

The Nicola Valley News

Vol. 2, No. 27

MERRITT, B. C. AUGUST 18, 1911

Price 5 Cents

First Shipment From New Mill

Nicola Valley Pine Lumber Co
Ships First Car Into City

On Monday evening the Nicola Valley Pine Lumber Company shipped the first carload of lumber manufactured from its own logs into this city. The mill was first "turned over" about three weeks ago, and since that time the cut, had been used to stack and for making the necessary works adjacent to the sawmill. Early this week, in response to an order from the local agent, Andrew McGoran, they shipped a carload of lumber into Merritt. A glance at the lumber showed it to be all first-class pine timber.

It was with a view to learning more about this new industry that the News despatched a representative to Canford during the week, and it is now proposed to give our readers a brief description of the mill, its location, its capacity, facilities, the quality of stock and some information as to the lumber resources of the Nicola Valley Pine Lumber Company, Limited.

The sawmill is located on Spius, or, as it is more familiarly called, Petite Creek, about half a mile above the confluence of the creek and Nicola river. It is distant from Canford railway station about fifteen minutes brisk driving, or thirty-five minutes walk by the short cut across the Nicola, south of the main highway alongside the railroad.

A dam, thirty-five feet in height, has been constructed across the creek opposite the outlet of Sunshine Valley. This has backed up the water for about half a mile, making an island where the water flows down through its first precipitous banks before the plunge to the Nicola. The water thus restrained makes a lake of about twenty acres, which is used by the company as a log pond. At the date our representative inspected the mill property there were approximately two and three-quarter millions board feet of logs in the pond, what is left to date of a drive of about three million feet from Powers' camp, three miles up the Petite. The water level of the dam is about six feet below the level of a thirty acre bench on which the sawmill and lumber yards are located.

Where the dam has been located there is a wide sweep to the creek, the dam having been erected at the point of contact of the tangent to the river. This is on the right of the north side of the pond. The bench on which the mill is located may be said to swing, at a grade of about one-half per cent, about thirty feet back from the head of and parallel to the dam. The mill lies about fifty yards to the west of the west end of the dam.

Here on the pond a pontoon has been constructed, at which a riverman and an Indian with pike pole and peavy, guide the logs on to the endless chain which carries them to the log-deck twenty-five feet above them. There they are scaled by a deckman and worked with a heavy peavy down to the carriage. As with so many pine mills, circular saws upon which it is possible to saw logs five feet in diameter are used for cutting the logs in the dimensions for stock or orders. The carriage is run with "shot-gun" feed, this being the most up-to-date and economic in use at the present time; the old-time rope drive

being found too costly in the modern mill.

From the saw the slabs and boards are run on to a series of rollers, the slabs (the first cut from the side of a log) being carried to a "slasher saw" and the boards to the edgerman. The "edger" is a machine in which are a series of circular saws which trim the useless lumber from a board, cutting them to the width required. From the edger the boards go to the "trimmer," where the waste ends are slashed off with saws, making the board the greatest length it is possible to obtain, with care to eliminate as much poor timber as possible. From the trimmer the board, thus brought down to correct dimensions, passes along chains to the sorting-table, where the grader-tallyman marks it according to the quality of lumber in it. Thence it is taken to the stacking-yard, to the planers, if necessary, or to trucks for shipment.

CAPACITY.

Two planing machines are now in use and a lath machine is at the mill for installation, which will have a capacity of twenty-five thousand laths per diem. This machine will use up the slabs which at present are sent to the fire.

The mill has a capacity of from thirty-five to forty thousand feet of merchantable lumber per diem. This is manufactured in No. 1 and No. 2 finish flooring, ceiling, shelving, ship-lap, and common and dimension boards.

TIMBER SUPPLY

The first cruise on Petite creek showed that the company had between fifty and fifty-five million feet of standing timber, probably ninety per cent of which is sound pine. All this timber is remarkably free from underbrush; in fact, the only underbrush may be said to be pea vine and pine-grass. With the pine trees there is a very small amount of fir; but the company will not specialise in anything but pine lumber, there being a better market for this than any other kind of lumber.

Besides the timber on Petite creek the company owns considerable timber in the main valley. Mr. Meeker stated to the News that if ranchers throughout the valley offer timber at reasonable stumpage prices the company will be prepared to buy logs. It is expected that a considerable amount of timber will be obtained in this manner.

PRODUCT MARKET

When the mill was first started the company intended to make a specialty of the northwest prairie trade, and to that end contracted with Messrs. Tomlinson & Moore of Winnipeg, for handling their output for that market. On looking over the local field, however, they were convinced that there should be a splendid market throughout the valley, so the stipulation was made to the Winnipeg firm that the right to supply the local market was reserved in the contract. Thus the company is now in a position to supply lumber throughout the valley and on mainline points.

A spur from the C. P. R., about five hundred feet west of the bridge across the Nicola, will be constructed into the mill yard, with short spurs into the various lumber piles, on which cars may be loaded. This will make it possible to ship expeditiously and economically. Grading for the spur has already commenced. The engineers have been able to

obtain a grade of two and a half per cent for the fifty-three hundred feet of track from the main line. Negotiations for the purchase of the right-of-way are almost finished, and notice has already been given to the Railway Commission of the intention to apply for right to construct.

Andrew McGoran has been appointed agent in this city, but for all other valley and mainline points, such as Lytton, Spence's Bridge, Ashcroft, etc., the orders will be taken by mill officials. The location of the mill in regard to this market will make it possible to sell lumber at very reasonable prices, compared to those quoted on the coast lumber.

FIRE PROTECTION

H. C. Meeker, manager and treasurer locally of the company, who is in charge of the manufacturing, states that a Fairbanks & Morse Underwriters' pump, with a capacity of five hundred gallons per minute, is now at the mill, as well as pipe and hydrants. These are to be installed immediately. A high pressure is obtained, and the five two-and-a-half-inch and seven two-inch hydrants should prove adequate protection for the mill from fire. Add to this equipment the fact that there is water on three sides, the possibility of a conflagration appears very remote.

With the mill and logging camps going the company employs about one hundred and twenty-five men altogether. This means the expenditure of a large amount of money in the valley, and should ensure the company hearty support from local residents. They are able to give prompt delivery at reasonable prices.

The officers of the company are as follows:—President: G. H. Braman; vice-president, G. B. Goodwin; secretary, W. E. Besse; treasurer, E. H. Hotchkiss; manager and assistant treasurer, H. C. Meeker. These directors, of the close corporation, are with the exception of Mr. Meeker, residents of Torrington, Conn. The latter resides near the mill site, where he superintends the execution of all orders and the running of the mill.

ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES

On Sunday, August 20th, service will be held at 3 p. m. in St. Michael's Parish Hall; Evensong at Nicola at 8 p. m. Rev. J. Thompson will officiate.

GOALMONT TOWNSITE

Williamson & Turner, agents for the Goalmont Townsite, have taken temporary quarters for office purposes in the building west of the Coldwater hotel on Quilchena avenue.

FAREWELL TEA

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society held a farewell tea last at the home of Mrs. Ransom, on Nicola Avenue, on account of their late secretary, Mrs. G. N. Bennett, leaving town. Those present included Mesdames F. Reid, Cowley, Newcombe, Warren, Sate, Booth, Rankin, Slough, Welfare, Bennett, Ransom, Olsen. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent in music, songs, etc., and at the close the president, Mrs. Ransom, presented Mrs. Bennett with a lovely cut-glass berry-bowl from the society, in appreciation of her services. Much regret was expressed at her departure and she left with the best wishes of all.

Conservatives Campaigning

Dominion and Provincial Members from District Will
Speak Next Friday

John Hutchison, secretary of the local Conservative Association, received a lengthy telegram from H. S. Cleasby this morning, in which it was stated that Martin Burrell and Alex Lucas will address anti-reciprocity meetings in Menzies' Hall, in this city, at 8 o'clock next Friday evening. At four in the afternoon of the same day they will speak at a meeting to be held at Nicola.

Martin Burrell was re-nominated at the convention in Kamloops on Thursday, without any opposition. At the Liberal convention Dr. K. C. MacDonald, of Vernon, was chosen to make the fight, but only after several votes had been taken. Dr. MacDonald is not well known in this valley, but he is popular in the Okanagan, where he opposed Price Ellison at the election before last.

Messrs. Jackson, Cleasby and Bennett were the delegates who went to Kamloops, taking proxies of ten other delegates with them. At the meeting on Tuesday evening they had been instructed by the members of the association to support the re-nomination of Martin Burrell.

A meeting of those interested in the proposed skating rink has been called for tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the old pool room of Smith & Andrews.

Protecting Forests Against Fire Peril

Regulations Railways Must Observe in Future in B.C.

Victoria.—The following regulations in special regard to forest protection hence forward governing the construction and operation of railways in British Columbia have received Cabinet sanction.

"1. During construction, the right-of-way of every railway shall be cleared of all trees, logs, brush and other perishable matter. Logs specially reserved to be made into ties, timber or cordwood must be removed within a reasonable time. All other inflammable material must be piled as near the center of the right-of-way as possible without interfering with the construction of the roadbed, and burned under permit from the provincial fire warden, before issuing any such permit, the warden must be sure that ample precautions have been taken to render such burning safe.

"2 Trees and brush must not be thrown upon adjacent lands, but must be piled and burned on the right-of-way as provided above. Trees unavoidably felled on the side of the right-of-way must be cut up, removed to the right-of-way, and then disposed of.

"3 In addition to clearing its right-of-way, as provided above, every railway company shall remove, when so ordered, from land along side its right-of-way, any dead timber or accumulation of debris that endangers the safety of adjoining timber lands, and shall pile and burn such dead timber and debris under direction and permit from the district fire warden.

"4 The right-of-way of every railway company must at all times be kept free of dead timber, Continued on last page.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald McVittie and Mr. and Mrs. John Hutchison will regret to hear that they have sustained a severe loss by the death of Mrs. Edward Leslie, of Prescott, Ont., the mother of Mesdames McVittie and Hutchison.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Bennett left for Vancouver on Sunday afternoon. A large number of their friends assembled at the station to see them off, and a number rode down to lower valley points with them. The best wishes of their many friends go with Mr. and Mrs. Bennett in their new field of activity.

Miss Jean Bryden left for the coast on Thursday's train. She will proceed to Victoria, where she will visit Mr. and Mrs. Dan McInnes on Friday, and the following day will leave for Ladysmith, returning to Victoria about the following Tuesday. Thence she will go to Vancouver, where she will spend a week visiting other relatives before returning to the valley.

C. E. Richardson, Dominion government hydrographer, put in a water-gauge just below the island under the dam of the Nicola Valley Pine Lumber Company last Monday afternoon. One of the officials of the company will keep a record of the rise and fall of the water in Petite, or Spius, Creek in future.

Charles Langstaff, a brother of W. Langstaff, who is on the staff of this paper, arrived in the city last Monday evening, on a visit to the latter. He intends remaining here for a few weeks, and later he will go to Australia. He landed in this country a few months ago from Cumberland, England.

The older residents of the valley were happy during the week to again welcome Gus Grote, who is paying a brief visit to the scenes of his earlier business life. He arrived on Sunday from the coast and spent the earlier part of the week in the lower valley, coming up here on Wednesday morning. Gus is a former partner of Sid Solomon, of Coutlee, and is now owner of the 'Couver Cafe, on Hastings Street, Vancouver.

Charles L. Betterton, who, with George Fraser, controls about forty-two thousand acres of excellent grazing lands in the vicinity of Aspen Grove, went down to Victoria on business last Monday. He will return here early next week. Recently he paid a visit to the eastern section of the state of Oregon, where he has some timber limits. The soil in that country is almost the same as that in the Aspen Grove section, though Mr. Betterton claims that it is of poorer quality. Eastern and Oregon syndicates are constructing irrigation works there for the purpose of selling fruit lands. These lands, irrigated, sell for from one to two hundred dollars per acre and are eagerly bought by settlers.

WATER RECORDS

George Grey Donald, chief engineer of the lands department of the provincial government, is in the city today. He states that it is his intention to place a survey here to investigate water records. Harold Greig will drive Mr. McDonald to Kamloops in his car tomorrow morning.

Mike's Potlatch Was Costly

Slavonian Fined for Supplying
Indian With Liquor

Before the city magistrate this week Mike Janovich was found guilty of having supplied an Indian from Spius Creek, John Dennis, with whisky. He was fined \$65 and costs. The Indian was fined \$25 and costs for having liquor in his possession.

The sad event occurred at the back of the Grand Hotel last Saturday evening. According to Constable Strang, who made the arrest, the first words Janovich said when he saw him were "I didn't do it, sheriff!" This subtle flattery failed to appease the policeman, however, and Michael and his friends were hauled to the city hospital. In court Mike pleaded not guilty. Alec Hoggan testified that the accused had purchased a bottle of whisky from him on the night in question. The Indian stated that Mike had volunteered to get him the fire-water for two dollars. Prosecutor Brown twisted him up on cross-examination, and the bench completed the story by mulcting Mike in the amount mentioned above, with the alternative of four months in Kamloops.

