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## PROVISIONAL DIRECTORATE OF HOSPITAL SEEK INCORPORATION

### Hospital Scheme Is In Practical Form

#### Directors Elected for Incorporation on Saturday Night

Practical, businesslike form was given to the movement to secure an up-to-date public hospital by the meeting, at which provisional directors were appointed to set about incorporation of the Nicola Valley General Hospital, last Saturday night, in Menzies' Hall. The hall was filled with men eager to further the scheme and have the hospital erected as soon as possible.

W. E. Duncan's announcement that Gilbert Blair, of Vancouver, had donated an acre of the Blair subdivision for hospital purposes was received enthusiastically. Mr. Duncan added that the committee on site had thought it best to have two acres, and he wired Mr. Blair, asking him if he would hand over the additional land. At the time of the meeting he had received no reply to his wire.

A. W. Strickland was appointed to the chair, but when the secretary was called upon for the minutes of previous meeting of general committee workers it was found that he was not present, being detained at his office by business. G. B. Armstrong consented to act as secretary for the evening. Archie Jackson reported that Dr. Young, provincial secretary, had assured him that the government grant would be forthcoming when asked for, and this was the occasion for another outburst of enthusiasm.

Then the purpose of the meeting was brought out. Mr. Strickland announced that the organization work had so far progressed that it was necessary to incorporate before taking steps to secure plans. In all \$3987 had been collected, about \$5200 of which had been subscribed by miners. Mr. Grimmett pointed out that before a public body might have legal standing it had to incorporate. To incorporate, certain people, not less than five, should form temporary officers of the body, who should apply to the registrar of joint stock companies at Victoria for a charter. After this is granted the stockholders, all those who subscribe towards the objects of the company thus formed, may hold a meeting and regularly elect their directors. The first directors are known as provisional directors.

In a public body, as this hospital organization, where the provincial government contribute a pro rata share of the expense of erecting the hospital, as Mr. Cleasby pointed out, the provincial authorities have the right to appoint two of the permanent directors. They have, however, no say in the appointment of the provisional directors, that resting with the meeting.

The nominations were called for, and the members of the Press were appointed scrutineers. The result of the polling showed elect A. W. Strickland, Charles Graham, Fred Gay, Jos. Graham, John Collett, Archie Jackson and John McMillan. By an error in transcription the scrutineers first announced that G. Pride was elected in place of Fred Gay.

After the meeting the directors elected Charles Graham general manager of the hospital for the present and decided to advertise for applications for the position of secretary. Mr. Grimmett was instructed to proceed with the preparation of incorporation.

#### A CONFLAGRATION

The cry of "fire!" echoed through the streets shortly after eight o'clock last night. A dread word in this unprotected town; and quick eyes searched the sky to locate the direction of the conflagration. Along the Quilchena Avenue, almost behind the Dia-

mond Vale Supply Company's premises, tongues of angry flame shot into the air, lighting the immediate vicinity as by day, and soon the glare was visible for miles around. The Little Gem restaurant and rooming house, occupied by Sam Costango, was being destroyed. As soon as the flames went high enough for all to see there was a rush to the scene, and half an hour after the cry was raised there were five hundred people on the scene. Men rushed into the burning house and threw out beds, and bedding and large, dark barrels, one of which was full of wine. This was rolled to a safe distance and a man placed over it by Constable Vachon, to see that no one took any of it. This man was called away soon after, and in a few minutes after he had left a bucket brigade was quietly emptying the barrel. When the constable returned the barrel was sadly depleted.

There was no hope of saving the Little Gem without a fire brigade, so, under the direction of Archie Jackson and Fred Paige, a gang, fought to wet down a dwelling about a hundred feet to the west, and prevent it from catching fire from flying sparks. Andrew McGoran and Roy Thomas took charge of wetting the front and others took care of the roof. The heat was intense, and but for the fact that the sides of the burning collapsed inwardly the scorching breath of the flames might have compelled the desertion of the home.

The building destroyed was owned by a Chinaman. It represents an expenditure of about \$1000, and was not covered by insurance.

M. L. Grimmett has resigned his commission with the B. C. Horse.

H. H. Matthews came down from Nicola last Tuesday evening.

John Boch will soon have the new house which he is building for H. Priest completed.

Last Wednesday night George Richards returned from a business and pleasure trip to the coast.

J. P. Boyd, manager of the Diamond Vale Supply company, returned from a trip to Vancouver Thursday evening.

H. Colin Clark has purchased another lot on Granite avenue. This has a house of four rooms on it. The former owner was John Beckner, who has gone to the coast.

A meeting of baseball enthusiasts has been called for next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, over Armstrong's store. It is proposed to undertake the formation of a local baseball club for the coming summer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Garrison arrived in town last evening en route from Seattle and Vancouver to Princeton. They have been on a vacation in course of which they visited all the points of interest along the coast.

H. S. Cleasby wishes everyone to know that next Friday evening there will be a meeting of the Merritt, Middlesboro and District Conservative Association, at which business of importance to the community will be transacted.

A. B. Kennedy returned from Vancouver this week.

#### A BIRTHDAY SOUVENIR

Last Tuesday being the seventy-fourth anniversary of the birth of one of the oldest residents of the valley, Mr. Jesus Garcia, a number of his numerous friends decided to make it the occasion for a testament of their appreciation of his sterling worth, as a rancher, business man and friend. Co-operatively they purchased a handsome, upholstered leather, fireside chair; it was both costly and particularly comfortable.

The presentation was made at the Garcia home immediately after a dinner, to which fifteen guests sat down, in which the viands were delicious. A spirit of camaraderie possessed the diners and to more than one came the appreciation that it was a reunion of friends. The past, the present and the future proved themes of absorbing interest; the first two being subjects upon Mr. Garcia was especially fitted to dilate: as for the future, if all the prophecies made that evening come true, then the past and present are tame.

Among those who were present at the dinner were Mesdames Howse, Strickland, Hirsch, Grimmett, Austin, Tutill, Pooley, Rogers and Miss Vair; and Messrs. A. W. Strickland, A. N. B. Rogers, M. L. Grimmett, G. B. Armstrong, L. Austin, J. Garcia and Dr. Tutill.

After the dinner guests began to arrive for the dance, a full account of which appears in another column.

### Boosting Merritt

#### Harold Greig Conducts Successful Publicity Trip

Mr. Harold Greig, the well known local realty operator, returned to town on Tuesday evening after having spent a week in Kamloops, Lytton, North Bend and other points along the main line. As a booster for Merritt he proved himself a great success. In Kamloops he ran full page coloured advertisements, setting forth the prospects and potentialities of the valley, with the result that he not only induced many to invest in local real estate, but he has organized several parties of capitalists who will come here in a month or two with a view to investigating the opportunities for large investment.

