded hotel proprietors and individuals who chance to see a returned soldier in need of a friend to advise him, or shall we, as a community get into line with the hundreds of other places throughout Canada and prepare to carry out a home duty with thoroughness fitting the need? Ex-Mayor Walters some time ago called a meeting of citizens to take up the matter but nothing definite was done.

SNIPERS' RIFLES IN ACTION

It is good news for the residents of the Valley to read that the four snipers rifles sent by them to the front have more than fulfilled the highest expectations. In cold words the rifles have done a small but important part in killing German soldiers and so possibly saving hundreds of Canadian soldiers from death at the hands of silent snipers. Lieut.-Colonel Matthews, D.S.O. informs us that there are many "notches" on those snipers rifles, each mark signifying a dead German. Varnished words are not used in war time, and those who "notched" their names to the Commemoration Day subscription lists should get considerable satisfaction out of Lieut.-Colonel Matthew's interesting communication.

Although they were acting "Just for Fun" those who took part in the comedy at the Rex on Friday had the satisfaction of seeing the citizens pay over a hundred dollars to see how they did it!

Few Questions of Importance at City Council Meeting

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ion until July 15. The drafting was not completed. Solicitor Grimmett reported that the Alderman's view giving the definition of a pool table as expressed at last meeting was right.

Tenders for city advertising for the ensuing year were received from both local printing offices the prices being five cents per line per insertion by the Nicola Valley News and one cent per line by the Herald. After due consideration and discussion it was decided that the matter be deferred until the next meeting, the "Herald", in the meantime, to be requested to put in a straight tender, that is without proviso.

When the tenders were read, Ald. Cranna moved that the Council only consider the tender of the "News", as the other contained a proviso, and was not a tender at all.

Ald. Greig objected to the proviso too, favoring a man being paid in accordance with the work he does. 1 cent a line was a price that could not pay the tenderer. If a man will work for me for two bits a day I don't want him, he said.

Ald. McGoran said they could not question why very low prices were put in, they had to make the best terms for the public.

Ald. Ransom, I move the tender of the Herald be accepted. Ald. McGoran seconded.

In reply to Ald. Cranna, Solicitor Grimmett said they could only accept the "Herald" offer excepting the proviso. A tenderer had the right to include an explanation that if there was only one newspaper printed in the district that paper would get the city advertising without tender, in accordance with the requirements of the act.

A voice: (in a tone that none could fail to understand), "Yes, and that would apply if the 'Herald' went out of business."

Aldermen Ransom and McGoran moved that the Merritt Herald tender be accepted, subject to taking out the proviso.

Ald. Greig and Cranna moved that the tender of the Nicola Valley News be accepted, as the other tender was not as asked for, the "News" tender being the only legitimate one received.

Eventually agreement was reached by the unanimous passing of a resolution, in the names of Aldermen Ransom and Cranna that the Clerk call for new tenders for the city advertising, without any proviso.

Ald. Cranna: It is hard on the one that already has a straight tender in.

The tender turned down, carefully composed in measured legal phraseology, was as follows,—

In reply to the call of your city clerk for tenders for the city advertising for the year ending February 15, 1917, we will agree to do such advertising during that period for one cent a line, providing the Herald has an opposition in the city during that entire period. In making this proviso we might state that some two years ago the city allowed an opposition to tender for city advertising, who had not been established for six months prior to the tenders being awarded, therefore, if the city does not respect the rights of an established paper it is no more than just that that paper protect itself by a proviso.

A well attended and most enjoyable Basket Social was given under the auspices of the young ladies of the Methodist Church on Wednesday night. All spent a good time with music and games and a substantial sum was raised for the church funds.

Lieut.-Colonel Matthews Testifies To Value of Snipers' Rifles

An interesting letter received by Mr. A. W. Strickland from Lieut.-Col. H.H. Mathews D.S.O. of Nicola, who now enjoys the high command of the 8th Canadian Infantry Battalion (90th Rifles) is published below. It refers to the gift by the residents of the Nicola Valley of four snipers rifles purchased by money from the August 4, commemoration Day Fund, and entrusted to Lieut.-Colonel Mathews.