SMOKING CONCERT

As a send-off to Thomas Behan, of Londonderry, and N. J. Stanton, of Keokuk, who have been transferred to the Penticton offices of the Kettle Valley Railway, Messrs. McReid, Swan and O'Howe entertained a few friends at a smoking concert at the Coldwater hotel last evening. The evening passed with singing, recitations and anecdotes, not the least interesting of which, perhaps, was that relating to the experience of Justice and the prairie chicken. Of course none of the three desired to have that in their possession at this season of the year, and they were debating the matter when Justice claimed the bag. He was asked whether or not he also claimed the chicken but he did not. He has since been puzzled to know how that could have crawled into the sack, after having committed suicide. The wee sma' doors were growing larger when the meeting broke up to the strains of Auld Lang Syne. Messrs. McBehan and O'Stanton departed for Penticton on the noon train, amid the tears of the local staff of the railway.

H. Colin Clarke returned from Vancouver last Wednesday.

POLICE FEES

During the month the police department, after all expenses were deducted, showed a net profit for the city of two hundred and twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents. The total amount received in fines amounted to \$559.25 and the cost of operation totalled \$331.75.

PUBLIC MEETING

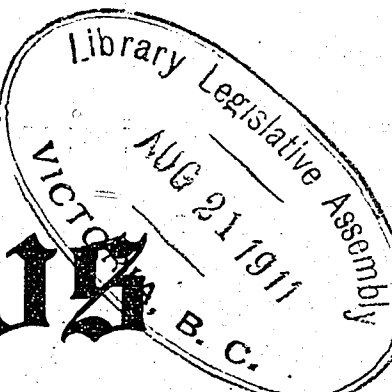
will be held in Menzies' Hall, Merritt, next Friday evening,

August 25th

at eight o'clock, when Martin Burrell, M.P., and Alex Lucas, M.P.P., will address the voters of the district upon matters of public interest.

A meeting will also be held at Nicola in the afternoon of the same day at 4 p.m.

EVERYBODY WELCOME.



Bank of Montreal

Established 1817. Head Office: Montreal
 Capital (all paid up) - \$14,400,000.00
 Cash and Undivided Profits - \$12,961,789.11
 Total Assets - \$240,000,000.00

Savings Bank Department

(Interest allowed at current rates.)
 A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS TRANSACTED
 Branches in the Nicola Valley

MERRITT: A. W. STRICKLAND, Manager.
 NICOLA: J. F. S. GILLUM, Acting Sub-Agent

THE NICOLA VALLEY NEWS
 PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY
 Subscription \$2.00 a year in advance
 Six months \$1.00

J. W. ELLIS - Manager
 FRANK M. COFFEY - Editor

One dollar per inch per month for regular advertising. Land and water notices \$7.50 for 60 days. \$5.00 for 30 days.

Classified advertising 10 words for 25 cents, extra words 2 cents.

Special rates furnished for large contract advertising.

Address
 THE NICOLA VALLEY NEWS
 P. O. Box 20 Merritt, B. C.
 Phone 25.



JUGGLING WITH WORDS

In his last issue the editor of our contemporary took occasion to administer a verbal castigation to his predecessor in office because he had had the temerity to dub Sir Wilfrid Laurier "a prevaricator of the truth." The article referred to the reputation which Sir Wilfrid has earned; to the dignity of his office; and to the respect due to a man of his age. In the writer's opinion, it was appalling that "a would-be iconoclast" should so far forget himself, in his enthusiasm for the maintenance of the bonds which bind the integral portions of the Empire together, as to refer in a disrespectful manner to the prime minister of the Dominion. Perhaps he is right in his contention. Perhaps his predecessor was ill-advised in his choice of words.

Parliamentary etiquette demands that blunt verbiage be relegated to oblivion. Instead of calling Sir Wilfrid "a prevaricator of the truth," which is banal and decidedly vulgar, the offending iconoclast should have made research and have charged the leader of the Liberal party with having been guilty of a "terminological inexactitude." It would have sounded better and been more politic, not to say "polite."

In his manifesto of July 29th Sir Wilfrid pleaded that his party was asking the approval of a policy which had been urged by Sir John A. Macdonald as late as 1891. Will our readers hearken to the voice of Lieut.-Colonel Pennington Macpherson, for a long time private secretary to the late Sir John, the author of his best biography and, incidentally, a nephew of the greatest statesman of the Canadian people. Colonel Pennington uses strong language in dealing with Sir Wilfrid. Read this:

Sir—In Sir Wilfrid Laurier's manifesto of July 29th, he presents not one single argument in favor of the agreement: not one solitary reason why it should be accepted. He gives a one-sided history of the proceedings of the past year and of the various steps taken to make the agreement; roundly abuses those members of Parliament who fought for the people's rights and demanded that the question should be submitted to them before being put into force; and knowing the veneration in which the memory of Sir John A. Macdonald is held by all Canadians without distinction of party, practically rests his case upon the following absolutely incorrect and totally unfounded state-

ment: "The latest attempt of the Conservative party to that end was made by Sir John Macdonald himself, who dissolved Parliament in 1891 for the purpose of submitting to the electorate of Canada the expediency of his approaching again the American authorities for a renewal of the treaty of 1854."

THE FACTS ABOUT THE ELECTION OF 1891.

The language of Sir John's manifesto of 7th February, 1891, makes it very plain that he was going to the country to fight to a finish the pernicious doctrine of unrestricted reciprocity which the Liberals, under Sir Wilfrid Laurier, were preaching. Parliament had another year to run, but the virus appeared to be affecting the judgment of some, and as a conspiracy seemed to have been hatched in the United States to promote the dissemination of the doctrine and to bring the Liberal party into power, to put it into force, Sir John decided to accept the challenge thrown out, to expose the methods being used, and to leave the issue to his countrymen. This is what Sir John said, in his address to the people of Canada, upon his trade policy: "As in 1878, in 1882, and again in 1887, so, in 1891, do questions relating to the trade and commerce of the country occupy a foremost place in the public mind. Our policy in respect thereto is, today, what it has been for the past thirteen years and is directed by a firm determination to foster and develop the varied resources of the Dominion by every means in our power, consistent with Canada's position as an integral portion of the British Empire. To that end we have labored in the past and we propose to continue in the work to which we have applied ourselves, of building up on this continent, under the flag of England, a great and powerful nation."

