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ATT'Y-GENERAL TO RUSH INCORPORATION THROUGH AT ONCE

Telegraphs H. S. Cleasby Of His Intentions

All Doubt About Immediate Incorporation is Removed.

H. S. Cleasby, Esq.,
President Conservative Association,
Merritt, B. C.

Incorporation of Merritt will go through at once.

W. J. Bowser, K.C.
Attorney-General.

The foregoing telegram was received by Mr. Cleasby last Wednesday morning. It removes the doubt which has recently oppressed the community. Merritt will soon take its place among the towns of the province. It is anticipated that the articles of incorporation will be forwarded within two weeks at latest. A returning officer for the district will then be appointed and the work of preparing a list of the eligible voters will then be proceeded with, the municipal elections following the receipt of the articles of incorporation by about three weeks.

Following are the candidates for the various offices :

For Mayor—Isaac Eastwood, unopposed.

For Councilmen—Dr. T. V. Curtin, Fred Gay, Archie Jackson, Howell Johns, Dave Crawford, J. E. Menzies, J. P. Boyd, Fred Reid, Duncan Munro, Joseph Collett.

Property owners and tenants have the franchise.

The News congratulates the member for Yale on what it believes to be the result of his energetic work. As spring approaches, the health question, the problem of solving the sanitation question, looms large on the horizon. It has been proposed to call a public meeting to arrange some means of taking care of sewage. But the assurance of the attorney-general would indicate that this may now be left for the Local Board of Health, which will be composed of five members, who must be appointed within five days after the election of the civic administration, according to the provisions of the Health Act. If the administration fail to appoint a Local Board within five days the Provincial Board of Health may step in and make the appointments irrespective of the choice of the community.

Another matter is of prime importance, the selection of a chief of police and his assistant, or assistants, as the council may decide is the necessity of the moment. Trained men will be needed. We might add that we believe in encouraging those who are experienced in the attitude of residents towards local conditions. Messrs. Clark and Vachon are well adapted for the work, and no doubt the council would give them fair consideration, before outsiders.

Reverting to the question of sanitation. It has been suggested in some quarters that competent engineers be retained to devise a sewer system. That is well enough under certain conditions; but it must be borne in mind that any underground sewage scheme would prove costly, however carefully the engineers eliminated superfluous details. A water system would have to be installed before sewer pipes could be laid down. Again water-flushed sewer pipes would require a very large septic tak, much larger than would be reqired by the use of the garbage cart. Still further, sewer pipes require a gradient.

Big Damages From C. P. R.

Alf Carrington, of Nicola, Wins Suit for Compensation for Injuries

The case of Carrington vs. the Canadian Pacific Railway, before Justice Hunter and a jury, in the County Court at Vancouver, resulted in a verdict for plaintiff for three thousand dollars. M. L. Grimmett, of Merritt, advised by S. S. Taylor, of Taylor, Harvey, Blair & Grant, of Vancouver, appeared for Alfred H. Carrington. Mr. MacMullen, K.C., acted for the C. P. R. Carrington sued for compensation for injuries sustained while in the employ of the railway company.

On the 25th January last Carrington was engaged in his duties as a brakeman on a freight train on the mainline of the C. P. R. As the train ran into Savona station Carrington was walking along the top of a car, the speed of the train at the time being about eight miles an hour. All at once the brakes were thrust into "emergency" and the train stopped immediately. The impetus he had acquired in walking along the moving train threw Carrington to the middle of the track. He struck about two feet in front of the car behind. The shock rendered him unconscious, and he did not recover his senses until the next day. The back of his head was severely lacerated and his side was very badly bruised. His right eye was also injured. As soon as he had recovered sufficiently he entered suit for damages, rstaining Mr. Grimmett to act for him.

Negotiations conducted with a view to effecting a settlement out of court proved abortive, and the case went to taial before Justice Hunter.

The C. P. R. confined themselves to a highly technical defence, laying stress upon the fact that the mechanism of an air-brake is intricate and delicately adjusted. So accurately balanced are the parts, and so sensitive, the slightest obstacle to their smooth working will throw the entire apparatus out of order; and when this happens the adjustment is such that the brake clinches the wheels of a car. On this MacMullen based his defence, arguing that a grain of grit is sufficient to interfere with the mechanism. Previously his clients had shown that the brake was not applied by the engineer. Therefore, he argued, the sudden throw into "emergency" must have been due to an obstacle in the mechanism. The law takes proper consideration of the fact that no mechanical appliance can be absolutely perfect.

The evidence on this point, adduced by the defendants, failed to convince the jury, and they returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of $3000.

LIBERALS REORGANIZE

A re-organization meeting of the local Liberals was held above Armstrong's store Wednesday evening.

The meeting passed a resolution endorsing the proposed reciprocal trade agreement with the United States.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year. These are:—

Hon-President, Sir Wilfred Laurier, K. C. M. G.:
President, G. B. Armstrong;
1st vice-president, J. W. Ellis;
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3rd vice-president A. E. Howse,
Sec'y-Treasurer H. R. Ackman;
Executive, Messrs. Eastwood, Fyall, McDonald, Jackson, T. Heslop, M. L. Grimmett and Olsen.

A NEW COLLETT

Telegraphic advises from Kamloops are to the effect that on Thursday morning Mrs. Joseph Collett, of this town, presented her proud husband with a bouncing baby girl. Needless to say, there is joy in the Collett clan. Mother and child are doing well.

REALTY NOTES

Harold Greig reports the following sales :—Lot 10 in Central View, purchased by C. A. Seaton; Lot 16, purchased by Donald Kirk; Lot 2, Block 22, D. L. 123, purchased by George Riches.

Mr. Greig looks for a brisk market with the announcement of incorporation.

A NEW VENTURE

Under the direction of Donald McPhail and Felix Graham the Middlesboro Mercantile company opened for business this week. There should be a good opportunity for these enterprising gentlemen, as they are carrying a large stock widely varied.

James Thompson, son of W. J. Thompson, left on Monday's train for the east, where he will remain until the end of summer.

CHURCH SERVICES

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Services, February 26 in Menzies' hall.

11 a.m.—Morning prayer and Holy Communion. Lord Bishop of New Westminster will preach.
2.30 p.m.—Sunday school.
3.15 p.m.—Evening prayer.
Preacher Rev. J. Thompson.
REV. T. WALKER. L. Th.

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Services, Sunday, February 26.
Nicola—11 a. m.
Merritt, — Morning Service, 11 a. m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
Lower Nicola — 3. p. m.
J. W. HEDLEY, M. A.,
Pastor.

ANNEX ALASKA

Advices received by the coast from Valdez indicate that the majority of the people of Alaska are anxious to be annexed to Canada. Those who are familiar with conditions in the American colony assert that the Alaskan business men and laborers are tired of the complete domination of the great trusts and the abortion of justice. They look to the Dominion to see that the laws of their country are enforced and the greed of the companies for political power is prevented from ruining all private interests.

Band Concert a Success

Friday Evening Netted $75 to Band Over and Above Expenses

Last Friday evening was the occasion for a ball in Menzies' Hall, organized with a view to securing funds for the Merritt Band, the members of which have been especially diligent in their efforts to provide outdoor amusements for the community.

From half past eight until eleven o'clock the time was whiled away with a concert. At the latter hour dancing commenced, and save where a few instrumental selections were rendered, continued until four o'clock, the following morning.