It will be recollected that this means of using money donated to the Commemoration Day Fund was firmly advocated by Mr. A. E. Howse who favored the purchase of snipers rifles for the reason that they could be immediately procured while machine guns could not be the time, and could be sent right into the firing line without delay for the most immediate and effective use necessary to the cause of the Canadian Army. Further, the rifles were bought, tested as regards sights and general proficiency by an expert in Vancouver, free of cost, and were forwarded to Lieut.-Colonel Matthews who completed the work by having the rifles placed in capable hands in the first line trenches occupied by the 90th Winnipeg Rifles. In carrying out the decision, which was warmly endorsed by Ex-Mayor Walters, chairman, and other members of the committee of the Commemoration Day Fund it is satisfactory to note that not a cent was used for any purposed other than the actual buying of the rifles, other necessary charges having been borne by gratuitous and patriotic self sacrifice.

"The four sniping rifles have now all safely arrived at Battalion headquarters, the letter states.

They reached the Hon. J. H. Turner's office when I was on leave in England towards the end of January, and I carried one of them back with me at the time.

As the cases were more or less damaged Mr. Turner very kindly had the remaining three repacked by the Wilkinson Sword Co., and forwarded to me through the Military Forwarding Officer at Southampton.

Mr. Turner was most courteous and obliging and spared no pains in obtaining the necessary permission from the War Office before they could be shipped to France.

On behalf of the Battalion, I desire to ask you to extend to the subscribers our thanks for this splendid gift which is really of the most practical value.

Messrs. Tisdall have made a first class job of fitting the sights which are so far superior to any of the Government issue we have as not to be in the same class.

General Lipsett, commanding the Brigade, happened to be at my head-quarters when they were unpacked and he was so pleased with them that he asked me to bring one to the next Brigade conference so that the other Battalion commanders can see it, and, if possible, get some more like it.

One of them had a much heavier barrel than the others and my chief sniper thinks its extra weight will make it more accurate than the light ones at longer ranges, as the service ammunition has such a high muzzle velocity.

The one I brought over with me has "several notches" on the stock already,—if every rifle on the British and French Front had the same record, the war would have been over before now, would'nt it?

Words quite fail me to express our appreciation of your generosity and the way the forwarding has been managed. Some day, perhaps, it may be my privilege to express my thanks in person."

The Lighter Side of Council Meeting

The dull proceedings of the City Council session on Monday night were temporarily enlivened by a bright and breezy debate on the efficacy of the existing pound bylaw preventing damage to property by straying horses and cattle. Quite a budget of humorous wordy tit bits were contributed before the council decided to have the fire and police committee arrange to meet the Nicola Stockbreeders Association representatives to discuss what steps might mutually be taken to prevent the nuisance of range cattle damaging local property.

After an alderman had complained that last year a horse of very vegetarian habits had demolished 75 head of cabbage from his garden, Ald. Greig said he could go one better. While with the present chief of police he had suffered the pain of seeing Constable Willgoose's horse chewing up one of his chestnut trees. Mayor Jackson had been told by one person that he believed three horses had been driven across the river, two of which were impounded, the other had not been seen since (voice: If the other had been in the pound the owner would at least have known where it was). Ald. McGoran, too, had seen cows on Diamond Vale Fields complying with the technicalities of the bylaw by being staked—and dragging four feet long posts wherever their fancy took them. It was also advanced that certain people who have horses stabled in the city limits affirm with all sincerity that their faithful steeds have more than once been taken from their stalls in the barn and promptly rushed to the pound so that pound fees could

be collected on the "easy money plan." After these different and varying experiences had been related, amid such laughter, all agreed that there was as much trouble each season from horses and cattle kept within the city limits as from range cattle from without the city gates, and, further, that the pound bylaw must be enforced or deleted.

Many Cattle Change Hands

H.S. Cleasby, of Coultlee and Mason Pye of Iron Mountain have each purchased 29 head of good conditioned cattle mostly Shorthorns from the E. G. Walker ranch, Coldwater Valley, and on Tuesday the cattle purchased by Mr. Pye were driven to the Iron Mountain ranch, Mr. Pye, A. Howarth and Joe Upston with an Indian being in charge of the drive.

Mr. Pye's herd is now eighty strong. At the neighboring ranch, A. Howarth's is quite a good looking herd of Hereford stock, all in excellent condition.

These two ranches lie low down in the fine farming valley immediately at the Southern slope of Iron Mountain, immediately joining the city limits.

Road Superintendent D. G. Sutherland arrived in the city on Wednesday morning from Lytton and proceeded to Nicola to transact business in connection with road repair work necessitated by the recent washouts and slides. He reports a large number of washouts throughout the whole section between Hope and Merritt.

Dan Dockstader, from Tulameen, spent a few days in town this week being a passenger on Tuesday's train.