In conversation with the News shortly after his return, he said: "Merritt is the name on everyone's lips. Everywhere I went people kept coming and asking about our town, as soon as they heard that I could give them the information they were after. I sold out of Central view property completely."

Then Mr. Greig made an announcement.

"In a few weeks I shall put upon the market the largest subdivision of the best home-sites that has ever been offered to the people of this town. I am not in a position to state at present," He added in reply to a question, "where this subdivision will be, but I may be able to make an announcement next week."

In Kamloops there was a slight flurry of speculation in land adjacent to the Indian reserve, in consequence of a report that the Canadian Northern would put their shops there in exchange for a depot site and right of way through the town. People bought lots and sold again for large profits, when the announcement came out that Sir Daniel Mann had decided that the site offered was too far from the present mainline and that his company would not accept the offer. This killed the realty boom.

#### CHINESE CREWS

Word reached Vancouver last Thursday that the chief officer of the British steamer Bannockburn was obliged to kill two members of the Chinese crew in self-defence, following the stranding of the steamer near Dover early last week. As previously reported in The Province the Bannockburn was bound out from Antwerp to San Francisco with general cargo for Parrott & Co., when she went ashore at Dover. Later advices state that the Chinese crew rushed the chief officer who produced a revolver and killed two of them. Two others were wounded but the remainder came on and it was only the arrival of the captain and other help that drove the mutineers back.

The Bannockburn is well known here for she brought rails to Prince Rupert last year from Cape Breton, afterwards loading barley at San Francisco for the United Kingdom. On this voyage she was to have come north to load lumber on the Fraser River.

Nine people left for Glasgow last Thursday morning. They will sail from Montreal by the Empress of Britain on March 27, and will all be able to witness the coronation of George V. and Queen Mary. The members of the party were Mesdames James Cairns, Jas. Wheat, T. Smith and Miss Helen Smith; and Messrs. John Thompson, David Thompson, George Fairley and Alec and Jack Fairley. This morning Tom Cargill left for the East. He will also be a passenger on the Empress of Britain.

### Solomon's Sorrow

#### Stableman From Nicola Set Free From Serious Charge

Last Tuesday afternoon, shortly after five o'clock, in fact, Justices Tutill and C. MacDonald acquitted Solomon Shrimpton of the charge of having supplied liquor to an Indian. The case occupied a day and a half. The hearing commenced last Saturday afternoon, but after the evidence for the Crown was all in the magistrates advised the defendant to secure counsel, as the evidence against him appeared overwhelming. It was then adjourned to Monday morning, when M. L. Grimmett appeared as the prisoner's legal adviser. The prosecution failed to take the hint to secure special counsel and rested their case upon the evidence submitted Saturday afternoon.

Phillip Sampson, an Indian from the Coldwater reserve, was arrested on Wednesday and charged with being in a state of intoxication. An Indian, be it known, can never become legally drunk; he may only be described as intoxicated. Being questioned as to the source of his liquor supply Phillip at once informed the provincial police that he had obtained his liquor from a stableman at the Nicola hotel. He then swore out an information against the charitable stableman and Constable Yachon accompanied him to Nicola, where, out of a roomful of seven men he at once identified Solomon Shrimpton. The latter was arrested and brought to Merritt, where Dr. Tutill and Chris MacDonald sat in judgment.

Phillip Sampson, a Sampson in name but not in his physical attributes, swore that last Thursday morning, March 9th, he in

### Government Grants

#### \$8,000 For School

company with his fourteen year old brother Johnny and another Indian, Johnny Bob, went to the Nicola hotel, arriving there from the rancherie at eight o'clock in the morning. The trio put their horses up in the stable for a feed while they went into their breakfast. Before Phillip went in, he swore, he handed Shrimpton a two dollar bill and asked him to get him a bottle of whisky or rum. This Shrimpton agreed to do, and further informed him that he would find the bottle in the manger on his return from breakfast. At that time the Indian had \$22.

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#### LOWER NICOLA NOTES

D. Dodding has returned from a four months' tour of the old country. He is accompanied by Messrs. W. Procter and Gerard, who will stay in the valley for some considerable time; probably they will eventually decide to make this their permanent home.

Mr. Williamson, secretary of the B. C. Sunday School Association, was here last Sunday and delivered one of the most impressive sermons we have ever had had the pleasure of listening to.

Dr. Stewart has practically recovered from his severe attack of pneumonia, and is now spending his time farming. He cheerfully maintains that this is the best climate he has ever seen.

Jesus Garcia was a visitor to town last Wednesday. For all his years he still looks hale and hearty. Quite a number of local people had the pleasure of attending his birthday dance and dinner of Tuesday evening.

There is no truth at all in the rumour that Barclay Eon throne has sold his ranch and that John McCullough is to take possession this spring.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

On Monday and Tuesday evenings the annual convention of the Nicola district of the B. C. Sunday School Association was held in the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches in Merritt. A large number of prominent workers from various points in the valley, as well as from outside points, assembled here for the occasion.

The convention commenced at eight o'clock on Monday evening with prayers and devotions. Mrs. Dr. McKay, superintendent of elementary Sunday school work in Vancouver, discussing the latest and best methods of conducting Sunday school work with children. For purposes of illustration she showed how a lesson should be taught in order to insure the proper appreciation of the work by pupils. On Tuesday evening Rev. I. W. Williamson, general secretary of the B. C. Sunday School association, dealt the theme "the Sunday school a man's job."

Charles L. Betterton, a Victoria capitalist who recently spent some time here, will return to town next Monday evening.

H. Colin Clarke has been appointed solicitor to the Bank of Toronto. He is a lawyer of considerable experience at the bar in London and British Columbia.

Next week A. W. Strickland, manager of the Nicola branch of the Bank of Montreal, will take charge of the office in Merritt. J. F. S. Gilling, acting sub-agent here, goes to Nicola. There may be further changes in the local staff, but not for some time.

Archibald W. McVittie, of McVittie & Cokely, surveyors, has returned to town from Victoria, where he has been spending the winter. In conversation with the News Mr. McVittie made a suggestion which it would be well for the citizens to consider. That was that some day should be fixed upon as Clean Up Day, when everyone should take steps to have all the refuse around houses gathered up and burned.

#### Tenders to Be Called for a Four Roomed School House

Next week the government will advertise for tenders for the erection of an eight thousand dollar school house, to be built on the site adjacent to the present school. This news was received by H. S. Cleasby last Saturday evening. Dr. Young, minister of education, has announced that as soon as there are a sufficient number of pupils to justify the establishment of a high school in Merritt he will give the board the requisite powers, and the present schoolhouse will be used as the high school.