The band, of sixteen instruments, played four or five selections, Messrs Adams, John Smith and S. N. Dancey each contributed vocal numbers, the latter rendering the "Veteran's Song?" to give as an encore "Yip I Addy". Messrs. Chris MacDonald, Whettin and Anderson played cornet solos. J. H. McMillan and Harrison played selections on the violin and saxaphone respectively. Mrs. Grace Tutill was well received in "Topsy." S. N. Dancey introduced the numbers for the concert.

When the floor was cleared for dancing Mrs. Tutill and J. H. McMillan and Whettin performed the functions of an orchestra. Mesdames Wade and Slaugh and Miss Brydone contributed the extras.

It was a most successful evening from every standpoint and netted the band's exchequer seventy five dollars.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT

Frank Bailey returned to town on Tuesday evening.

B. Kent was another visitor from the western village.

Jack Adams, of Coutlee, was a visitor to town on Wednesday.

Mr. Vandemere of Chilliwack is in town look out for investments.

Miss Ruby Howse returned from Westminster College, Toronto, this week.

Last Sunday a large number travelled to Nicola to spend the day on the ice.

A. B. Kennedy has been appointed superintendent for the electric light company.

Alexander Lucas Earns Approval of Coast Press

The Misses Murray, of Nicola, drove to town this afternoon, returning to their home in the evening.

Andrew Hogan has moved into his new rooming house. This is one of the best eqnipped lodging houses in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Rurark have taken up their residence on Quilchena avenue; between Armstrong's store and Bennett & Reid's

A. E. Flanagan, of the Diamond Vale Supply company's store, leaves tomorrow morning for Vancouver, on a combined business and pleasure trip.

The A. O. F. ball at Nicola was well attended by local worshippers of Terpsichore. Many stayed at the lake city overnight, but a large number availed themselves of Dan Munro's sledge and arrived here in the wee sma' hours.

A. W. Strickland, manager of the Bak of Montreal, and his wife and two children, returned from a three weeks' vacation trip, in which they visited all the coast cities of importance in this province and Washington, U. S. A.

W. K. Thompson and wife, of Sedley, Sask., were visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson, of Merritt, last week. They stopped over here on their return to the eastern province, after a vacation trip to the coast. Mr. Thompson expressed himself as delighted with the scenery in and around this town. He is a farmer on a large scale in Saskatchewan.

AUSTRALIAN BEATEN

London, Feb. 22.— Bill Lang, who once held the heavyweight championship of Australia, was no match for Sam Langford, the negro pugilist, in a scheduled 20-round bout at the Olympia. Langford won in the sixth round, when Lang was disqualified. Lang was almost out when he committed the foul. After six fierce rounds, when Langford was down, the Australian, in a dazed sort of way, rushed at the colored man and struck him, and immediately the referee proclaimed Langford the winner.

News-Advertiser and Victoria Times Express Approval of Lucas Speech.

The extracts from the Victoria Times, a Liberal organ, and the parliamentary report of the News-Advertiser, which are given below would seem to indicate that Alexander Lucas, the member for Yale riding, has attracted considerable attention from everyone, not only on account of the manner in which he delivered his maiden speech in the house, but more because of the decidedly progressive ideas which he took the occasion to introduce in that effort.

At first glance, the leader in the Times, eulogistic as it is, would cause one to pause—Timeo Danaios et dona ferentes!—Such commendation from the mouthpiece of that infinitesimal quantity which represents the Liberal party in the Provincial House of Parliament is so unexpected that one might conclude that it was penned in a satirical vein. A perusal of the whole article, however, shows that it has the timbre of sincerity.

The Victoria colonist reported Mr. Lucas' speech in great detail; which is rather a distinction for a private member, inasmuch as that journal generally confines itself strictly to reports of what the members of the cabinet and executive are saying and doing.

Undoubtedly Premier McBride inflicted a hardship upon the Yale constituency by occupying it so long and keeping a live representative in the person of Alexander Lucas from sitting in the legislature. While we do not agree with all Mr. Lucas said, his speech is worthy of the most careful consideration. His proposal to have a royal commission appointed to inquire into the matters of immigration, land settlement, and agriculture generally, including agricultural education, is very timely. The questions which he proposes to submit to the commissioners are perhaps rather many and cover too wide a scope for a single commission, but everyone must be interested in: (1) finding out the best methods of clearing land and bringing it under profitable cultivation. (2) The best methods of settling land for the promotion of mutual convenience and easy administration of the communities so formed. (8) Immigration and how best to promote it with a view to settling up the lands, etc. (9) An inquiry into the desirability of employing companies to undertake the settlement of lands etc. (I0) Agricultural education generally.

Some of the other questions suggested are very interesting and useful, but it is unwise to cover too much ground at one time. It is better to concentrate energy.

We are glad to know that at least one of the members of the Conservative partv has been taking into consideration the legislative needs of the country, and we look forward to hearing from Mr. Lucas again on this matter. To make a proposal does not mean much. To push it forward however, and force the government to act upon it is quite another. We hope Mr. Lucas will do this.—Victoria Times.

The budget debate had naturally to travel over a great deal of old ground, but it brought out a few things new and refreshing. It was the occasion of the maiden speech of Mr. Alexander Lucas of Yale, and few better first efforts have been heard in the house. His speech was pithy and full of practical suggestions for the development of agriculture in this province. His ideas for bringing cheap money to the province under government approval to be loaned to farmers for long terms and on low interest, backed, as they were, by the outline of a working plan, are well worth pondering. The new member for Yale is a well-read, thhughtful man, and should prove an acquisition to the house.—News Advertiser.

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Imperialists Indignant

Speech of Champ Clark Arouses Widespread Interest in the Old Country

The speech of Mr. Clark of The United States House of Representatives, Feb. 16 referring to the possibility of annexing Canada to the United States, has aroused great indignation in the Imperialistic party.

The press is moderate in tone The "Globe," a Conservative organ, says: "Mr. Clark's speech surely will make Canada pause before ratifying the agreement."

The "Times" doubts that Americans will take Mr. Clark's annexation talk seriously.

The "Westminster Gazette" (Liberal), says: "Mr. Clark must be singularly ignorant if, desiring this consumation, he imagines it would be promoted by such a frank avowal now. We will probably get the right measure, despite his utterance."

In the House of Commons today the government was questioned regarding the statement attributed to Mr. Henri Bourassa Nationalist leader in the Legislature at Quebec, that the home government had encouraged the Canadian government to conclude a reciprocity trade understanding with the United States.

The Premier replied: "The statement is entirely without foundation in fact." The Premier also denied that the British Ambassador, Mr. Bryce, had been engaged actively in helping to bring about the agreement.

The Tariff Reform League is pushing a vigorous campaign for preferential trade with the Overseas Dominions. Mr. L. J. Maxse, editor of the National Review, speaking at Chelsea, said:

"Let the workers realize that Mr. Asquith has been such a traitor as to have encouraged our Ambassador at Washington to divert Canada from the policy of Imperial preference. Mr. Bryce has devoted his later years to licking the boots of the Americans and making us unpopular."

The speaker believed Canada, despite the manoeuvres of the Laurier Government, would see that if once she started down the slippery slope towards the United States of America the only end would be her disappearance as a nation, as practically she is now, under the British flag.