Have local Liberals already ready thrown up the sponge? The committee rooms obtained by the president have been leased out. Though a pity 'tis it appears to be too true!

LOWER NICOLA JOTTINGS

Mr. Veal, of Dot, was here last Tuesday.

Mr. Campbell, of Merritt, was in town Tuesday.

Sam Berry, of Dot, was here this week.

Mrs. McKenna, of Canford, is visiting her friends here.

Mr. Graham and family left here last week for the Northwest.

Miss Brown, of Summerland, has been appointed teacher for the coming term.

Dr. Stewart has been spending a few days at Nicola on a fishing expedition.

Miss Davidson, who for the last eighteen months was teacher here, has been successful in passing for the second-class certificate at the recent examination.

Dan Munro Has Made Progress

Rapid Expansion of Business Necessitates Improvements

So rapidly has the business of Dan Munro grown during the past twelve months, he has found that certain improvements in his business facilities, which he has deferred executing for some time past, must be immediately made. In addition to the capacious stables now in use he finds that he must erect a large livery barn forty by ninety feet in area, for housing his horses. In addition to this still he will erect a carriage-room forty feet square. This latter will be constructed near the corner of Coutlee avenue and Voght street, adjacent to the Provincial Court House. This will serve also for a display-room for the carriages which he will handle.

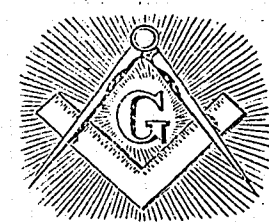
The growth of the business of Mr. Munro is typical of this city. Commencing business here four years ago, he owned four teams; the business of the embryo city at that time being insufficient to give constant employment to even that small number. During the past two years the real expansion of the town commenced, and at the same time "matters began to look up" for Dan Munro. By careful selection, he added to his number of teams, picking only the best animals the market afforded, adding to his stock only as really good animals were put upon the market, until now he has, in addition to a number of foals, twelve heavy and light teams for all kinds of work.

And, it might be added, the significant part is that he has found his stable taxed to the utmost to successfully handle the business offering.

In making the addition to his stabling facilities it is the intention of Mr. Munro to maintain here a livery service second to none in the interior of British Columbia.

For the greater convenience of the public he will open offices next door to the premises of the Bank of Toronto. To take charge of this department of the business he has engaged Miss Cousins.

Best Electric Massage always on tap at Brown & Durham's barber shop. 25tf



A.F. & A.M.

Nicola Lodge No. 58 meets in Reid's Hall the second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. Sojourney.

ng brothers cordially invited.
 M. L. GRIMMETT, W. M. FRED S. GAY, Secretary.



PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.

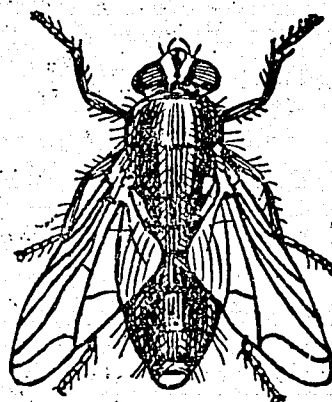
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
 NOTICE is hereby given, that all Public Highways in unorganized Districts, and all main Trunk Roads in organized Districts are sixty-six feet wide, and have a width of thirty-three feet on each side of the mean straight centre line of the travelled road.
 THOMAS TAYLOR,
 Minister of Public Works,
 Department of Public Works,
 Victoria, B. C., July 7th, 1911. -35

The destruction of the house fly is a public duty. Almost every American State Board of Health is carrying on a crusade against him.

His filthy origin and habits, and the fact that his body is generally laden with disease-producing germs, makes him one of the greatest enemies of the human race.

If the housekeepers of Canada will use

WILSON'S FLY PADS



persistently, this peril would be tremendously reduced



THREE COOKS AND THREE REASONS

These three cooks differ widely in ability and experience, but all are agreed that the prime essential in good cooking is the stove, out of which to cook, and all concede that every stove necessity is met in a

GURNEY-OXFORD RANGE

For no matter how much or how little cooking is done, no matter what the experience given or required, there are certain prime requisites for every kitchen range. Whether the cook be a professional chef or the young bride with only "hiss" to please, the stove must furnish these three essentials—economy, control of heat, even baking facilities, and a grate that gives plenty of air to the fire with a saving of fuel and convenience in handling.

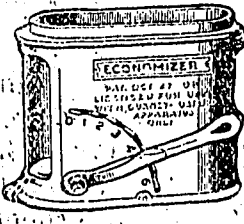
For these three problems—which all cooks are agreed—the GURNEY-OXFORD RANGE has three answers, three good reasons why.

THE OXFORD ECONOMIZER is a small lever for the steady maintenance of heat, licensed for use only on Gurney-Oxford stoves. It effects a remarkable saving in fuel as well as labor. Nothing can go up the chimney but smoke and odor.

The Divided Flue Strip distributes the heat evenly, front as well as back of oven, thus securing against failure in baking. There is no better test of practical stove work than this oven control.

Are you always dusting? The Gurney-Oxford Reversible Grate saves dirt and labor, one-half turn and the dust is swept out, without the necessity of taking out the grate and the hardest of stains.

There are plenty of other "reasons" for the advantage of the Gurney-Oxford, as a call on us will convince you. Come in and see our varied line, and we will demonstrate all these features to your entire satisfaction.



MERRITT MERCANTILE COMPANY

Nicola Valley Meat Market

Dealers in
 Prime Beef, Mutton Lamb
 Veal and Pork.
 Poultry, Ham and Bacon.

Manufacturers of
 Strictly High Grade Delicious
SAUSAGES

Fresh Fish always on hand. Orders receive prompt attention. Cattle bought and sold by the carload.

I. Eastwood

Manager

FOWLER & LARSON Contractors and Builders

MERRITT, B. C.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FURNISHED.
 ALL WORK GUARANTEED FIRST-CLASS.

With many years of practical experience, we are prepared to handle any kind of Building Construction Work

The Joe Restaurant FORMERLY ELITE RESTAURANT IS NOW OPEN

Two Dining Rooms. First Class Meals Served.
 Commutation Meal Tickets \$6.00.
 21 Meals for \$5.00.

JOE YOP - Proprietor

G.A. Hankey & Co.

LIMITED.

Real Estate and Insurance

Okanagan Lands

All Classes of Investments Placed.