The government appropriation calls for a four-roomed building, which must be in keeping with the design of the present schoolhouse. It is expected that eight thousand dollars will cover the cost of the building, but whether or not that is a correct estimate can only be learned when the tenders are in.

#### DANCE AT MR. GARCIA'S

Following the presentation of the token of esteem, at a dinner on Tuesday night, Mr. Garcia gave a dance to his numerous friends. To be present at this friends of Mr. Garcia travelled from all over the valley, some coming from as far as Spence's Bridge. Dancing commenced shortly after nine and, save for an interval for refreshments at midnight, continued till daylight. Mrs. Tutill, Mrs. Crockett, Val. H. Crockett and E. Jones furnished the music. His guests wish Mr. Garcia many happy returns of his birthday.

#### WALTER CLARK RESIGNS

Walter Clark, for years chief of provincial police in the Nicola Valley, has resigned. He left on Thursday for the Northwest, where he will invest before returning. It is expected that he will be away a fortnight.

#### COLLETT-SMITH

Last Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock Arthur Collett and Jessie Smith were united in marriage by Rev. W. J. Kidd, pastor of the St. Patrick's Presbyterian church, at the home of Miss Smith at Spence's Bridge. Only the families of the contracting parties and two intimate friends were present at the wedding.

The happy couple left for Lower Nicola, where they are to reside, late in the afternoon. Their hopes of arriving without attracting notice were shattered by the machinations of King Dodd. When the train pulled into the station the bridal party received a hot reception. It was "shivaree" then that night, and the hours were small before the last well-wisher took his departure.

Mr. Thomas Morgan, inspector of coal mines for the Provincial government, arrived in town last Wednesday evening from Nanaimo.

Rev. T. Walker was ordained priest in the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, New Westminster, on Sunday, the 12th inst. The Ven. Archdeacon Pentreath preached the ordination sermon.

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 19th.  
Nicola, 11 a. m.  
Merritt, Sabbath School and Bible Class, 2 p. m.  
Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.  
Rev. W. J. Kidd, B. A., B. D.  
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.  
Services, March 19 in Menzies hall.  
11 a. m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.  
2.30 p. m., Sunday school.  
3.15 p. m. Evening Prayer.  
Rev. T. Walker gives notice that there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Parsonage on Saturday morning 25th of March at 9 a. m. The 25th of March is the Festival of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; commonly called Lady Day.



## NEWS AND VIEWS

The Winnipeg correspondent of the Kamloops Standard, in wiring the news of an increase of ten per cent, in the wages of C. P. R. employees, mentioned that this increase will be "retrospective from January 1, 1911."

Monsignor Stagni, the recently appointed Papal Legate to Canada, will arrive in Ottawa on the 25th of this month.

The Vancouver police are conducting a vigorous campaign against the gamblers of Chinatown, and have recently made several raids. In one they managed to secure no less than nineteen white men.

Calgary will spend half a million dollars this year in the construction of schools. Evidently the Albertans have faith in the education of the masses.

The Saanich Liberals have disbanded their association. Disgust at the treatment, or the lack of it, at the hands of Hon. Wm. Templeman is said to be responsible.

The War Department in England has issued orders creating a special aerial battalion. Eligibles must be under thirty, have an aerial pilot's license, be sailors with an aptitude for mechanics, have a knowledge of foreign languages and must not weigh over one hundred and sixty pounds. If there were any more requirements no doubt the order would have mentioned them.

Rt. Hon. Augustine Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, speaking at Oxford, indicated that the Government's Home Rule Bill for Ireland will be on the lines of Gladstone's second

Home Rule Bill. He said that the government was investigating financial conditions preparatory to the introduction of the measure into the House of Commons.

The Boundary Creek Times, founded by Duncan Ross for political purposes, has thrown up the sponge before the competition of R. T., otherwise "Bob" Lowery, editor of the Greenwood Ledge and journalistic knight errant, who is ever ready to break a lance with all who question the individual's right to think for himself. This week's Ledge contains the announcement in large letters, in a "box," on the front page. What Lowery paid for the goodwill, etc., is not known.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox still keeps writing piffle for the edification of the multitude. She has recently made the discovery that 1911 years ago there was a crucifixion.—Ex.

"In Fernie the Free Press dog has returned to that print shop. In mentioning the fact the editor remarks that it is not given as a matter of news, but as a solemn warning."—Greenwood Ledge. Give the poor dog a bone. In other words, he needs the money.

"The census of Canada will be taken next June and it will show that we have a population of 7,702,015 people, including all the members of the Smith family."—Greenwood Ledge. Wrong! Two Smiths died the other day and three got married.

Judging from the number of Letters to the Editor in the exchanges we have from the Okanagan, there must be a few Englishmen there. When an Englishman has a grievance he writes to the papers.

Everything seems peaceful in Mexico just now. At least there are no more strong threats of intervention by the Americans, the Germans, the Japs and the French. Madero, the insurgent leader, has issued a manifesto to the nations of the world. Car-ramba! They must keep their hands off, or he'll stuff them with chili con carne and, filling his cannon with hot tamales, blow them all into the sea. Bingo!

The growth of trade between Canada and Australia, according to recent advices, has justified the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand in placing an order with Glasgow shipbuilders for the construction of two ten thousand ton steamers, to operate between Vancouver and Sydney, via Auckland. This company operates its business in Canada under the name of the Canadian-Australian Steamship Company, which is generally supposed by Canadians to be another branch of the C. P. R. This impression is erroneous, however, the C. P. R. having no interest in the company at all, merely acting as Canadian booking and passenger agents for the company.

An advertisement in the News will bring the business.

## SIDELIGHTS BY "SIM"

Merritt has quite a number of pretty girls, but the worst of it is they know it too well.

Pink teas will be served at the lawn tennis court this summer—while mother is at home doing the washing.

Had Solomon been a bartender he would have been wiser still.

It is not always the dog with the longest tail that has the happiest wag.

It's a caution how frequently the rails on the new K. V. road have to be wet.

The boys around Merritt, from thirteen to seventeen, who consider it fashionable and manly to smoke cigarettes and use profane and obscene language on the streets, will never own an automobile or become premier of British Columbia.

The Church may not always be right, yet he who belittles her belittles Creation.

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Men's Negligee Shirts, with and without collar. Newest patterns; light and dark colors. Prices, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75

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#### MORALITY

There is no intention on our part to enter into the merits, or otherwise, of certain influences which may be regarded as detrimental, or otherwise, to the moral welfare of a community. We propose to occupy a little space in casual reflections on the relation of morality to human progress; and to endeavour to point out wherein lies the menace of some of the champions of individualism, and the reaction thereto—Socialism—to the moral, and hence mental and physical elevation of suffering humanity. Imprimis, however, we would also assure our readers that we hold no brief for moralists of the pusillanimous, or narrowly didactic type.