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L. O. L., 1701



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News of Nicola Valley Soldiers At Home and Over the Ocean

That Pte. A. Paton, of Merritt, who is with the No. 2 Tunneling Co., Canadian Engineers, in England had been spending leave of absence in Edinburgh, Scotland, there met Mr. Joe Fairley, late of this City, and visited Pte. "Ed" McAdams, also of Merritt, who lay in hospital badly wounded in the legs and body from shrapnel fragments, is news contained in a letter received during the past few days by friends of Mr. Paton here.

The re-union of the Merritt boys, seven thousand miles away from the peaceful Nicola Valley, was memorable and acted as a restorative to "Ed" who was in a condition such as to require the best of cheer in conversation and companionship.

Writing to J. S. Morgan, "Andy" says "It is a life sight in England if only to see the continuous coming and going of soldiers in khaki."
He also conveys kind remembrances to his brethren in L. O. L. 1701 of which he was Worshipful Master. Appended to his letter are the signatures of John Wilcox, James Fairclough and George Osmond, all very well known here.

Corporal John Wilcox, of the No. 2 Tunneling Co., Canadian Engineers has written to his friend, Mayor Archie Jackson, in which he tells that his company are drilling hard "on the double" and getting into perfect fitness ready for the impending journey across the English Channel. The Merritt boys, with the others were very keen to get into the fighting zone, he says. Asking to be remembered to "my many friends and old timers whose kindness I will never forget", mentioning particularly D. Munro and A. F. Rankine, he also remarks how impressed he was by the remarkably changed conditions in England. Nearly every home has been affected by the war, he says, and many minds are constantly on those long filled chairs now vacant.

Mr. James Geater has signed up for the Home Guard and will leave shortly for Kamloops. Mr. Geater, who is the possessor of a fine baritone voice, will be missed in musical circles here.

Otto Lus', who went with a railroad construction party from Vancouver to Northern Russia some six months ago and was engaged on building a new railroad there returned to Merritt last week end, having completed the period of his contract. Ted Riley who was with him has arrived in Vancouver but has not yet reached Merritt. Otto relates some interesting and some unfortunate experiences he had while in Russia. He got a first glimpse of the famous Cossacks and his store of knowledge of the world has been greatly added to. He will go to the front, with the 131st Regiment, and leaves on Tuesday morning's train for Vancouver to rejoin his regiment.

Ex-Alderman James McFarlane, who is now a trooper in the 102nd Regiment on home defence duty at Kamloops, arrived in the city at the week end on leave of absence which he is spending with his family. "Jimmy" has taken on a new lease of life, looks younger, and feels better as a result of the change from work in the mine to duty "on top."

Pte. Harold Walters, of the first battalion Canadian Pioneers, who has been in England for some time training for service at the front has been badly disappointed. It is reported that in a final test made on the eve of the departure to France "Harold failed" to pass the eyesight test and will remain, for the present at any rate, at the English base.

Pte. Joseph Chambers, of Merritt, who is with the First Canadian Pioneers in the trenches, has written an interesting and newsy letter to Sam Jackson in which he tells that there is no place like Merritt, and conveys kind remembrances to all his friends here.

W. Kemp, of this City, was on Wednesday examined and attested for overseas service, and he hopes to do his bit as a member of the Army Medical Corp.

A Mr. Cooper of Canford signed up this week for overseas service with the Cariboo Rangers.

Offices Opened in Coldwater Block Conservatives are Very Optimistic

The Aberdeen Mine interests have opened offices in the Coldwater Hotel block right in the heart of the city, from which premises the many business matters connected with the developments of their mining properties in the district will be transacted.

Considerable progress has been made with the development work at the Aberdeen mine, and in the early future extensive developments are expected to be put under way at the Henderson property, west of the city.

At a well attended annual meeting of Lower Nicola and Canford Conservative Association held at Lower Nicola on Saturday evening, under the chairmanship of James Smith, several matters of importance were brought up and decided upon.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, James Smith; First Vice-President, H. T. Shelton; Second Vice-President, H. B. Charles; Secretary, W. F. Corkle; Dr. J. C. Stuart and E. H. Rhodes were elected members of the executive, and with the president, first vice-president and the secretary will constitute the committee.

A feeling of confidence and optimism in a victory of conservatism at the coming general election prevailed and the various routine and committee matters taken up were enthusiastically attended to.

The Merritt Mercantile manager (M. A. Durland) reports that last Saturday was the best day their store had experienced for a very considerable time. "Merco" service is bringing "grist to the mill."