Head Offices: - - Vernon, B. C.

Merritt Livery and Feed Stable

Saddle Horses, and Single and Double Drivers on Shortest Notice.

Good accommodation for horses. Express meets all trains. Buggies for hire.

A. J. COUTEE, Prop., - Merritt, B. C.

W.M. COOPER

General Contractor of Plastering

BRICK, STONE, CEMENT BLOCKS AND
 GENERAL CEMENT WORK.

ALL WORK NEATLY AND PROMPTLY EXECUTED

PRESSED CEMENT STEPS, GRAVE STONES,
 FENCE POSTS, ETC.

Your Stationery

---The News Job Department

"Gemmill & Rankine Have It"

Webb's and Lowney's CHOCOLATES

We are specialists in high grade confectionery. As a result of such specializing we have gotten together the nicest stock of goods ever shown here. The stock is fresh, well chosen, and is kept clean. The price will suit your pocket.

Gemmill & Rankine

Druggists.

MERRITT, B. C.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT

S. Buxton was in town during the week.

James Shivel was in town with Gus Grote during the week.

Harvesting on the Garcia homestead is about completed.

Wm. McNeill has gone out to Aspen Grove on business.

Sharp razors, and Clean Towel. — W. E. Brown. 52tf

Chief of police R. S. Brown went up to Kamloops on business during the week.

James Bamfield was in town the latter part of last week hiring harvest hands.

Alec Gordon has been particularly busy during the past week gathering his harvest.

Paul Labelle came down from Douglas Lake to attend the opening of the Church of the Sacred Heart.

W. Reid, chief draughtsman of the Kettle Valley Railway, will visit Vancouver next week.

Mayor Eastwood, J. H. Collett and M. L. Grimmett returned from the Liberal Convention at Kamloops on Tuesday.

Joe Coutlee, foreman of the Douglas Lake Cattle Company's ranch at Douglas Lake, was in the city on Wednesday.

Charles F. Law, of Vancouver, returned from a visit to his platinum properties on the Tulameen last Wednesday afternoon.

G. B. Armstrong and Joseph Graham returned from Aspen Grove with Hon. Thomas Taylor, M. P. P., on Sunday morning.

J. Williamson, of Williamson & Turner, sole agents for the Coalmont Townsite, arrived in the city from Vancouver on Wednesday evening.

A. S. Bennett went up to Kamloops to attend the convention of the Conservatives of Yale-Cariboo on Thursday. He is expected back this evening.

Benjamin Browitt, superintendent of the Diamond Vale Collieries, who has been at the coast for a week, returned to the city on Monday evening's train.

Dr. Stewart, of Lower Nicola, is contemplating a trip to the Antipodes during the fall. He is undecided whether he will visit South Africa or not.

Mrs. Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Fraser, who has been staying with her husband at the Coldwater hotel for the past week, and will leave for Aspen Grove at the latter end of the week.

William Brown returned from Kamloops on Tuesday evening, accompanied by his wife. Mrs. Brown is a newcomer to the city, and expresses her pleasure at what she has seen of it.

Frank Smith intends shortly to retire from the management of the Middlesboro boarding house and will possibly locate in this city. He is as yet undecided as to what particular line of business he will follow.

Tom Hunter and Sam Hyland left for Douglas Lake yesterday morning. They will erect a new residence for the manager of the company there. They have just completed the erection of a warehouse for the Imperial Oil Company.

On Monday afternoon's train Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McDonald went down to Lytton, where Mr. McDonald has a large pool-room in course of erection. Mrs. McDonald expects to remain in Lytton for a fortnight but her husband returned during the latter part of the week.

H. S. Cleasby, will return from Kamloops tonight.

Nelson Welsh and Bert Smith, in partnership, have purchased the livery and teaming business of George Riches. The partners in this firm are both enterprising and energetic and there should be a good field for them in this city.

John Devlin went down to Lytton to have a look round during the early part of the week. As John is well known there—as he expresses it, "he is as well known there as at home"—he may decide to remain there for the winter.

WE WANT YOU TO SEE OUR FINISH

By that we don't mean funeral obsequies, but our superior quality of high-grade lumber, which is absolutely essential in any building where beauty and durability are desired. It's the stuff used for base, casing, cornices and all sorts of interior work; and to insure the best results should be of proper color and grain, according to the uses to which it is applied. Our finish is manufactured at our own plant with due regard to first-class milling and drying, and we are anxious to show it to you and point out its advantages—natural color and grain—which cannot be secured in lumber purchased haphazardly from Tom, Dick or Harry. A look won't cost you a cent, but may add dollars to the value of your new home. Come in. We show you before you buy.

"There's No Place Like Home."

**Vancouver Lumber
Co., Ltd.**
MERRITT, B. C.

The Star Restaurant

Voght Street, Merritt.

The place where you get just what you want, and just the way you want it, at any time you want it. Have you tried the Star Yet?

STEEL & FALCONER

Proprietors.

THE COLDSTREAM ESTATE NURSERIES

VERNON, B.C. VERNON, B.C.

have a very fine assortment of

FRUIT TREES

ORNAMENTAL AND SHADE TREES

AND SHRUBS.

BUDDED STOCK A SPECIALTY

All trees offered for sale are grown in our own nurseries on the Coldstream Estate.

General Agent, V. D. CURRY, Vernon, B. C.

The Merritt Hotel

Under new management and many improved facilities. More accommodation and of the best.

In every department we aim to please, and we generally succeed.

COMMERCIAL TRADE A SPECIALTY.

Best of Wines and Liquors Always in Stock.

GEO. McGRUTHER, Prop.

Merritt, B. C.

SLAUGHTER SALE OF

DRY GOODS

Having purchased the interests of Mr. G. N. Bennett in the firm of Bennett & Reid, it is now necessary for us to take stock, but before doing so we are anxious to clear out the balance of our **DRY GOODS AND LADIES' WEAR.**

As we are discontinuing these lines everything must be sold and for the next Ten Days we have decided to place on sale the balance of our Dry Goods stock at

COST PRICE AND SOME LINES BELOW COST

REMEMBER that this stock is all new and this is YOUR BIG CHANCE to save money on your Dry Goods requirements.