Mr. Joseph Martin, interviewed on his return from Canada, said: "Any one here who is alarmed at the reciprocity agreement shows his ignorance. The agreement will benefit British manufacturers to the extent that Canada's purchasing power will be increased."

NEWS AND VIEWS

Admiral Lord Fisher, a former commander of the Channel fleet, and later High Admiral, admits that he has Socialistic proclivities. When twitted about the matter by a noble lord he replied that he did not "believe that all brains went with white shirts."

Champ Clark, leader of the Democratic party which is to control the U. S. House of Representatives, is a type of politician that is very frequently met with in the nation to the south of us. There is perhaps no more ignorant person in the world than an American politician. There is not the least doubt but that he meant what he said when he expressed the hope that the stars and stripes would one day float over the entire North American continent. His mental condition in respect to this country is a national characteristic. Living in the U.S. and reading from the American press, he comes to believe that what his papers desire must be. Unfortunately, the American press overlook an unimportant factor: that is is, the "other side of a question." Of course, it never matters what the other chap may think, though.

Sonth Africa is going to increase its contribution to the upkeep of the Navy. At present the annual coutribution is $425,000, which is $200,000 less than the cost of maintenance of the fleet at the Cape.

The South African Union has just decided to take over Groote Schuur, the residence of the late Cecil Rhodes, as a residence for the prime minister. This place was left for that purpose by the dead Imperialist.

When King Todd was Hudson Bay factor at Kamloops he once put a whole tribe of Shuswap Indians out of business for a week by vaccinating them. He had learned that they intended to murder a number of people who were travelling by waggon train. While the Injuns were laid up with swelled arms the whites got to safety.

February 12 th was the twentieth anniversary of the death of Father Pendozy, the pioneer missionary of the Okanagan.

A member of the Laurier cabinet has announced that the Reciprocity agreement will be put through as it stands. He says that the duties on manufactured articles have scarcely been touched and that the dog-in-the-manger attitude of the Canadian manufacturers will react to their own detriment.

It is estimated that "padding" returns from cities, in the taking of the decennial census of the United States has caused an error of two per cent in the population figures.

Two Japs had a fracas in a Vancouver barbershop on Saturday. One bit a chunk out of the other's ear and it took a detective to locate the missing appendage.

It is stated that the world's timber supply will soon be seriously depleted. There will then be a growing want.

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Boys' Ribbed Wool Underwear—All sizes. Regular price 60c to 75c a Garment. **Sale Price, all sizes; 50c each**

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Ladies' White Hygeian Underwear—Vests and Drawers. Regular price 90c a suit. **Sale Price 70c Suit**

Ladies' White Hygeian Underwear—Vests and Drawers. Regular price $1.25 a suit. **Sale Price 90c Suit**

Ladies' White Hygeian Underwear, All Wool, Unshrinkable, Fine Quality—Vests and Drawers. Regular $1.00 a garment - - - - **Sale Price 75c Garment**

Ladies' White Merino Underwear—All sizes—Vests and Drawers. Regular price $1.25 a garment - - - - - - - - - - **Sale Price 90c Garment**

Ladies' Silk and Wool Underwear—All sizes. Regular price $2.50 each. **Sale Price $2.00 Garment**

Ladies' Silk and Wool Union Suits. Reg. $4.50 a suit - - **Sale Price $3.50 Suit**

Ladies' Black Equestrian Tights. Regular $1.00 each - - **Sale Price 75c each**

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WATER RIGHTS

Tne predicament in which the farmers of Lower Nicola have been placed, as a result of the decision of the Attorney-General in respect of jurisdiction in the matter of records filed upon waters having their source within the Railway Belt, is not exactly a pleasant one. The only advice which the Attorney - General offers the landowners of that section which is dependent on Ten Mile Creek for a source of supply for their irrigation ditches is to wait until the Ottawa administration introduces the annual bill dealing with such matters, when the Provincial Government will urge upon the Cabinet the necessity for confirmation of water records approved by the Provincial Government prior to the decision of the Privy Council. If the farmers are unwilling to adopt the suggestion, the senior member for Vancouver City advises that there is left for them a means of redress through the courts.

The member for Yale bids the farmers to refrain from worrying about the matter, and the Provincial Government will do its best to secure redress for them. He adds: "It would appear to be a difficult question, as the Dominion Government assert that they have the absolute right to administer the water arising, or having its source, within the forty mile belt."

The landowners of Lower Nicola fail to understand that the Provincial Government are taking the position that the Ottawa authorities merely "assert" that they have jurisdiction. They have jurisdiction, and what was merely an assertion a few years ago is now an established fact, by virtue of a decision of the Privy Council.

Mr. Bowser says "wait!" or else go to law on your own hook! The News proposes to treat this matter plainly. A shovel is a shovel and not an elongated spade.

It is alleged that procrastination is the thief of time. Does the attorney-general know that the holder of a record granted by the Dominion Government will soon commence to enlarge their ditches? That the farmers have paid money to the Provincial Government for something which the government had for sale but did not own?

The matter is most decidedly "up to" the Provincial Government. By claiming what, according to legal decision, they had no right to, past and present Provincial Governments have lead landowners into a wilderness, and now the government must find a way out again for them, and soon. Otherwise there will certainly be a howling wilderness where crops grew.

As a general rule, McBride and his colleagues have given us the best government we have had to date in British Columbia. But mistakes will happen in the best regulated families. Surely forty members of the great Conservative family are not going to call in vain for aid just because they live some distance from the House. The property owners have been, and still are supporters of the McBride government. But they are not dithyrhambic eulogists.

F. J. Fulton, at the recent Irrigation Convention in Kamloops, said that he had no doubt but that the Dominion Government would protect the holders of Provincial records. Mr. Fulton spoke as ex-commissioner of lands of the province. The News advises the farmers of Lower Nicola to communicate with Mr. Fulton in regard to their problem, and also his assurance. For here, it would seem, we have a remarkably flat contradiction from the Savona syndicate.

A soft answer will not turn away wrath. We have had the "soft" answers already, and we find wrath unappeased.

Steps must be taken immediately, looking to an amicable settlement of the difficulty with Ottawa. It is well to remember that the owners of the Dominion records are not indifferent to what action the farmers may contemplate taking, and that they are quietly strengthening their relations with the Dominion Government.

The News apologises to Canada, an English weekly, for the article which appeared in these columns, and which may have been constructed into an injurious reflection upon the character of the publishers of the journal and therefore on the columns of the latter. The paragraph was written in a satirical vein.

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LOCAL AND DISTRICT

J. Banfield is staying at the Coldwater hotel.

S. J. Solomon, of Coutlee, spent Tuesday in town.

Rev. Hedley returned from Vancouver last Tuesday evening.

Miss M. F. J. Seaton was ill during the middle of the week.

Mrs. Alex Coutlee's mother arrived in town on Tuesday evening.

R. Campbell returned from a visit to Walhachin last Saturday evening.

M. L. Grimmett returned from his visit to the coast last Monday evening.

Mrs. Marshall has been ill with a rather severe attock of muscular rheumatism.

Miss Varian returned from the Tamerton ranch at Nicola last Wednesday morning.

Reverend W. Murray, of Nicola was a visitor to town during the early part of the week.

W. E. Duncan, M. I. E. E., returned to town from a visit to the coast last Tuesday evening.

La Grippe laid Mrs. Phillips low during the early part of the week, but she is now rapidly recovering.