The hills around Merritt were capped with snow Thursday morning.

Remember the old adage: winter leaves when the months appear without an "R."

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In spite of the extraordinary shortage conditions in the British Woollen markets I am in a position to show you a surprising assortment of

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CARD OF THANKS

The managers of the Presbyterian Church wish to convey to Mrs. Roy Thomas their sincere thanks and appreciation of the efficient and exemplary manner in which she carried out to a successful issue the "Tipperary Tea" under her management and for the material aid given to the managers thereby.

\$16.12 was required for the upkeep of Grand Forks schools in 1915.

The Indians at Stuart Lake are subscribing to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

The total pay at Trail smelter on February 10th was slightly over \$112,000.



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Ed. M. Scott of Lethbridge, registered at the Coldwater on Tuesday.

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Miss D. Carrington was a passenger on Saturday's outward train, going to Kamloops to spend a vacation with friends.

Mrs. John Leitch and child were passengers on Tuesday's morning train for Vancouver, where they will spend a short vacation.

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Mr. Thacker, of Dot, was doing business in the city the first of the week.

Ranchers Dodding, Langley and Whittaker were in from the west end the early part of the week, bringing in their supplies to the storekeepers.

Jack Thynne, the Otter Flat rancher, was in town Tuesday, leaving again Wednesday morning.

Nicola Valley Farmers' Institute

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Owing to war conditions the price of Powder supplied through the above Institute has risen and is now \$7.00 per case in 100-lb. lots.

R. Dodding, Sec.

Lower Nicola, B.C.

The Newsy Pars

All roads will lead to the Lake on Sunday—the opening day of the fishing season.

Andrew Hoggan, proprietor of the Adelphi Hotel, left on Tuesday on a business trip to the coast.

Ascriptural discussion will take place at next Sunday's Forward Adult Bible Class meeting at the Methodist church.

Both the Tulameen and Similkameen rivers at Princeton are now clear of ice and are quite high.

Tonight, a conveyance will leave Merritt post office corner at 7 o'clock to take local people to Nicola to attend the Patriotic Guild Whist Drive. Price for the return trip 35c.

The Patriotic Guild met as usual on Monday afternoon. A large consignment of wool has now arrived and is available to members and their friends for knitting into socks.

R. Boyden returned to his home here from Seattle on Saturday. Robert has been busy overhauling his father's car ready for the fishing season opening.

Recruiting Sergt. J. Leitch is calling for recruits for the 102nd (Home Defence) regiment. Intending recruits should see the sergeant at the office of this paper any evening from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.

Wm. D. Ronald has been attested on the strength of the 131st regiment for overseas service. Pte. Otto Busk who belongs to the 131st, hopes to take a few more recruits with him to New Westminster early next week.

T. H. Keown, late of Merritt, now at Haney in the Fraser Valley, is honorary secretary and acting scoutmaster of the Port Haney Boy Scout Association and is doing splendid work among the scouts there, according to a Vancouver newspaper report.

Mrs. G. A. Kennedy, mother of Mrs. F. B. Ward, and who has been spending an extended vacation at the fine ranch of the Douglas Lake Cattle Co., left Merritt on Tuesday en route to McLeod, Alberta, accompanied by a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ward who were on the depot to see them off.

There will be no service at St. Michael's Anglican Church next Sunday evening. The vicar, the Rev. N. J. Thompson, will visit Nicola church, and, in response to a kind invitation from Nicola friends the St. Michael's choir will accompany him and assist in the service.

Provincial Constable W. Bell returned to the city on Tuesday night after a ten days trip spent in Vancouver and Victoria. While at the foot of the slopy slope the genial constable visited his late companion ex-Chief of Police Grundy of this city who is now with the machine gun section of the 102nd regt. at Comox. While at the Capitol he attended the Legislature and heard a debate.