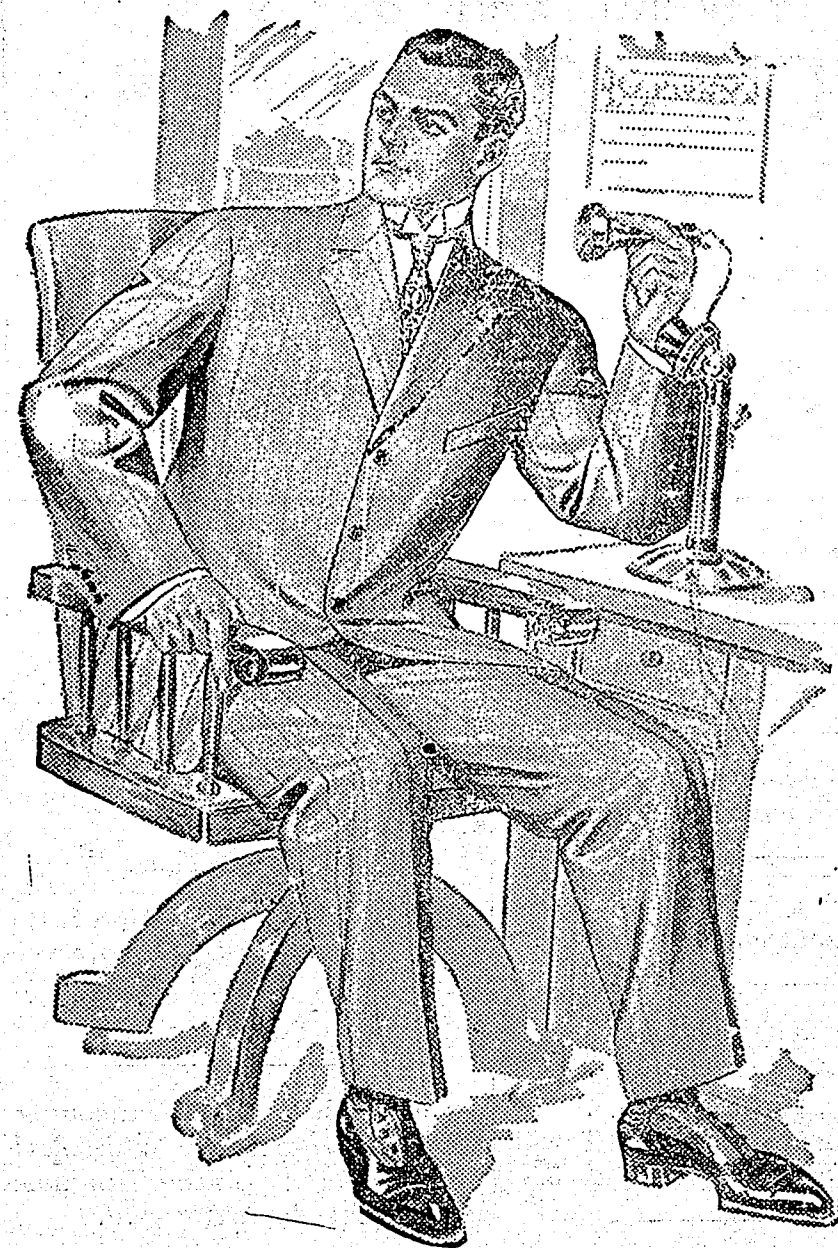
F. A. REID & CO.

Successors to
Bennett & Reid.

Men's Ready-to-Wear Suits

The best that money can buy.

We offer you any suit in the store at 20 per cent. off regular price. Don't overlook this grand offer.



JUST ARRIVED Men's, Women's and Children's Boots and Shoes

Call and see our stock before it is too late to get the benefit of the fall range.



DRY GOODS AND LADIES' WEAR

Specials in every line at greatly reduced prices.
We are cutting the price on all summer goods, and
you should take advantage of our bargains.

We are agents for the Carhartt's Overalls
and Gloves. The best Overall made.

The Diamond Vale Supply Co. Ltd.

DRY GOODS

GROCERIES

BOOTS AND SHOES

LADIES' WEAR

MEN'S FURNISHINGS

HARDWARE

The PALACE BAKERY

Having added an Ice Cream Parlor in connection with our bakery we are now in a position to serve the public daily with

ICE CREAM

Different Flavors.

ALSO

SOFT DRINKS

Different Flavors.

Remember also that we make a specialty of all classes of pastry work, and our bread when once used always brings a new customer.

E. L. DARRAH

Proprietor.

Next door to J. S. Morgan
Quilchena Avenue, Merritt

THE CITY HOTEL

QUILCHENA AVENUE

Newly established throughout.

Best of Furnishings.
Spacious Rooms.
Excellent accommodation.
Well lighted throughout.
Choice Liquors and Cigars.
Special attention to commercial trade.
Rates \$1.50 per day.
Special Rates by the month

Andrew Hogan
Proprietor.

Plumbing and Steamfitting

FIRST CLASS TIN-
SHOP—Repairing of
all kinds done.

SECOND HAND FURN-
ITURE AND STOVES

We buy anything you
wish to sell and sell
anything you wish
to buy.

**Kennedy &
Cunningham**
VOGHT STREET

Commercial Hotel

NICOLA

for a good square meal. Best of
accommodation and comfort

Rate \$1.50 per day

A. W. McVittie

DOMINION & PROVINCIAL
SURVEYOR

Subdivision Work a Specialty.

Offices with John Hutchison Co.
MERRITT, B. C.

Automatic Guns Prohibited in B.C.

Regulations for Hunting Season
1911-1912 Are Issued

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 17.—In view of the approach of the hunting season throughout the province, attention is directed to the fact that the use of automatic guns is illegal in any part or district of British Columbia.

The consensus of opinion appears to be that the use of automatic guns is essentially unsportsmanlike, and for this reason as well as for the desirable protection of the diminishing number of ducks and geese frequenting provincial waters, the action of the government will be approved by all true sportsmen—even by those who may perchance find it necessary to make changes in their arsenals.

By a second order-in-council, passed at the same time, a closed season for mountain sheep was declared during the ensuing two years, in the districts of Yale, Okanagan and Similkameen, and an additional year of immunity granted the wapiti in all parts of the mainland as from the 1st proximo.

Provincial executive regulations for 1911-12 are largely based upon specific and practical reports from Game Warden Bryan Williams and his subordinates. The order adopted provides chiefly for the season's sport on the mainland, as will be noted by the following decisions:

That blue and willow grouse and ptarmigan may be shot throughout that portion of the mainland not included in the Fernie, Cranbrook, Richmond, Dewdney, Delta and Chilliwack electoral districts and that portion of the Kent municipality situated in the Yale electoral district, between between the 1st day of September, 1911, and the 31st day of December, 1911, both days inclusive.