The particular members of society to whom we refer are those who hold that the basis of all social, political and economic problems is the sex instinct, and who draw therefrom the conclusion that nothing else really amounts to anything and that therefore all moral laws are against the laws of Nature, hence unnatural, and continence impossible. They would remove all restrictions from promiscuous coition. It is generally found that this type of man is utterly fatalistic theoretically, and practically the reverse. Certain strong, in fact the strongest, Socialists maintain that the marriage ties of the present day are fundamentally wrong, and would entirely eliminate such a tie in the Utopian society to which they aspire.

The inviolability of the home is the most cherished idea of modern society. Man is a creature susceptible to illusions in regard to that which he cannot comprehend very readily. The average human being is not one who is inclined, even had the time at his disposal, to enter into metaphysical controversies. Those who delve deep and by human logical processes separate the spiritual, or ideal, from the material, or real, eventually, by their own human limitations, conclude that the principles inculcated in children are entirely wrong. So, by that same process, applying cold logic to every ideal of humanity, they find that everything is wrong. Then—

"Is there aught worth losing or keeping,  
The bitters or sweets men quaff,  
The sowing or the doubtful reaping,  
The harvest of grain or chaff;  
The squandering days, or heaping,  
The waking seasons, or sleep-

ing,  
The laughter that dries the tears,  
Or the weeping that drowns the laugh?  
For joys wax dim, and woes deaden.  
We forget the sorrowful biers  
And the garlands glad that have led in  
The sorrowful march of years.  
And life is short, the longest life a span!"

Evidently Gordon did not believe that life held anything that was really true, and he shot himself. A man of great literary and executive ability, in the short time he tried for fortune he made great sums and spent them prodigally.

And those who apply their logic to the destruction of modern ideals in morality, are they not evolving a frankenstein for their own destruction? Strike away the marriage tie, destroy the home, dissect patriotism, analyze ideals, shatter illusions, then—? What?

Then Lust is loosed and Purity is gone; Achilles is no more; Agalia, Thalia, Euphrosyne names for libertines to play with; Bacchus dances to the songs of Comus; and Penelope is relegated to oblivion!

#### OUR PRIDE

We believe that there is none who will enter into a controversy with us as to the superiority of the Nicola Valley over the rest of the province in the matter of climate.

It has been our pleasure to have witnessed magnificent sunsets, clear moon-lit and dark, starry nights in every quarter of the globe. Some have been remarkable. In the Indian Ocean sunsets are awe-inspiring, the sky and clouds, after the sun has disappeared, constantly changing, paling and brightening, assuming every shade and every hue. Those sunsets are unique. There is nothing which more than suggests them elsewhere. The grossest materialist pauses in a voiceless amazement as he sees them for the first time. The most reasonable explanation for such a phenomenon we have ever received is that it must be due to salt crystals in the air, drawn in the constant and powerful evaporation of that heated water waste.

Last Tuesday evening the sun sank in a cloudy sky, tinged the clouds carmine, which paled to ochre, then to orange, then to pale gold, and faded out with a dull silver sheen.

"Then the Moon, from vague mists rising,

Slowly mounts the jewelled dome,

Like the Venus of the ancients  
Rising from the ocean's foam,  
And one by one in Heaven's garden,

The silver star-lamps light."

At eight o'clock the sky was clear. From the reflected light of the snow, probably, the ether was a clear violet, on the horizon only paling to light turquoise. The moon itself was like a disc of molten silver, brilliant, and in its brilliance dazzling to look upon. All the hillsides were revealed as if by daylight, the trees on the ridge-tops silhouetted in lacily filaments against the blue

sky. Bathed in silvery light, even the snow patches quivered dazzling. Who noticed the scene paused, and inhaled deep breaths; the blood roared faster with the zest of living. It was good to be alive.

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Their Treatment a Great Problem in Canadian Forestry

"The handling of cut-over lands is the greatest problem in forest protection and forestry in Canada to-day."

In these words, taken from Bulletin No. 9 of the Forestry Branch of the Dominion Department of the Interior (entitled "Forest Fires in Canada, 1909"), the author, Mr. H. R. MacMillan, one of the assistant inspectors of Forest Reserves, sets forth one of the chief aims of Canadian forest management.

The danger from these cut-over lands is two-fold. In the first place, they are the worst possible menace to the forests because of the readiness with which fire starts on them at the least provocation. After the lumberman has finished cutting the timber there remains, scattered over the land, a mass of chips, tree tops and other debris, which gradually dries out and in a few months becomes like so much tinder. A lighted match, a spark from a camp-fire, a lighted cigarette dropped, and away goes the tinder, and almost with the speed of thought a serious fire has developed. Perhaps the fire meets with no worse fuel than more of the cutting debris.

Then the loss is not so serious, but even so the fire may have consumed much, if not all, of the thin soil characteristic of some foreign regions, and any possibility of further tree growth is lost for centuries, if not for ever.

Should the fire come to mature and valuable timber, the loss from the destruction of the timber may be enormous, and in some cases such fires have reached to the homestead of the settler, destroying his crops, buildings and other improvements (perhaps his little all) and even human life.

The other danger—not so much appreciated until late years, and even now only by a comparative few—is the hindrance to the tree seeds and the little trees which this mass of litter presents. Even when the seeds fall, they have small chance to start or germinate. Even if they should get thus far, the delicate root encounters nothing but dead wood, chips or peat, and dies from lack of nourishment. If by any chance a small tree does spring up it grows with difficulty and has great chances of being swept over and destroyed by the fire.

Even during the present year (1910) many forest fires have raged in cut-over land, those of September, near the city of Vancouver, B.C., being a case in point.

Mr. MacMillan figures that for every foot of timber taken out of the forest by the lumbermen throughout Canada an average of seven feet has been destroyed by fire. This, it may be said, is a lower estimate than has been made of certain districts of Canada, e.g., the Ottawa river valley, where Senator W. C. Edwards, one of the most prominent lumbermen of the country, thinks that at least ten times as much lumber has been destroyed by fire as has been taken by the lumbermen.

Various other topics are discussed in the bulletin, such as the chief causes of forest fires, the effects of the fires, in the destruction of timber, the destruction of the soil, the interference with the water supply and the effect on future tree growth, and the means of preventing

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**LOCAL AND DISTRICT**

C. Rhodes was down from Nicola during the early part of the week.

Two Good Carpenters Wanted. Apply to the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Company.

Alf. Goodisson was another visitor from the lake metropolis. He spent two days here.

Howard Lawes arrived in town on Tuesday evening and will spend some time here.