B. Browitt, superintendent of the Diamond Vale Collieries, returned from the coast last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. B. Rodgers and Mr. and Mrs. Slaugh were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Howse's home at Nicola last Sunday.

Mr. Vachon left for Spence's Bridge last Wednesday morning. There he was to meet his wife, who is coming from the coast to reside here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McKay, of Bankhead, arrived in town Wednesday evening with their little daughter. They were accompanied by R. Bartlett.

H. Colin Clark is now installed in the office building he has built beside the Merritt Mercantile Company's store. The contractor for the building was Mr. Holly.

Rev. T. Walker, who returned from the Anglican Synod early last week, has been laid up ever since with a very severe attack of la grippe. His many friends will be pleased to learn that he is now recovering very rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers, of the Bank of Toronto, expect to be able to take up their residence in their rooms over the bank premises in another fortnight.

Jack Chapman and Jack Seaton went to Victoria on Tuesday accompanied by Mrs. Dan McInnes. Mr. James Chapman, Sr., went down to the coast on Saturday.

G. M. Gemmill, who was away on a vacation tour of the coast district last week, returned to town on Monday evening. He appears to have benefitted greatly by his trip.

Phil McLean, who with G. M. Gemmill, was a delegate to the recent Orange Societies convention in Victoria, has returned to town. He reports a most successful convention.

Last Monday afternoon, John Hutchison, the local realty and insurance broker, fell and cut his knee cap rather severely. The slippery, frozen snow was the cause of his mishap.

Mr. Sneyd, ledger-keeper of the local branch of the Bank of Montreal, left for the coast last Tuesday morning, having been transferred to the head office. Though he was only about two months in the community Mr. Sneyd made himself popular with everyone.

C. Parkinson, assistant to Manager Rodgers, of the local branch of the Bank of Toronto, has purchased the pony which Mr. Snead bought of A. Coutlee about a fortnight ago. This should form a nucleus for a stable if Mr. Parkinson contemplates the formation of a local polo club.

Mine host McIntyre is having the Coldwater hotel completely renovated. Paperhangers are busily engaged in preparing the wall and ceiling surfaces for papering. The main reading room and the office are to be covered with "leatherette", a new paper which has all the appearance of leather.

The Anglican Lord Bishop of New Westminster who is visiting the valley for the purpose of confirming a class at Canford, which has been instructed by the Rev. T. Walker, will be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Tutill, when he arrives in town next Saturday evening. He will hold his Confirmation Service at Canford next Saturday morning. The Lord Bishop is, the Rt. Rev. A. H. de Pencier.

Charles Graham. superintendent of the Nicola Valley Coal & Coke Company, returned from Nanaimo last Tuesday evening. He went down to attend the annual convention of the western branch of the Canadian Mining Institute, but was taken ill shortly after he reached the coast. For that reason he was unable to attend the sessions of the convention. At present Dr. Williams is attending him at his residence in Middlesboro.

Archibald McVittie, of the firm of McVittie&Cokely, surveyors, will return to town early in March, after an absence at the coast of about two months.

Mrs. Vachon arrived from the coast last Wednesday evening. She and her husband, who is a member of the provincial police, will reside in Merritt until such time as the latter receives orders for transfer to some other district.

T. J. Smith, general manager of the Diamond Vale Collieries is expected to arrive in town this week. He is almost entirely recovered from the severe attack of typhoid fever to which he fell a victim last December, shortly after his return from England.

Vancouver is going to send relief to the Chinese in Anhui province, which recently suffered severely from floods. Millions of Chinese are said to be in imminent peril of starvation.

Russia may go to war with China. If this happens, it is asserted that Japan will join in to aid Russia.

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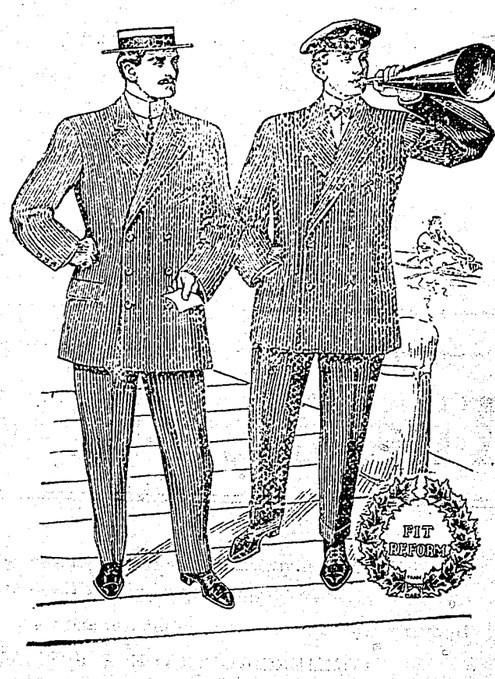

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N. C. O's desirous of attending will forward applications to O. C. Squadron at once to allow for transportation arrangements being made. (Ex-District Order No. 6, M. D. No. 11.)

TRAINING OF SIGNALLERS

A Signalling School has been authorized for Victoria—duration will be four to six weeks — date of commencement not yet fixed.

Officers N. C. O's and men desirous of attending will send their names in at once to O. C. Sqadron to allow necessary arrangements being made. (District Signaller M. D. No. 11. 11. 2. 1911)

Charles Flick major.

O. C. "D" B. C. Horse.

NICOLA RANCH BONDED

The Southern B. C. Lands aud Mines, of Merritt, last Friday concluded negotiations and bonded the ranch of James Pooley, of Nicola, for the sum of $30,000.00. This Ranch is one of the most fertile and productive in the district and contains 1920 acres, parts of which are at present under crop and the rest given over to grazing purposes. Whether the option is for a short time only or not, is not known.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE

The Australian Federal government, a Labor administration by the way, has introduced its Tariff Bill. This provides for a twenty five per cent preference for goods made in Great Britain and Ireland. It does not apply, however, to goods unless they are finished in the old country. This will effectually stop German and other foreign business houses shipping goods to Australia via England, and thus evading the higher scale of Customs duties.

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Earthquakes and Disasters

F. Napier--Denison Puts Theories of Co-Relation Before Mining Institute

The co-relation of earthquake shocks and colliery disasters was dealt with by Mr. F. Napier Denison, F. R. M. S., in a paper which he read before the Canadian Mining Institute, Western Branch, at its sessions at Nanaimo which were concluded Friday. After showing that during the eleven years from 1900 to 1910 (inclusive) there were 114 colliery disasters in North America, responsible for the loss of 3850 lives, he compared the dates of these catastrophes with the dates of earthquakes recorded on the seismograph installed in Victoria. The result of the comparison showed that twenty-two per cent of the colliery disasters occurred on the days when pronounced earthquake shocks were felt, 18 per cent on days after such shocks, and 8 per cent upon the days before such quakes. Thus 48 per cent of these disasters occurred either on the day, or within twenty-four hours before or after such earthquakes. Nine European and South American mine explosions were compared in the same manner. The results showed that 33 per cent of these occurred upon the day of a quake, 22 per cent upon the day after, and 22 per cent upon the day preceding a quake. These results, viz. 77 per cent give an even larger number of explosions occurring either on the day or within twenty-four hours before or after a quake.