NOTICE

SEED GRAIN FOR SALE

The public is hereby notified that a limited quantity of Tested Seed Grain grown on the Experimental Dry Farm at Quilchena is for sale at the following prices:

Variety	Official Germination Test	Price per lb.
Red Fyfe Wheat	98 1/2 per cent	3 1/2 c per lb.
Marquis Wheat	99 1/2 per cent	3 1/2 per lb.
Prelude Wheat	97 per cent	3 1/2 per lb.
Kubanka Wheat	94 1/2 per cent	3 1/2 per lb.
Prussian Blue Peas	93 per cent	5 per lb.
Canadian Beauty Peas	94 1/2 per cent	5 per lb.
2 Rowed Chevalier Barley	100 per cent	3 per lb.
Mensury Barley	97 per cent	3 per lb.
White Hulless Barley	97 1/2 per cent	3 per lb.
Smyrna Barley	86 per cent	3 per lb.
Garton No. 22 Oats	97 1/2 per cent	2 1/2 per lb.
O.A.C. No. 72 Oats	99 1/2 per cent	2 1/2 per lb.
Abundance Oat	98 per cent	2 1/2 per lb.
Sixty Day Oat	99 per cent	2 1/2 per lb.
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The Ladies Altar Society of the Catholic Church, desire to thank all those who kindly loaned decorative materials used at the entertainment at the Rex Theatre on Friday, and to all others who in any way contributed to the splendid success of the concert.

H. C. Brewster, Liberal leader is an uncle of H. A. Turner, road superintendent of Princeton district.

The developments in the copper bearing properties near Slump Lake are likely to assume important proportions.

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Peas, Corn and Beans	Best Brands	2 tins for	.25
Dry Green Peas		3 lbs. for	.25
Campbell's Soups	All Flavors	per tin	.15
Shaker Salt	The very finest for Table use	2 lb. tins, 2 tins	.25
Corn Starch		per pkt.	.10
Jelly Powders	Assorted Flavors	3 pkts.	.25
H. P. Sauce	Very Piquant	per bot.	.24
Golden Syrup		2 lb. tins, 5 lbs.	.45
Granulated Oatmeal		10-lb. bags	.50
Rolled Oats		20 lb. bags	.90
Pure Castile Soap	Heavy Bars	each	.30
Palm Olive Soap	Very Fragrant	2 cakes for	.25
Sunlight or Lifebuoy Soap		5 cakes for	.25
Seeded Raisins	Very Fresh	2 pkts. for	.25
Nabob Tea		per lb.	.45
Nacob Coffee		per lb.	.45
Coffee Beans	Our Popular Blend	per lb.	.35
Onions	Carefully Picked, and Solid	6-lbs.	.25
Potatoes		per sack	1.50

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The Merritt Mercantile—the people's providers—has a full stock of fishermen's supplies. Fishing season opens on Sunday.

A village wit at Lower Nicola has caustically written in chalk outside a local store "the bounty on coyotes has been razed to zero."

It is rumoured locally that word has been received from England announcing that Captain Jack Nash, of Nicola, has been promoted to Colonel.

Bro. A. R. Carrington will be the speaker at next week's Epworth League meeting. Subject: "The Emigrants and Nation Building."

Princeton has sent nearly 50 samples of ore, weighing between three and four hundred pounds for exhibition at the North-Western Mining Congress held at Spokane this week.

The Hon. Martin Burrell M.P., minister of agriculture and member for Yale Cariboo, who was severely burned about the head and arms in the parliament buildings fire has left Ottawa for the south, the doctors having ordered him several weeks complete rest.

Dave Chapman, of the Aberdeen mine has been spending the last few days in the city, being registered at the Adelphi Hotel. He has a valuable collection of pictures of construction scenes on the K.V.R., where he executed important bridge building work.

The aggregation of local young people who acted the comedy "Just for Fun" may repeat the performance at Kamloops if transportation and other arrangements can be completed. The Red Cross branches at Kamloops and here to jointly benefit.

Born—March 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Young, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. James Logan, of Lower Nicola, were last week receiving the congratulations of their many friends on the arrival of a baby girl at their home.

Deputy Game Warden G. F. Ransom desires to give publicity to the announcement that owing to the poor season, the closing of the trapping season has been extended from March 31, to April 30.

There was a good attendance at the dance given by a committee of young men in the Armory last night, the event being in aid of the Patriotic Guild Funds. Mr. McMillan was floor manager, and Messrs Morison and Farley supplied the music. Ladies of the Guild served refreshments.

Miss Nellie Hunter, of Nicola, who has been staying in Vancouver left on Saturday for New Westminster where she will spend a month's vacation visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Walmsby.

Indian Agent Smith, of Kamloops, was in the city at the early part of the week, having business with the Indians at the local reserves. He says that Dominion Constable Dallon who prosecuted some Indian liquor serving cases here some time ago, is now in the army.

Constable Walter Bell, has received a letter from Corporal "Scotty" Bain, who is now with a Tunneling Co., of the Canadian Engineers at the front. He says all the Merritt boys he is in touch with are well and wishes to be remembered to all his friends and acquaintances in Merritt.

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