Joseph Guichon was a visitor to town during the latter end of last week.

Ed. Stone is still on crutches, but his fractured limb is healing steadily and will soon be as strong as ever.

Best Electric Massage always on tap at Brown & Durham's Barber shop.

Prince Gillum shortly leaves for Nicola, on account of the changes in the Bank of Montreal a report of which appears elsewhere.

Ralph Wilson, who has charge of the mechanical department of the Vancouver World will shortly visit Merritt.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Austin of Lower Nicola were visitors to town last Tuesday afternoon. They came here to attend the dance in honour of Mr. Garcia's birthday.

S. N. Dancy returned from a fortnight's tour of the coast and Island. He spent some time at Harrison Hot Springs on his way back here.

Mrs. Strickland and Mrs. Hirsch will move from Nicola to Merritt within the next three weeks. While the new home will not be entirely completed on the outside, Mr. Strickland has thought it advisable for them to occupy the house as early as possible.

Mrs. E. A. Seville, who recently arrived in town, is delighted with the climate of the valley and expresses the hope that she will remain here for a considerable period. Her daughter is one of the teaching staff of the local school.

Mrs. Mackenzie, wife of the superintendent of all work above ground for the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Company, arrived in town the latter part of last week, accompanied by her daughter and two sons. They have taken the house next to Charles Granam, the local manager of the company.

Mrs. Graham Gray, of Aspen Grove, stayed overnight in town on Tuesday, on her way to Van-

couver, where she will join her husband, who is ill. Mr. Gray has recently undergone two very serious operations, but we understand he is now progressing as well as can be expected.

J. W. Ellis, manager of this bucolic journal, returned from the coast on Wednesday evening. While in Vancouver he was a guest at the Vancouver Press Club, a newspaper organization which has handsome quarters on Hastings street, near the new post office building. He also brings word of the success of Gus. Grote and testifies to the cordial reception he received at the hands of the latter.

G. S. Walters, well known to many in Merritt, who recently went to Greenwood to take a position with the B. C. Copper company, has written his friends informing them that things are looking up in Coppertown and that there is almost a scarcity of labour. The tunnel to Phoenix is progressing rapidly and the promoters have great hopes that they will strike a good ore body. He also says that it is anticipated that there will be quite a rush to Silverton, in the Slokan country, as soon as the snow disappears.

Bert Goodisson returned from a two weeks' vacation last Monday evening. He looks quite a good deal healthier, and (breathe it gently!) has acquired a little more superfluous flesh. During his trip he visited all the points of interest in the B. C. coast and in Washington. While in Vancouver he was the guest of Gus Grote, a former resident of this city, who is not in business for himself in the Terminal City, where he conducts the new Couver Cafe. No doubt Gus is entitled to a goodly share of the credit for Bert's improvement physically.

**Solomon's Sorrow**

(Continued from page one)

35, or perhaps a little more, on his person. This amount was in two tens and one two dollar bill and the balance in small silver. His breakfast cost him twenty five cents. He swore that he paid for his own and his brother's breakfast with this money, having given his brother money for his. When witness came out from breakfast he went into the stable and in the manger found the bottle hidden under the straw.

Jimmy Sampson, a diminutive Indian with a distinctly Oriental cast of countenance, being sworn testified. "I was at Nicola on Thursday. Accused gave Phillip a bottle of whiskey. We put our horses up at the ranche the night before and brought them to Kirby's stables at eight o'clock the next morning. The horses were not at Kirby's stable during the night. He did not know what accused was doing around the stable. They had had no whiskey at the ranche."

In reply to a question, I did not see accused milking any cows.

Did you see Phillip give accused

two dollars?—I did.

After some laborious indirect questioning, difficult inasmuch as the witness did not understand much English, witness said that Phillip got the bottle from the manger and that accused put it there for him.

The cross-examination by the prisoner of Phillip Sampson followed.

Were you not drunk when you came to the stable?—I was not drunk.

Hadn't you left your horses in the stable all night?—No.

Questioned by the Bench, witness said: "I did not have any whiskey at all before going to Kirby's stable. I did not see anyone drinking there. Accused was in the stable working round. Accused was milking cows when he entered the stable, but witness was not sure what kind of cows. There was another man working in the stable; he would know him if he saw him. Jimmy Sampson and Johnny Bob saw him get the whiskey from the manger. Accused put it in the manger for him, and he took it out and had a drink, but did not give any others a drink."

Johnny Bob substantiated the testimony of the other witnesses. He was difficult to examine, on account of his meagre knowledge of the English tongue.

When Mr. Grimmett was called into the case he asked for the privilege of cross-examining the witnesses. He managed to secure a corkscrew which had been found on Phillip Sampson when arrested for being intoxicated, and put it in evidence—the one and only exhibit of the trial—Exhibit A.

Pointing to the corkscrew, counsel exclaimed: So you are in the habit of carrying this instrument?—Yeah, said Phillip. He was about as communicative as Yip On.

What do you carry it for?—Oh, to open bottles.

Do you open many of them?—Oh, no, I only get a few. I help the others open their bottles when they can't use a knife.

Then followed an interesting dissertation on the easiest manner in which bottles, especially whiskey bottles, may be opened without using a corkscrew.

Mr. Grimmett pinned Phillip down to his statements about the money he had when he arrived at the stables.

Jimmy Sampson was re-called. Jimmy understood very little English, more Chinook and some Indian. His cross-examination was like this:

Magistrate: "Kissa de book!"

Jimmy kissed it with a smack. "You no tell truth, you go skookum house," warned the magistrate.

Mr. Grimmett: You know this man?—Yes.

Where he stop?—Nicola Lake. You know Phillip?—Yeah, him brudder.

Constable Vachon: How many days ago you go Nicola?—One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, six, five, four, three? Well, we'll try another method. You go to Nicola Sunday, Saturday, Friday, Thursday (pause), Wednesday, Thursday?—Threesday!

Magistrate: Any more man charco?—No.

And so it went. At times some information was gathered, but it all substantiated what the others had testified and never failed to shake him.

For the defense Mr. Rhodes, of the Nicola hotel, testified that Shrimpton had not purchased any whiskey from him, or taken any from the bar on the morning in question and that he had always known him to be sober and reliable. Mr. Kirby had always employed his employees to never supply liquor to Indians under any circumstances.

A. Warrington, another stableman, identified the Indians as having been at the hotel on Thursday previous. He did not see accused give them any whisky

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In reply to Mr. Grimmett, he had once found half a bottle of some dark liquid in a manger, covered up with straw. Being a teetotaler he refrained from an investigation of the contents and recovered it again. This was about three or four days before the Indians came. He had on another occasion found a small flask hidden under a step. He thought it might have held whisky, from the colour of it, but a teamster whom he showed it to tasted it and said that it was sweet nitre! (Disorder in the court.) He did not know whether that was right or not, he was a teetotaler. He saw Informant give a ten dollar bill in payment for feed and accused borrowed money from him to make up his change. Had seen no whisky given Indians. Had never seen accused giving any liquor to Indians. Had slept six weeks in same room as accused and always found him sober and cleanly. Had only been out from England about a year.