To account for this co-relation Mr. Denison suggested that it was a result of a combination of two or more forces. One of these might be an abnormal escapement of gas into a mine caused by a movement of the rock strata during the passage of earth waves from a severe and comparatively local quake. Another form of gas dislodgement might occur during those periods of great earth strains, either before a quake or fracture had occurred, perhaps in some remote portion of the world; for the surface waves from these quakes do not extend to any great depth, while the longitudinal waves that pass through the denser portion of the interior are small. Another cause of gas escapement, particularly during the winter months, was the rapid movements of great cyclonic areas of low barometric pressure across the various mining centres.

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J. Banfield has sold his ranch, up at Mamette lake, to English capitalists for the sum of sixty thousand dollars. This ranch comprises approximately three thousand acres, making an average price in the sale of twenty dollars per acre. It is understood that the new owners will go in for general farming.

Banfield has taken an option on a ranch in the Nicola valley at a price which is said to be approximately twenty five thousand dollars.

WOMAN SHOT AT LYTTON

A serious shooting affair took place near Clinton about thirty-four miles away from Lytton, on Thursday evening Feb. 16, which resulted in an Indian woman having to lose one of her limbs in Lytton hospital, where she now lies in a precarious condition.

She was quietly wending her way homewards when a drunken Indian known as Charley George met and accosted her in the open. The man was a stranger to her, and asked her "to have a drink" and on her declining he threatened to shoot her. Again and again he urged her just to have one drink, and her firm refusal so enraged the man that he did eventually discharge the rifle at her, shattering the bone of one leg from the knee downwards and wounding the other.

In an agony of pain the poor woman crept to friends, borrowed a horse and actually managed to keep her seat for some miles, then fell senseless to the ground, and was found by friends, who did what they could for her until Friday, when they hurried her to Lytton hospital. There is no resident medical man, but the nurses gave her what relief they could until Doctor Sansen could get down from Ashcroft on Saturday, and he saw at once that amputation of one leg was imperative. He carried the operation through unaided, except by the nurses, as Archdeacon Pugh, who is much of a medico, happened to be away at the coast.

This is another example of liquor being supplied to Indians. It is, however, being gradually checked by the strong measures lately taken by the Indian Department through its agents.

DUELLISTS ARE BOTH INJURED

Englishman and German Who Quarrelled Over Politics Fought Duel With Swords

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 15.—An Englishman and a German fought a duel yesterday with swords and both were badly wounded. The quarrel arose over a discussion on Germany's foreign policy. The German was the better swordsman and deeply gashed his opponent's arm from elbow to armpit. The Englishman then lifted up his sword with both hands and tried to cleave the German's head. The latter rushed in and escaped, but received a severe body wound.

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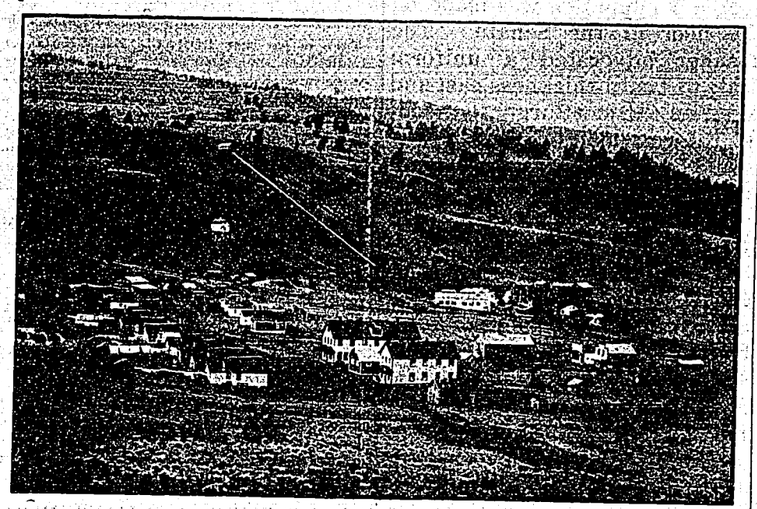

MIDDLESBORO

The townsite of the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Company, which is spending big sum in facilities to handle increased shipments.

Progress of Local Option

Convention in Vancouver Was Success in Every Way, Says Rev. Hedley

The Local Option League held one of the most enthusiastic conventions of its history, in Vancouver last week, delegates being present from every city and town in the province. Rev. Hedley and Rev. Kidd, of Nicola, were among those who went down from the Dry Belt.

In conversation with the News, shortly after his return from the coast, Mr. Hedley said: "Taken as a whole, I believe that I may say that the recently concluded convention in Vancouver has been one of the most successful in the history of the League, the enthusiasm of the delegates comparing very favourably with the sentiments of a convention in Ontario. In fact, I think that British Columbia people are every whit as alive to the importance of this grave question, both from an economic and social standpoint as are the people of any other province, as far as we could judge. The speakers were excellent, all showing a grasp of the most important phases of the liquor traffic."

"Perhaps one of the most telling speeches delivered," he continued, "was that of a gentleman from Portsmouth, Ohio. He told of the progress of the work in his own state and the means which were being adopted to deal with the peculiar problems which his people have to solve. Last year alone, he told us, fifty-seven out of a total of eighty-eight counties went "dry." The leaders of the prohibition movement in Ohio have kept a careful statistical record of the progress and effect of their work. Their tables, affecting crime, show that there has been a decrease in the number of offences of over sixty per cent. in the city of Portsmouth, and, more remarkable still, the percentage of serious infractions of the law, as against minor offences, has shown a most remarkable falling off."

"The economic effect of total abstinence was a phase which was dealt with at considerable length at the convention; many tables, compiled by exhaustive research and tests, were read on this aspect of the question. Science tells us that the man who tipples is affecting and weakening his capacity for expending energy in natural ways; athletic instructors make it a sine qua non of all their work with those whom they are instructing that they must abstain from the use of intoxicants; sixty-five fraternal organizations already have taken a stand in opposition to the use of intoxicants, and today over ninety per cent of all the railways on the continent prohibit their employes taking liquor while on duty, while a great number, notably the Pennsylvania and New York Central and Lake Shore lines, prohibit the use of liquor at any time, whether while on duty, or off."

"In fact," Mr. Hedley concluded," there appears to be a growing disposition among all classes and in every department of industrial activity to recognize that intoxicants impair constructive abilities. We need now in British Columbia the right to say, by Local Option laws, whether or not we need liquor in any particular community."

NEWS AND VIEWS

F. Priest, who is our office "devils," says that stamps often get a good licking. Jock Smith, another of our staff, says that cheques sometimes get angry when they're drawn. Smith and Priest commence work early. They also stop early. One has to keep an eye on them to keep them busy. Fred brings candy into the office and hides it in his pocket. It takes more than candy to make a printer.

General Piet Cronje is dead. We had the pleasure of meeting the Boer generalissimo two years after peace was declared, at St. Louis, Mo. He and Commandant Viljoen, another Boer whose name appears in history, were taking part in the miniature reproduction of a battle in the war. In all there were 150 Boers and a few more than that number of Australians, South Africans and English, Irish and Scotch. Cronje was then courting a Boer lady. His method was rather unique. Every day at eleven o'clock he called upon her and read an extract from the Bible, to the effect that every man should have a helpmate. Cronje, after reading to her, would lean back and then explain that the authors of the Bible meant that to apply to their particular case. Before the exhibition broke up the general had won his lady.

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Yoke and His Queue

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In accordance with the recent edict of the illustrious Son of Heaven, the Emperor of China, all loyal Chinese are eliminating the national peculiarity, the pigtail, technically known as the "queue."