That ducks, snipe and geese may be shot throughout the mainland and the islands adjacent to the mainland between the first day of September, 1911, and the 28th day of February, 1912, both days inclusive.

That the coast deer may be shot throughout the mainland and the islands adjacent thereto, between the first day of September and the 15th day of December both days inclusive, exception being made herein of Queen Charlotte Islands.

That Columbian or coast deer may be sold throughout the mainland only between the 1st day of September and the 15th day of November, both days inclusive.

That ducks, geese and snipe may be sold throughout the mainland between the first day of October and the 30th day of November, both days inclusive.

These regulations, it is especially noted, are not intended to apply to Kaien Island and Yalakom game reserve in the Lillooet district, the Elk River game reserve in the East Kootenay, or the game reserve in the Fort George district.

HELIGOLAND

Since Tuesday week the Island of Heligoland, which England more than once has had reason to regret was ever sold to Germany, has been an independent German fortification.

Until August 1st it was under the immediate command of a captain of the engineering corps, but, because of its extreme importance as a naval base in case of war with England, a change has now been made and an independent command has been established on the island itself.

For years Germany under cover of the utmost secrecy, has improved the fortifications of the island until now it must be considered impregnable, having been provided not only with the most

modern and most complete defensive works and appliances, but also with the finest and most destructive artillery ever made in the famous Krupp works.

Enterprising German newspapers have given wonderful detailed descriptions of the new fortifications and guns, but I am informed by a very high official in the war department that all these details are the product of mere journalistic imagination. The naval and military authorities have preserved the strictest secrecy concerning the work that has been conducted on the island, and every inch of the rock devoted to fortification or other military purposes has been hidden behind a high fence. Moreover, in order to prevent prying, special care has been taken to stop all crevices in this fence.

The people of Belgium are in a state of great excitement over a persistent rumor that the Dutch claims to the right of blocking the Scheldt and Antwerp in case of war against an English relief fleet rest upon a treaty concluded some years ago by Baron Favre, the Belgian foreign secretary. This treaty is said to relinquish in favor of Holland the right to watch over the Scheldt and over the conditions of fluvial security in the time of war.

It is said that the Belgian government will shortly be questioned on the subject in the Senate, there being reason to believe that some such treaty really exists, although the friendly disposition of the Dutch towards Belgium momentarily lulls the fears of the Belgian government as to the use Holland might make of a convention so worded.

The government will also be questioned in the Senate concerning the projected new railroad connections between Germany and Belgium, which would secure to a German army an easy passage through Belgium to France by allowing it to avoid the Belgian fortification of the Meuse valley and strike at France in the unprotected neighborhood of Stenay, halfway between Mezieres and Verdun.

Germany has been pushing her military and railroad preparations on the Belgian frontier to such an extent that certain senators, resolved upon expressing the public uneasiness of the Socialists, have chosen for one of their candidates at the approaching municipal elections young Sipido, who in 1901, at the Brussels Northern railroad stat, shot at King Edward, then Prince of Wales, but missed. Although Sipido has long since expressed his deep repentance, and has led an exemplary life, his candidature for any public office will be severely criticized by general opinion.

BILL LANG WON AGAIN

Australian Heavyweight Champion Beat
Bill Squires in Five Rounds

Bill Lang defeated Bill Squires last week in the fifth round of a bout for the heavyweight championship of Australia. Lang weighed in at 190 and Squires at 176 pounds. The odds were 4 to 1 on Lang, who had all the best of it throughout. About 4000 saw the bout at Brisbane.

POLE INDUSTRY

Brisk Demand Causes Activity on the
Arrow Lakes

Considerable activity is in evidence in the telegraph pole business during the past two weeks. There are prospects of no fewer than four firms keenly competing in this commodity with yards in or near the Nakusp, and locations along the foreshore and railway sides are apparently at a premium. Such competition and increased industries is evidence of the unique position Nakusp holds among the huge forest resources of the province. Its cedars are

especially noted for their adaptability for long poles required in the construction of telegraph, telephone and electric light lines all over the continent, and the introduction of the Naksup article from Alberta to Quebec and Pennsylvania has made it quite famous. So great has been the demand that the Lindsley Bros. Company's yards, both at Naksup and Summit Lake, have practically become empty, and contracts are being entered into to provide an immense stock during the coming winter. The Western Pole and Lumber Company of Spokane has entered the field, and last week made shipments to Toronto. A Rossland firm has its representative on the ground trying to locate a site to enter heavily into the business, and will make its headquarters at Naksup. P. J. Gallagher of Nelson has already secured his site alongside that of Lindsley Bros. and will become heavily interested, while E. R. Vipond, an old-time lumberman, is stocking his product in a frontage adjoining. Mr. Vipond is now installing a gasoline engine for cutting ties for the C. P. R. on this ground. Generally, it looks as if some lively times may be expected in this forest industry; the only detriment now apparently is the insufficiency of ground available to carry on the business.

The Quebec Lumber Company has had a busy cutting season, their yards being full of lumber under the process of drying. This company anticipates the manufacturing of fruit boxes in time for next year's shipments.

WELL DIGGING

Peter Olsen is prepared to accept contracts for digging wells. Now is the best time if you are contemplating the digging of a well, this being the dry season of the year. Prices and terms on application to Peter Olsen, Merritt Post Office.

COALMONT

THE PAY-ROLL TOWN

OF THE SIMILKAMEEN.

The Columbia Coal & Coke Co. are spending \$500,000 in developing their Ten sq. miles of Coal Lands. The plant to be installed at once will handle 2000 tons of coal in eight hours.

This means the employment of between 700 and 800 men, and a town of from 2000 to 2500 people.

The Great Northern Railway tracks
will reach the town by October 1st.

**Lots Are Now Offered for Sale
from \$175.00 to \$550.00**

Terms: One-quarter Cash; Balance over 18 months.

Williamson & Turner

Exclusive Agents

MERRITT OFFICE - - JUST WEST OF COLDWATER HOTEL.

Metropolitan MEAT MARKET

NICOLA, B. C.

The choicest of Beef, Mutton, etc., always on hand
Fresh Fish, Eggs and Vegetables.

T. HESLOP, Prop.

News Ads Get You Results. Try Them.

Nicola Valley Agricultural & Horticultural Association

**Second
Fall Exhibition
Thurs., September 7**

At MERRITT, B. C.

**LARGELY INCREASED PRIZE
LIST.**

FINEST SHOW YET.