Phillip was again re-called and cross-questioned by the Bench on the money he had when he arrived at Nicola hotel.

In summing up Mr. Grimmett laid great stress upon this evidence. Phillip had sworn he had \$22.35 when he arrived. Yet he had paid for his own and his brother's breakfast and two dol-

lars for whisky with the \$2.35. As this was impossible it caused serious doubt as to the reliability of the witness.

The Bench gave the accused the benefit of that doubt and let him go, Mr. MacDonald warning him never to be brought back.

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### AN EXPERT SPEAKS

Writing in the March number of the Fruit Magazine, Thomas Cunningham, Inspector of Fruit Pests, after stating that the Reciprocity agreement is one of the biggest blunders ever made by any government in the history of the Dominion, says:

My first objection to the reciprocity agreement is that it discriminates unfairly against British Columbia fruit-growers.

We had no agricultural policy worth the name until the advent of the McBride government. Since that eventful day we have been making very rapid progress in all lines of agricultural development, horticulture of course taking the lead.

The British Columbia fruit-grower in most cases is obliged to clear his land and spend a year or two in getting out stumps and roots and sweetening the soil in preparation for his trees. You will thus see that the initial expenses incurred in planting an orchard in British Columbia are greatly in excess of our competitors.

So far as our British Columbia markets are concerned we may not suffer very much from competition, but when we meet our American competitors in what justly belongs to Canadians (I refer to the tier of provinces east

of British Columbia), we find a very unfortunate condition of affairs.

Another objection to the proposed reciprocal agreement is that it tends to the introduction of Free Trade, and if there is any political heresy that has been a curse to Canada it is that of Free Trade. I had some experience of this in my early life.

The British Columbia fruit-grower is still obliged to pay duty on many of his implements. During the present week I have had to put up a hundred dollars duty on a power sprayer. Early next month I expect to repeat the process. Last summer we paid two hundred dollars duty on two power spraying machines. That amounts to an expenditure of four hundred dollars, which the American fruit-grower will not have to expend, so there is that much in his favor.

Then again the insecticides. We have to pay duty on fungicides and insecticides, ranging all the way from 20 to 25 per cent., and yet meet our competitors upon equal grounds. Surely there can be nothing fair about this.

There is a silver lining in the cloud, however—that is, the prospect of the Government who agreed to this unfortunate arrangement having sealed its own

doom, and when the Opposition comes into power, the chances are that our agriculturists and horticulturists will be abundantly protected, probably better than before.

As far as regards the policy of the British Columbia Government I am glad to state for your information that we shall go on planting very select varieties of fruit. We shall spare no effort in putting the orchards of British Columbia in a perfectly sanitary condition, and thus improve the quality of British Columbia fruit. This temporary backset will not, I think, discourage the intending settlers, for long before the trees that are now being planted shall have come into bearing (and I am glad to say there are many, as is shown by the returns of inspection for 1910, when 3,770,470 trees and plants passed through the inspecting station at Vancouver) we shall have a Government at Ottawa fully committed to the protection of the Canadian producer.

### LABOR SCARCE

Estimates prepared in Winnipeg from information furnished by the railway and immigration officials indicate that at least 35,000 laborers will be required in the West this year. Each of the three big railway companies will be looking for about 5000 men, and more than 20,000 experienced and inexperienced, will be needed on the farms. The question is not one of placing workers, but of satisfying demands. Immigration authorities declare that there is little likelihood obtaining enough laborers, especially on the farms. The reason is that so many opportunities for available that applicants do not seek work on farms or railway positions except as a last resort.

### FINLANDS CONDITION

Russia's disastrous work in Finland goes on apace with a cynical indifference to the feelings of the people. The latest evidence of this is an amazing appointment which has just been made by the Russian authorities.

Some time ago the Vibork police chief was dismissed, and he has been succeeded by Herr Pekoner, whose qualifications for the post are distinctly original, for during the Bobrikoff period he was a police official who participated actively in several anti-Finnish transactions.

When the so-called constitutional government returned in 1906, he was tried and condemned for forgery, and further sentenced to imprisonment for making illegal arrests. Thanks to the distribution of palm oil, he contrived to escape to St. Petersburg, where he lived for some time under an assumed name.

But the Russian authorities resumed the Bobrikoffian policy last year, and Pekoner was able to return safely to Finland without having to serve his sentence. And he was actually "compensated" for his "sufferings" to the tune of \$3250 out of state funds from the Russianized Senate.

### TOMMY BURNS SUES

For injuries to his knee that he says have greatly diminished his earning capacity of more than \$25,000 a year, Noah Brusso, better known as Tommy Burns, has filed suit against the Puget Sound Electric Company in the Supreme Court for \$50,200.

Burns was hurt on December 13, when an interurban car in which he was coming from Tacoma to Seattle collided with another at Farrow station. Burns says his right arm, right leg and shoulders and back were severely wrenched and bruised. The injury to the knee, he is convinced, will prove permanent.