Yoke, the second cook at the Hotel Merritt, is not the least loyal of the subjects of his Celestial Majesty, and he has hastened to comply with the requirements of the Imperial manifesto. His queue, the accumulation of years of close attention and careful training, fully three feet long, and his greatly prized possession, is no longer a physical adornment. Yoke wept no bitter tears at the parting effected by a pairs of scissors and William McNeill. Nay, a great relief was his, for a burden had been removed from his brain department. He feels better now and performs his duty blithely. So far his joy has not led him to replace oxtail with pigtail soup on the menu; and, needless to say, this forbearance has contributed to the comfort of the digestive organs of the boarders.

The operation was performed in the rear of the hotel on Tuesday afternoon. Harry Priest, the local disciple of Lafayette, unexpectedly appeared on the scene at the most crucial moment and secured an excellent snapshot of the scene.

OUR LETTER BOX

The following letters, which have been sent to us since we published our article on the effects with which the farmers of Lower Nicola are threatened, unless some immediate action is taken to protect water records on Ten Mile Creek issued by the Provincial Government are self-explanatory:

Coutlee B. C.
Feb. 23 1911

Sir,—I have read your recent exposure re Water Records and would like to ask the question: "would a man who has improved land in the Valley for twenty-five years be justified in taking the law into his own hands and blowing up any dams or ditches which interfere with the water supply upon which he has depended for a living for so many years?

GODEY CREEK

Nicola Lake,
Feb. 21, 1911

Sir,—Since the Farmers' Institute started the Water Record agitation, would it not be as well to ask all Farmers' Institutes operating within the Railway Belt to get together and forward a petition to Ottawa, praying that old water records be protected. The matter, owing to the influx of settlers, will become more acute as years go on.

BUNCH GRASS.

Lower Nicola, B. C.
Feb. 21, 1911

Sir,—I wish to congratulate you upon the manner in which you emphasized the protests of the farmers of Lower Nicola, in the matter of diversion of water. My object in writing is to point out that not only has Ten Mile Creek its source in the Railway Belt, but that the main sources of the Coldwater are within the same limits, as also are all the large feeder of the Tulameen and Otter rivers. According to the Privy Council decision, none of the provincial water records on any of these streams are worth two-bits.

LOOKER-ON

Mamette Lake Road,
Feb. 22, 1911

Sir,—I should like to use the medium of your columns to make public the fact that the recent Privy Council decision invalidates all provincial water records on creeks having their headwaters within the Forty Mile Belt; consequently there can be no priority of water records issued by the provincial government on such creeks. Personally, I can afford to smile at the predicament caused by the provincial government, since my own land is watered by a creek not having its source in the now notorious Railway Belt.

MAMETTE MAN.

Kingston, B. C.
Feb. 22, 1911

Sir,—A good deal of the bickering regarding water and water records is due to the fact that on almost every creek in the province the amount of water recorded exceeds the available at high water, let alone the small trickle in July and August. The governments (Dominion and Provincial) should formulate some scheme for storage during highwater for use during the dry months. Anyway water recorded and used in the 70's, and still active, should be good, no matter what government handles the question.

COLDWATER.

Victoria Has No Mayor

Mayor and Council Declared Illegally Elected

Victoria.—Mayor Morley was unseated by Judge Gregory, and the city council resigned as a result of the judgment which declared the election invalid, owing to the voters' list being improperly made up. The Provincial Government will appoint a commission to carry on the business of the city until a new election takes place. When the election was held last January. B. J. Perry, who was a defeated candidate for alderman, brought action against the mayor, maintaining that the voters' lists were not revised according to the Municipal Clauses Act, and judgment was given against the mayor, the election being declared invalid.

CANFORD NOTES

Rev. J. Thomson visited Canford during the week.

The Lord Bishop of New Westminster. will hold a Confirmation service on Saturday the 25th inst.

The following, lost by some student of Adam Smith who has evidently been dwelling upon the subjects mentioned with the result deduced below.

Take vaccination, reciprocity, Canadian navy, provincial railway policy; mix well together. Throw in politics. Add sufficient "forty rod" to cover. Result: a suicidal concoction, to be labelled in large letters "Poison".

Analysed, it shows—

VACCINATION: 2 parts poison, insidiously introduced into the human system.

1 part: gold, which goes into the pocket of the licensed medicos.

RECIPROCITY: 1 part—yours. 2 parts --mine, and goes to the one who can enforce the adjective.

CANADIAN NAVY: 1 part Nationalist, 2 parts repudiation of defence liabilities.

PROVINCIAL R'Y POLICY: by our legislators (sic) who get the perquisites while we the people get ----------the responsibilities.

RESULT: It wont pay to work. The only antidote, "statesmanship" which I fear in this "now or never" system, will be wanting, unless the people who are (I mean should be) masters of the situation, sink interests for the general good and unite to that end,--a very unlikely thing,--in these days, Yet we say, -- "vox populi vox dei."

A curiosity, the above: yes, personally I think so, especially as it contains more than a few grains of truth.

SEATTLE MAYOR AT WORK

Seattle, Feb. 2I.—Mr. Frank S. Griffith was removed from his seat on the civil service commission last night by Mayor Dilling, who preferred charges of pernicious political activity against Mr. Griffith. The council sustained the removal, and elected Mr. R. C. Erskine, a real estate de aler, whom Mayor Dilling had selected for the post to fill the vacancy. Mr. Griffith was appointed by Mayor Gill, and was active in urging his election.

NO LUMBER TRUST?

San Francisco.—Over 350 lumber dealers were in attendance when Mr. James Rolph, of the merchants' Eachange, welcomed the eighth annual convention of the Western Retail Lumbermen's Association at the Palace hotel on Monday. President J. N. Dunlop, of Cascade Locks, Oregon designated Mr. J. F. Parkinson of Palo Alto to respond on behalf of the delegates.

In his annual report President Dunlop ridiculed the prevailing idea that there is a lumber trust fixing prices of this commodity. He demanded a report from the United States Senate commission, to which the matter was referred at the time an open accusation of such a combination was made on the floor of the Senate. The speaker advocated a uniform scale of board thickness east and west, as the most urgently needed reform, maintaining that it would materially reduce retail prices.

Mr. John W. Barry, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in the principal address of the afternoon session, said that never before would a oad of hogs or corn or potatoes. buy so much lumber as today He pleaded for a fair price to the lumberman, asking, "Is it right that a crop God takes ages to produce should be cheaper than one that is produced annually."

The "Osirian Cloister" held a session at which several members were initiated.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORT FOR 1910.

DOMINION GOVERNMENT STATION, NICOLA, B.C.