**MERRITT CITY BAND WILL BE
IN ATTENDANCE.**

A. W. STRICKLAND
President,

T. HESLOP,
Secretary.

BANK OF TORONTO

INCORPORATED 1855.

100 Branches in Ontario, Quebec and The West.

SAVINGS DEPARTMENT

IDLE MONEY may be deposited until required.
INTEREST paid on all balances twice a year.

Every description of Banking Business transacted.

CAPITAL - \$4,000,000.00
RESERVE - \$4,944,777.00

MERRITT BRANCH

A. N. B. ROGERS, - - MANAGER.

VICTORIA ROOMS

McDonald Block : Quilchena Ave.

Finest Furnished Modern Rooms in the City.

All outside rooms and well lighted by electricity.

For rent by day week or month.

MRS. J. A. McDONALD
Proprietress.

A. B. KENNEDY

ELECTRICAL...

CONTRACTOR

Dealer in Electrical Supplies

FIXTURE SHOWROOMS:-CORNER
VOGHT ST. and COUTLIE AVE.

PROTECTING FORESTS AGAINST FIRE PERIL

(Continued from page one)

brush, dry grass and other inflammable material.

"5. In especially dangerous places, when so desired by the Minister, railway companies will be required to cut and clear safeguards on lands adjacent to their right-of-way. Whenever fires shall occur in proximity to the right-of-way, railway companies and their contractors upon request of the Minister of railways, shall place the laborers in their employ at the disposal of any official duly authorized by the minister.

"5-A sufficient provision of buckets, mattocks, shovels and

M. L. GRIMMETT, LL.B.

Barrister and Solicitor
Notary Public

Solicitor for the Bank of Montreal

Harness and Saddlery

Harness, Robes, Blankets, Trunks, Valises, etc. always in stock.

Poultry and Stock Foods. Best of satisfaction in all departments. Prices are right.

Agent for Mendelsolm and Heintzman Pianos.

N. J. BARWICK

Nicola Merritt

axes for fighting bush fires must be made by every company at suitable places along its line.

"6---Debris, caused by the cutting of any timber by a railway company, under special permission of the Minister of Lands, on lands of the crown adjacent to the right-of-way, must at once be limbed off and piled and dealt with subsequently by burning or otherwise in accordance with the orders of the Minister of Lands. Due notice must be given to the Minister of Lands before any such cutting is done in any locality.

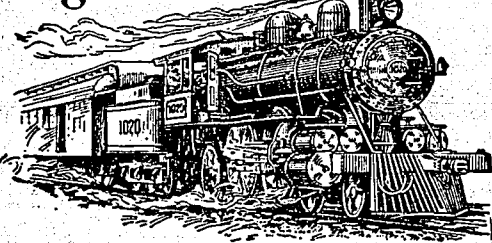
"7---Every locomotive engine having an extension smoke-box shall be equipped with netting mesh, the mesh to be not larger than 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 per inch number 10 Birmingham wire gauge, and to be placed in the smoke-box so as to extend completely over the aperture through which the smoke ascends--the openings of the said mesh not to exceed a quarter of an inch and one sixteenth of an inch to the square inch. On every engine equipped with a diamond stack the mesh to be not more than 3x3 per inch of number 10 Birmingham wire gauge and to be placed across the of the stack so as to completely cover the same, the opening of the said mesh not to exceed three sixteenths of an inch and one sixty-fourth of an inch to the square inch.

"8. The opening at the back of the ashpan on every locomotive engine must be covered with heavy sheet iron dampers or with screen, netting dampers 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 per inch of number ten Birmingham wire gauge, such dampers, to be fastened either by a heavy spring or a split cotter or pin.

"9---Overflow pipes from the injectors must be put into the front and back parts of the ashpan and used from April to October, inclusive.

"10---During the months from April to October, inclusive, wire screens must be fixed to the windows of all smoking compartments of railway carriages.

Elgin Watches



Railroad Standard

All the latest in Fobs, Chains, Jewelry of every Description

SIMPSON & CRANNA, JEWELERS.

SEE OUR NEW LINE

OF
ELGIN WATCHES
RAILROAD GRADES
A SPECIALTY

REPAIRS GUARANTEED
ONE YEAR.

Merritt Lumber Yard

DEALERS IN

Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Lime,
Cement and all kinds building
material.

Lumber Yard and Offices:-

Voght Street, near C. P. R. Station, Merritt.

Phone 37

P. O. Box 7

Smith & Clarke

Bakers and Confectioners.

MANUFACTURERS OF

All kinds of Chocolates and
General Candy.

All Goods Made at Kamloops and Merritt Factories.

NEW GOLDWATER HOTEL

THE FINEST HOSTELRY IN THE UPPER
COUNTRY--JUST OPENED.

LUXURIOUSLY FURNISHED WITH BEST
CUISINE AND ACCOMMODATION.

FINEST BRANDS OF WINES AND LIQUORS

WM. MCINTYRE, PROP.

MERRITT, B. C.

Asaya-Neurall

THE NEW REMEDY FOR
Nervous Exhaustion

Heredity is one of the main causes of nervous exhaustion. Children whose minds give way in school, girls lacking in nerve stamina, and young men exhausted by ordinary business cares, prove this. Occasional treatment with "ASAYA-NEURALL" is their salvation. It feeds the nerves, induces sleep, improves the appetite and digestion, and restores full nerve power. \$1.50 a bottle. Local agent.

GEO. M. GEMMILL,
Merritt, B. C.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

Train leaves 12.35 daily for
all points East and West.
Returning, leaves 18.40.

Tickets on sale to all points
Canada and United States.

Accommodation reserved
and complete passage booked
to any part of Great
Britain, or from Great Britain
to Canada. If sending for
your friends purchase
your ticket here and avoid
the risk of sending money.
For rates and sailings apply
to

D. H. PUFFER

Agent - Merritt, B. C.

Or write to

H. W. BRODIE

General Passenger Agent
Vancouver, B. C.

A DELIGHTFULLY COOL

Refrigerator keeps your food fresh and nice to eat. All refrigerators are not cool, however; and you must know that when the makers are careless in their finishing your food is liable to suffer for it. A refrigerator with a coat of Baplag ensures Cleanliness, Coolness and your Comfort.



Have you noticed the improvement in the city since people commenced putting Baplag on their buildings?

YOUR HOUSE

may be greatly improved if you try Baplag inside and out.



It renovates your furniture, cleans your house interior and makes the exterior handsome and restful. Try it.

MERRITT MERCANTILE CO.

GENERAL PROVIDERS

New Howse Block

Quilchena Avenue