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pany it is probable that the high  
wind would have precluded any  
possibility of saving the major  
portion of the town.One man, whose identity is at  
present unknown, but who is be-  
lieved to have been a Swede,  
was burned to death, his charred  
corpse being found.The Great Northern hotel nar-  
rowly avoided destruction, only  
the most strenuous efforts saving  
it from falling a prey to the flames.  
The installation by the towns-  
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works system was really the rea-  
son for the prevention of a gen-  
eral holocaust. Perhaps it is cor-  
rect to add that this system alone  
would not have been sufficient;  
but for the discovery of the hose  
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ieff, who is accused of conspiring  
with "Count" D'Aulby de Gatigny  
to blackmail the duchess by de-  
manding money for withholding  
the publication of letters asserted  
to have been written to de Gatig-  
ny. The duchess retold the story  
which she related at the trial of  
the count at Tours, France, how  
the count had supplied her with  
alleged Old Masters, his subse-  
quent claim of \$200,000, and how  
various alleged attempts had  
been made by him to abstract  
money for the return of her let-  
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possible from the ranchers in or-  
der to assist them in clearing  
their land profitably and thereby  
helping them to become producers  
of fruit and other produce as rap-  
idly as possible.The winter of 1909-1910 was a  
very poor one from the tie-pro-  
ducers point of view, as the snow  
in many parts of that district  
was not sufficient to enable them  
to get the lumber out of the woods  
in as great quantities as possible.  
This winter, on the other hand,  
appears to have been a very good  
one in this respect, and the Com-  
pany has experienced no difficulty  
in making contracts for all they  
required."—Rossland Miner.J. J. Warren, president of the  
Kettle Valley, passed through  
town en route to Princeton during  
the week and will return here  
about Saturday.**WANTED**Applications for Secretary for the Ni-  
cola Valley General Hospital. Appli-  
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Block 27, Subdivision of Lot No. 541,  
Group One, New Westminster District,  
situated in the City of Vancouver, and  
being the site of the old Provincial  
Court House. Each tender must be  
enclosed in a registered letter and must  
be addressed to the undersigned, and  
plainly marked "Tender for Old Van-  
couver Court House Site," and must be  
accompanied by an accepted cheque for  
ten per cent. of the first payment of the  
purchase money. Payment for the prop-  
erty will be accepted in instalments of  
one-quarter of the purchase money.  
The first of such instalments to be paid  
within thirty days after the acceptance  
of the tender, and the other three an-  
nually thereafter, with interest at the  
rate of six per cent. per annum. In the  
event of the person whose tender is  
accepted failing to complete the first  
instalment within thirty days of the  
notice of such acceptance the sale to  
him will be cancelled and his ten per  
cent deposit forfeited. The cheques of  
unsuccessful tenderers will be returned.  
The highest or any tender will not  
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Department of Lands,  
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## 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

## 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 Mississauga 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 Mississauga Lake and two miles 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.

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 MACPAIL, 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 Mississauga Lake, and two miles 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.

DONALD MACPAIL,  
Per William Munro, Agent.  
Date January 23rd, 1911. 1-9

## Land Act

Nicola Land 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 Mississauga Lake, and about two miles south of Price's 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 to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

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

BELLE MACPAIL,  
Per William Munro, Agent.  
Date 23rd January, 1911. 1-9

## Land Act

Kamloops Division Nicola Land District.

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 Mammoth 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.

By her Agent, Hans Peter Gjellstad.  
Date 18th January, 1911. 1-9

## Land Act

Kamloops Division Nicola Land District.

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 Mammoth Lake wagon 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

## 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, thence East 20 chains, thence North 20 chains, thence West 20 chains, thence South 20 chains, to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.

PERLEY RUSSELL,  
G. P. MYREN AGENT.  
Date 23rd November, 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

Kamloops Division of Yale Land District. District of Yale.

Take notice that I, Effie J. Edwards, of Vancouver, occupation married woman, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the south east corner about one and one half miles in a south east direction from the south east corner of Lot 784, thence north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains, east 80 chains to place of beginning, claiming 640 acres of pasture land.

EFFIE J. EDWARDS  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
February 2, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land Division. District of Yale.

Take notice that James Edwards of Vancouver, occupation hotel keeper, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner about one mile and one half in an east southeasterly direction from the south east corner of Lot 784, thence south 80 chains, west 80 chains, north 80 chains, east 80 chains, to place of beginning, claiming 640 acres of pasture land.

JAMES EDWARDS  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
February 2, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land District. District of Yale.

Take notice that Grace E. Spankie, of Vancouver, occupation married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner four miles north and one mile west of northwest corner of Lot 902, thence north 80 chains, east 80 chains, south 80 chains, west 80 chains to place of beginning, claiming 640 acres of pasture land.

GRACE E. SPANKIE  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
February 2, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land District. District of Nicola.

Take notice that I Charles Davey of Vancouver, occupation bookkeeper, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner about three miles north and 80 chains west of the northwest corner of Lot 902, thence south 80 chains, east 80 chains, north 80 chains, west 80 chains to place of beginning, claiming 640 acres of pasture land.

CHARLES DAVEY  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
February 2, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land District. District of Nicola.

Take notice that Mary E. Adair, of Revelstoke, occupation married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner about one and one half miles in a south east direction from south east corner of Lot 784, thence south 80 chains, east 80 chains, north 80 chains, west 80 chains to place of beginning, claiming 640 acres of pasture land.

MARY E. ADAIR  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
February 2, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land District. District of Nicola.

Take notice that Henry H. James of Victoria, occupation financial agent, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner about four miles north and one half mile west of the north west corner of Lot 902, thence south 80 chains, west 80 chains, north 80 chains, east 80 chains, to place of beginning, claiming 640 acres of pasture land.

HENRY H. JAMES  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
February 2, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land District. District of Nicola.

Take notice that Eva J. Lynch, of Vancouver, occupation married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner, 20 chains north of northeast corner of Lot 1787, thence north 80 chains, east 80 chains, south 80 chains, west 80 chains to place of beginning, claiming 640 acres of pasture land.

EVA J. LYNCH  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
February 3, 1911. 3-12

## and Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land District. District of Nicola.

Take notice that I, James E. Spankie, of Vancouver, occupation physician, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner, about four miles north and one mile west of the northwest corner of Lot 902, thence west 80 chains, north 80 chains, east 80 chains, south 80 chains to place of beginning, claiming 640 acres of pasture land.

JAMES E. SPANKIE  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
February 2, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land District. District of Nicola.

Take notice that I, Guy H. Mulligan, of Vancouver, occupation salesman, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner, three miles north and 30 chains west of the northwest corner of Lot 902, thence north 80 chains, east 80 chains, south 80 chains, west 80 chains to place of beginning, claiming 640 acres of pasture land.

GUY H. MULLIGAN,  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
February 2, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land District. District of Nicola.

Take notice that Alice McPherson, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation R. R. contractor, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner, about four miles north and one half mile west from the northwest corner of Lot 902, thence east 80 chains, south 80 chains, west 80 chains, north 80 chains to place of beginning, claiming 640 acres of pasture land.

ALICE MCPHERSON,  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
February 2, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land District. District of Nicola.

Take notice that Clara W. Abbott, of Seattle, Washington, occupation married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner, about four and one half miles west and 30 chains south of northwest corner of Lot 902, thence north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains, east 80 chains, claiming 640 acres of pasture land.

CLARA W. ABBOTT,  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
February 6, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land District. District of Nicola.

Take notice that John Lynch, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation hotel clerk, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner, about 120 chains east of the northeast corner of Lot 1757, thence west 20 chains, north 80 chains, east 40 chains, south 20 chains, east 40 chains, south 40 chains, west 60 chains, south 20 chains, to place of beginning, claiming 400 acres of pasture land.

JOHN LYNCH  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
February 3, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land District. District of Nicola.

Take notice that William Abbott, of Seattle, Washington, occupation hotel keeper, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner, about four and one half miles west and 30 chains south of north west corner of Lot 902, thence north 80 chains, east 80 chains, south 80 chains, west 80 chains, to place of beginning, claiming 640 acres of pasture land.