Observer: H. H. MATTHEWS

	Maximum Temperature.	Minimum Temperature.	Average Mean Temperature.	Average Mean Temperature for 15 years.	Difference from Average.	Rainfall in Inches.	Snowfall in Inches.
January -	45.0	—18.0	20.3	20.5	—0.2	0.28	0.70
February -	42.0	—25.5	17.3	23.1	—5.8	0.05	13.45
March - -	63.0	21.0	40.4	32.4	x8.0	0.95	1.50
April - -	84.5	22.0	45.7	44.1	x1.6	0.14	nil.
May - -	81.0	31.0	53.5	51.6	x1.9	1.21	nil.
June - -	83.0	37.0	54.0	57.2	—3.2	1.71	nil.
July - -	87.0	41.0	61.6	62.3	—0.7	0.28	nil.
August -	84.0	27.5	63.1	61.4	x1.7	0.92	nil.
September	77.0	24.0	52.4	52.3	x0.1	1.46	nil.
October -	65.0	20.0	46.1	45.2	x0.9	0.56	nil.
November	51.0	18.0	35.2	32.1	x3.1	1.14	3.00
December	43.0	15.0	32.3	26.7	x5.6	0.25	4.50

Average annual precipitation: 1.00 inches snow 0.10 inches rain

For past 15 years: 11.12 inches

1910 difference from average: —0.14 inches.

Average annual rainfall for past fifteen years is 8.63 inches.

1910 difference from average: x0.32 inches.

Average annual snowfall for past fifteen years is 30.57 inches.

1910 difference from average: —7.42 inches.

Total Rainfall - - - -	8.95
Total Snowfall - - - -	23.15
Total Precipitation - - -	11.26

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Merritt, B. C.

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But If He Had Been He Would Have Hair Now

You do not want a scientific treatise on the hair follicle—you are not particularly interested in the name of the German scientist who isolated the bug that is said to cause baldness. What you do want to know is how to save the hair you have and make it strong and lustrous.

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Land Act

Nicola Land District. Kamloops Division of Yale

Take notice that Edward John Rhodes, of Nicola, occupation hotel clerk, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner about two miles east of Missezula Lake and about one mile south of Price's Creek, thence north one mile, thence west one mile, thence south one mile, thence east one mile to point of commencement.

EDWARD JOHN RHODES,
Per William Munro, Agent.

Date 23rd January, 1911. 1-9

Land Act

Nicola Land District. Kamloops Division of Yale

Take notice that Allister Black Fletcher, of Merritt, occupation clerk, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner, about three miles east of Missezula Lake and two miles south of Prices Creek, thence north one mile, thence west one mile, thence south one mile, thence east one mile to point of commencement.

ALLISTER BLACK FLETCHER,
Per William Munro, Agent.

Date 23rd January, 1911. 1-9

Land Act

Nicola Land District. Kamloops Division of Yale

Take notice that DONALD MACPHAIL, of Middlesboro, occupation clerk, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner, about three miles east of Missezula Lake, and two miles from Prices Creek, thence west one mile, thence south one mile, thence east one mile, thence north one mile to point of commencement.

DONALD MACPHAIL,
Per William Munro, Agent

Date January 23d. 1911. 1-9

Land Act

Nicola Lund District. Kamloops Division of Yale

Take notice that WILLIAM MUNRO, of Nicola, occupation rancher, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner, about three miles east of Missezula Lake, and about two miles south of Prices Creek, thence east one mile, thence south one mile, thence west one mile, thence north one mile to point of commencement.

WILLIAM MUNRO.

Date 23rd January, 1911. 1-9

Land Act

Nicola Land District. Kamloops Division of Yale

Take notice that Belle Macphail, occupation married woman, intends applying for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner, about three miles east of Missezula Lake, and about two miles south of Prices Creek, thence west one mile, thence south one mile, thence east one mile, thence north one mile to point of commencement.

BELLE MACPHAIL,
Per William Munro. Agent.

Date 23rd January, 1911. 1-9

Land Act

Kamloops Division Nicola Land District. District of Yale.

Take notice that ANNE GJELLSTAD, of Valva N.D., occupation spinster, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted about a quarter of a mile east from the Point where the north line of the Sooloose Indian Reserve is intersected by the Mammett Lake road, and on the north boundary of said reserve, thence north 80 chains thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains thence east 80 chains to the place of beginning, containing 640 acres of land.

ANNE GJELLSTAD,
By her Agent, Hans Peter Gjelstad.

Date 18th January, 1911. 1-9

Land Act

Kamloops Division Nicola Land District. District of Yale.

Take notice that Marie Gjellstad, of Valva, N.D., occupation spinster, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted about a quarter of a mile east from the point where the north line of the Sooloose Indian Reserve is intersected by the Mammell Lake waggon road and on the north boundary of said reserve, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to place of beginning, containing 640 acres in all.

MARIE GJELLSTAD,
By her Agent, Hans Peter Gjellstad.

Date January 18th, 1911. 1-9

Farmers and Merchants !

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I am getting a complete, down-to-the-minute stock of

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HONOR TO LATE KING

Montreal, Feb. 24.—Zionists of Canada in order to show their deep appreciation of the friendly attitude of his late Majesty King Edward VII to the Jewish race, and his lifelong friendship for many leaders of the Jewish people, have purchased a tract of land in palestine, which will be named after King Edward, and which will be colonized with Jewish settlers, under the direction of the Jewish National Fund. It is intended that by this means the name of King Edward shall be perpetuated in Palestine. In addition to this land purchase, a certificate has been issued by the Zionists testifying to the facts connected with the purchase. This certificate is to be presented to King George by a Jewish deputation.

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Merritt, B. C.

Land Act Notice.

Nicola Land District
Kamloops Division of Yale

Take notice that I Perley Russell of Princeton, occupation clerk, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at post planted 20 chains West of the North East corner Post of G. P. Myren's Pre-emption, Otter Valley; thencs East 20 chains; thence North 20 chains; thenct West 20 chains thence South 20 chains, to point of commencement, containi g 40 acres, more or less.

PERLEY RUSSELL,
G. P. MYREN AGENT.

Date 23rd. November, 1910.

Land Act

Nicola Land District.
Kamloops Division of Yale.

Take notice that George H. King of Chipman, New Brunswick, occupation lumberman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following desoribed lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner and marked George H. King's southeast corner post, and on Main Dry Creek about four miles from its junction with Five Mile Creek and about four miles westerly from Lot 939, thence north 40 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 80 acres more or less.

GEORGE H. KING.
Alex. McKay, Agent.

Date November 29. 1910.

Take Notice that Addington P. Long, of Vancouver, B.C., occupation cabinet maker, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner and marked Addington P. Long's southeast corner post, and about four miles from the mouth of Dry Creek and one-half mile west of the said Creek, and about four miles westerly from Lot 939, thence north 40 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 20 chains, to point of commencement, containing 80 acres more or less.

ADDINGTON P. LONG.
Alex. McKay, Agent.

Dated November 29. 1910.

Take notice that Fred E. King of Vancouver, B. C., occupation dentist, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner and marked Fred E. King's southeast corner post and on the west fork of Dry Creek about four miles from the mouth of Main Dry Creek and about four miles westerly from Lot 939, thence north 20 chains. thence west 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, to point of commencement, containing 40 acres more or less.

FRED E. KING.
Alex. McKay, Agent.

Date November 29. 1910. 46-55

Take notice that Laura King, of Chipman, New Brunswick, occupation married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner and marked Laura King's sonthwest corner post and about five miles distant in a northwesterly direction from the northwest corner of lot 939 and at the head of a small stream which empties into Siwash Creek, abou four miles north from its junction with Five-mile creek; thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

LAURA KING.
46-55 Alex. McKay, Agent.

Take notice that Grace F. King, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the south-west corner and marked "Grace F. King's south-west corner post," and about two and one half miles westerly from Siwash creek and about three and ond half miles northwesterly from Lot 939, thence west 30 chains to point of commencement, containing 80 acres more or less.