WILLIAM ABBOTT,  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
February 3, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land District. District of Nicola.

Take notice that Charles L. Betterton, of Victoria, B. C., occupation financial agent, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner, one mile west and one half mile north of southwest corner of Lot 902, thence west 60 chains, south 80 chains, east 80 chains, north 40 chains to south boundary line of Jack McDonald's application to purchase, thence west 20 chains, thence north 40 chains to place of beginning, claiming 560 acres of pasture land.

CHARLES L. BETTERTON,  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
February 3, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land District. District of Nicola.

Take notice that Maud C. Betterton, of Victoria, B. C., occupation married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner, one mile west and one half mile north of southwest corner of Lot 902, thence west 60 chains, thence north 80 chains, east 80 chains, south 80 chains to place of beginning, claiming 640 acres of pasture land.

MAUD C. BETTERTON,  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
February 3, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land District. District of Nicola.

Take notice that Paul Engen, of Otter Valley, B. C., occupation rancher, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner, 20 chains north of northeast corner of Lot 1757, thence east 80 chains, south 80 chains, west 80 chains, north 80 chains, claiming 640 acres of pasture land.

PAUL ENGEL,  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
February 3, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division of Yale Land District. District of Nicola.

Take notice that Ernest Adair, of Revelstoke, B. C., occupation physician, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner, about one and one half miles in a southeast direction from southeast corner of Lot 784, thence north 80 chains, east 80 chains, south 80 chains, west 80 chains to place of beginning, claiming 640 acres of pasture land.

ERNEST ADAIR,  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
February 2, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division Nicola Land District—District of Yale.

Take notice that Louis York, of Spokane, Washington, occupation real estate agent, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner, about one mile south and twenty chains west of the southeast corner of lot 903, thence west 80 chains, north 80 chains, east 80 chains, south 80 chains to place of beginning, claiming 640 acres of pasture land.

LOUIS YORK, Applicant.  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
Feb. 10th, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division Nicola Land District—District of Yale.

Take notice that Richard Hall, of Victoria, B. C., occupation finance agent, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner, about one mile south and 20 chains west of the southeast corner of lot 903, thence east 80 chains, north 20 chains, west 20 chains, to place of beginning, claiming 620 acres of pasture land.

RICHARD HALL, Applicant.  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
Feb. 10th, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division of Nicola Land District—District of Yale.

Take notice that I, Colly M. Wasden, of Victoria, B. C., occupation rancher, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a point planted at the northwest corner, about two and one half miles west of southwest corner of Lot 902, thence east 80 chains, south 50 chains, west 80 chains, north 50 chains to place of beginning, claiming four hundred acres of pasture land.

COLLY M. WASEDEN, Applicant.  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
Feb. 8th, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division Nicola Land District. District of Yale.

Take notice that Hattie M. Wasden, of Victoria, B. C., occupation married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner, about two and one half miles west and 30 chains south of southwest corner of Lot 902, thence west 80 chains, thence south 30 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 30 chains to place of beginning, claiming 240 acres of pasture land.

HATTIE M. WASEDEN, Applicant.  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
Feb. 11th, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division Nicola Land District. District of Yale.

Take notice that I, Henry B. Madden, of Yakima, Wash., occupation hotelkeeper, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner, 40 chains west of the southeast corner of Lot 97, thence south 60 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 40 chains to place of beginning, claiming 600 acres of pasture land.

HENRY B. MADDEN, Applicant.  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
Feb. 8th, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division Nicola Land District. District of Yale.

Take notice that William Edwards, of Spokane, Wash., occupation real estate agent, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner, about 80 chains south and 20 chains east of the southeast corner of Lot 903, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of beginning, claiming 640 acres of pasture land.

WILLIAM EDWARDS, Applicant.  
Hugh McGuire, Agent.  
Feb. 10th, 1911. 3-12

## Land Act

Kamloops Division Nicola Land District. District of Yale.

Take notice that I, William Gordon, of Spokane, Wash., occupation commission agent, intend to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner, about 80 chains south and 20 chains east of southeast corner of Lot 903, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, north 80 chains to place of beginning, claiming 640 acres of pasture land.



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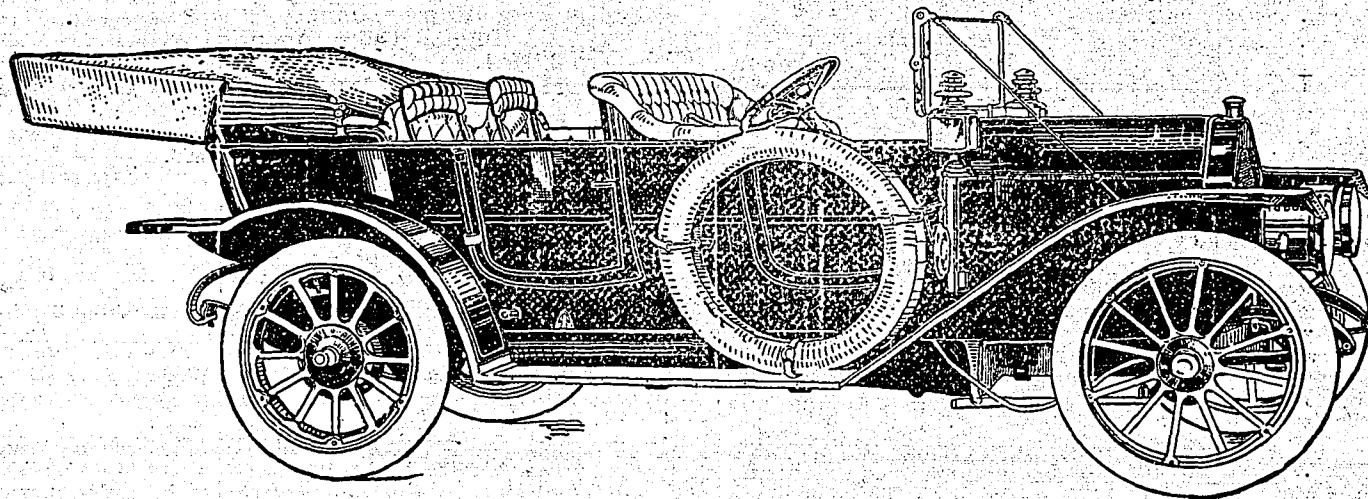
Some of you believed and bought; some of you doubted.

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The motor that practically every crowned head in Europe uses, including our own gracious Sovereigns, is the identical motor which in the RUSSELL car has proved the biggest sensation here since the automobile industry was inaugurated in Canada.

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