GRACE F. KING.
46-55 Alex. McKay, Agent.

Take notice that Mary King of Vancouver, B. C., occupation married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner and marked "Mary King's north-west corner post," and on Dry Creek and about two and one half miles from its mouth, thence 40 chains south, thence east 20 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 70 acres more or less.

MARY KING.
46-55 Alex. McKay, Agent.

Take notice that John McKay of Penticton, occupation builder, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner and marked "John McKay's south-east corner post" and on west of Dry Creek and about four and one half miles from main Dry Creek; thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to the point of commencement, containing 160 acres.

JOHN MCKAY.
46-55 Alex. McKay, Agent.

Take notice that Janet McKay of Vancouver, B. C., accupation married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner and marked "Janet McKay's north-east corner post," and on Siwash Creek and in a northerly direction about two miles from north-west corner of Lot 939, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thince north 80 chains to the point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

JANET MCKAY.
49-55 Alex. McKay, Agent.

Take notice that Edwin Millar of Eureka, California, occupation butcher, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the south-west corner and marked "Edwin Millar's south-west corner post" and about two miles north-westerly from Lot 939 and about two miles west from Siwssh Creek, thence east 80 chains, thence uorth 40 chains, thence west 80 thains, thence south 40 chains to the point of commencement, contsining 320 acres more or less.

EDWIN MILLAR.
46-55 ALEX. M'KAY, Agent.

Take notice that Larkin Burpee Briggs of Vancouver, B. C., occupation teamster, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner and marked "Larkin Burpee Briggs' north-east corner post," and about five miles distant in a north-westerly direction from the north-west corner of Lot 939 and at the head of a small stream which empties into Siwash Creek about four miles north from its junction with Five-mile creek, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

LARKIN BURPEE BRIGGS.
46-55 Alex. McKay, Agent.
Dated November 28th, 1910.

Take notice that Elizabeth Scott of Vancouver, occupation widow, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner and morked "Elixabeth Scott's north east corner post," and on Dry Creek about three and one half miles from its mouth, thence south 40 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 80 acres more or less.

ELIZABETH SCOTT.
46-55 Alex. McKay, Agent.
Dated November 29th, 1910.

Take notice that Alexander McKay of Vancouver, B. C., occupation engineer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner and marked "Alexander McKay's north-west corner post," and on Dry Creek about three miles from its mouth, thence south 40 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 80 acres more or less.

46-55 ALEXANDER MCKAY.
Dated November 28th, 1910.

Land Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land District. District of Nicola.

Take notices that I, Walter Warren, of Toronto, Ont., occupation actuary, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on west fork of Otter Creek, at the head of first canyon and about one and one nalf miles from Lot 1775, intersecting Station K 1806, Rettle Valley R. R. survey, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

WALTER WARREN.
46-55 R. Z. Chandler, Agent.
Date, October 15th. 1910.

Land Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land Division. District of Yale.

Take noiice that Andrew Ross of Calgary, Alta., occupation R. R. man, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands, containing 640 acres.

Commencing at a post planted about two miles of S. A. Brooks pre-emption No. 457, on the west branch of Otter Creek, B. C., thence north 80 chains and intersecting station K 1748 of the Kettle Valley railway survey; thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of commencement.

ENDREW ROSS,
By R. R. Chandlea, Agent
November 15th, I910.

Land Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land District. District of Yale.

Take notice that James J. Warren of Vancouver, B. C., occupation R. R. man, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands, contaiuing 640 acres.

Commencing at a poat planted at the north east corner of S. A. Brooks pre-emptiou No. 457 near the west branch of Otter Creek B. C., thence north 80 chains thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of commencement.

J. J. WARREN,
By R. Z. Chandler, Agent.
Dovember 15th' 1910.

Land Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land District. District of Yale.

Take notise that Chaales B. Gordon of Vancouver, B. C., occupation stenographer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a bost planted about 100 chains east of Stephen A. Brooks pre-emption No. 457 on wost branch of Otter Creek, B. C., thence south 40 chains and intersecting station K 1540 of the Kettle Valley railway survey, thence east 20 chains. thence north 40 chains, thence west 20 cooins to place of commencement and containing 80 acres of land.

CHARLES B. GORDON
By R. Z. Cnandler. Agent.
November 15th, 1910.

Land Act

Nicola Land District. District of Kamloops Division of Yale.

Take notice that 60 days after date Alexander Beath of Vancouver, occupation Broker, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land: Commencing at a post planted 80 chains north of the N.E. corner of Lot 1776, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

ALEXANDER BEATH, Applicant.
E. B. Tingley, Agent.
Dated January 28, 1911. 51-7

Land Act

Nicola Land District. District of Kamloops Division of Yale.

Take notice that 60 days after date Euphemia Beath of Vancouver, married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land: Commencing at the north east corner of Lot 1776, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

EUPHEMIA BEATH, Applicant.
E. B. Tingley, Agent.
Dated January 28, 1911. 51-7

All changes for advertisements appearing in the Nicola Valley News, must be in the hands of the printers no later than Wednesday night No guarantee can otherwise be given that the changes will be made.

Miss Canada and Uncle Sam

Are making strenous efforts to complete a reciprocity arrangement by which Canada and the United States hope to benefit. This is a great International question, one on which the opinions of both are divided.

Coming to local issues the Merritt Mercantile Company have found there are no two opinions regarding the fact that they have made greater progress, pleased more people, sold and delivered more goods in the short time we have been in here than the most sanguine could imagine. This phenomenal success has encouraged us to reach out for greater results. Each department is receiving new goods regularly.

IN SHOES ALONE WE WILL SOON HAVE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DIFFERENT LINES, ALL NEW OF DISTINCTIVE STYLE AND QUALITY.

Groceries

In the leading Grocery Houses of the world you will find no better goods than we stock, and while the superior quality of our lines make it a losing proposition to meet some competition, yet we are doing so and will continue.

Ogilvie's Royal Household Flour

is perfect made by the largest mills in the British Empire.

We guarantee each and every sack.

Fit-Rite Clothing

For young men and men who wish to stay young. If any garments can truthfully be said to sell themselves, The Fit-Rite clothes are self sellers. The graceful lines, the shapely modeling, the snappy details of design, all these distinguish Fit-Right from ordinary, and make an instant and compelling appeal to men who know. We invite your critical inspection of our

New Spring Models

Our stock of Hats, Top Shirts, Underwear, Hosiery, etc., are just what you want with above clothing.

Dry Goods

We have the only new stock in Merritt, which cannot help but please the ladies for style and quality. Ginghams, Prints, Mercerised Shantung, Fancy Muslins, Shephard Check, Panama Cloth, Fancy Lustre, Satin Cloth, Cambric of all kinds.

Our stock of Rugs and Carpet Squares have no equal at the prices we offer. We Lead--Others Follow.

Linoleums

If you are thinking of buying Linoleums it would pay you to call on us before going elsewhere

Hardware Department

We carry a complete line of Gurney Oxford Stoves and Ranges. We expect a large shipment of Kemps Granite and Tinware in a few days. Everything for the good housewife, so have her call in and we will show her our stock. It is a pleasure.

Our stock of Sherwin Williams' House, Buggy and Wagon Paints, Varnishes, Oils, Stains, Enamels, Boiled and Raw Oil and Turps is complete in every respect. All new goods direct from the factory.

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