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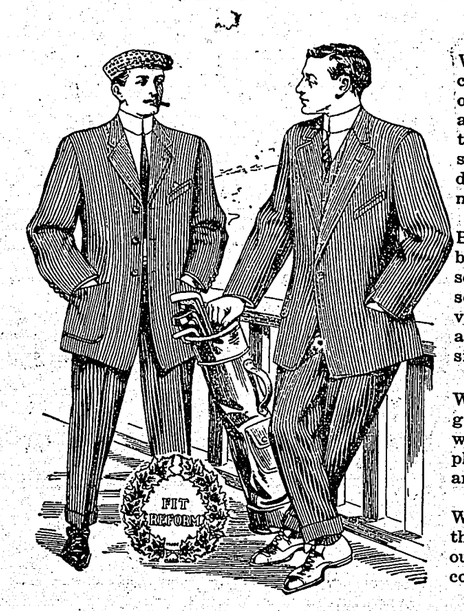

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MILITARY BALL ENDS SEASON

Brilliant Spectacle at Annual Ball of British Columbia Horse

The Central Hall was the scene of the most brilliant dance of the season last Tuesday evening, when the officers and troopers of "D." Squadron, 2nd Regiment, British Columbia Horse, entertained a large number of friends at their second annual ball. It was the last dance of the season as Lent commenced on Wednesday.

There were about one hundred and thirty people present, just sufficient to make the evening most enjoyable. The floor with the beautifully gowned ladies, the sombre garb of the men in mufti. and the brilliance of the scarlet-tunic-ed members of the Regiment presented a delightful spectacle. The music was excellent and the evening passed without a hitch. A light supper was served in the Coldwater hotel at midnight, after which dancing was resumed and lasted until four on Wednesday morning. A feature of the evening was the flashlight photograph taken by C. Hooper in the hall at half past eleven. While over a hundred were seated at the supper in the Coldwater another flashlight was taken.

The credit for the success of the evening must be given to committee in charge of the arrangements, which was composed of the following members of the squadron: Sergeant-major S. Howes and S. Q. M. S. Osmond; Sergeants T. Smith, J. Smith, E. Pearce, T. Heslop, J. Rhodes; Corporals J. Arthur, A. Collett, and Trooper Flynn. These gentlemen were unsparing in their efforts to make the evening a success in every respect.

Among the members of the squadron present were Rev. James Thompson chaplain; Lieutenant-Colonel C. Flick; Major Matthews; Captains Campbell and Nash; Captain-Adjutant Foster; Lieutenant A. F. Rankine, and Squadron sergeant-major T. Smith, S.Q.M.S. Osmond, R. S. M. Howes, Sergeants Heslop, Leitch (Vernon troop), J. Smith, J. Rhodes, E. Pearce; Corporals Arthur, G. Murray, L. Pearce, King; Trumpeter Jas. Smith and Troopers Flynn, Stackhouse, Veale(2), Bradley, McPhail, Riley and Cleasby.

Among the ladies noticed were Mesdames Flick, blue silk, Foster, grey silk; J. Cleasby, old rose silk; F. A. Reid (mayoress) embroidered white lace over cream nun's veiling; Austin, blue silk; Z, Kirky, white silk; McKenzie, gathered green silk; Boyd, pearl grey silk; R. McDonald, blue silk with sequins; Blair, white silk; P. Smith (Jr) white silk; Ruark, black silk with white yoke; Devonshire, blue silk; Rogers, pale blue satin; Welfare, white silk; Langstaff, white muslin; C. Graham (2), black silk; McPhail, white silk; Matthews, dove colored silk; Slough, cream silk; Bullen, cream silk; Osmond, white silk; Hudson, clove green silk; Tutill, pink silk; Bewley, pale blue voile over satin; Hyndman, black silk; Rankine, orange silk trimmed with satin; Battersby, white muslin; Johnston, grey silk; S. Howes, black tamaline; R. Jackson, brown silk; Grimmett, black silk with white lace yoke; Barwick, green silk; Cumberland, white silk; Rhodes, white silk; McRae, pale blue satin. And Misses B. McGoran, pink nun's veiling; Vair, pale green silk; Jackson, blue silk; Palmer, white silk: Horrocks, white silk; C, Woodward, cream silk; Thompson, white silk; C Murray, blue silk; Seaton (2) flowered messaline; Donegan, black and white check silk; Leonard, white silk; McKay, white muslin; McKenzie, blue silk; Howse, deep cream trimmed with black; McNeil, white silk; C. Hudson, white silk trimmed with white satin; Rickner, pink silk; Brolin, old rose silk; Priest, white over pink silk; M. Murray, white silk.

Among the gentlemen in mufti were Messrs. Grimmett, Cleasby, Solomon, Sutcliffe, Rogers, Slough, Boyd, Phillips, Taylor, Mayor Reid, Dr. Gillis, Langstaff, Kennedy, Paton, Dryborough, McKenzie, Parkinson, Armstrong Bewley, Costigan, Ruark, R. McDonald, Simpson, Goepel, Barwick, Gemmill, J. Graham, E. Thomas, Daniell, Quenville, Coggeswell, Johnston, King, Hooper, Clapperton and Coffee.

YOUNG GIRL SAVES HER BROTHER

Agnes' Service's Fearlessness Narrowly Averted Tragedy on Friday.

But for the courageous presence of mind of his twelve year old sister Agnes young Fred Service, an eight year old boy who lives with his parents near the schools, might have been mourned by his family.

The near-tragedy occurred on the Coldwater river, just below the bridge on the Middlesboro road, last Friday afternoon. Young Fred and his two brothers and his sister were playing by the river when, seeking adventure, he tried to walk on the ice of the stream. The crust was not strong enough to support his weight and the ice broke, precipitating him into the chill water. He cried out as he went under and Agnes without the slightest hesitation plunged after him and managed to pull him to the bank.

He was taken to his home and cared for. Dr. Tutill attended him, and now beyond the effects of his fright he is none the worse for his experience. Too much praise cannot be given to his sister for her prompt and courageous action.

A. E. Masuret went down to Victoria on business yesterday.

LYTTON IS GROWING

The Committee of the Catholic Church with J. J. Farrel as president, held a meeting last Monday and decided to put an addition of 12 feet to St. Patrick's Church, with a new room for the priest of 10 by 17. The contract was given to D. Craig for the estimation of $236.50. The work will be completed on the 1st of March. On the third of March Father James Wagner will hold the first service in the newly repaired building. John Angus McDonald is pleased with the charge of collecting the necessary funds and no doubt he will make it a success.

LIQUOR ACT IS AMENDED

Attorney-General Introduces Clause Dealing with Interdicts

The correspondence and various memoranda contained in the complete return show the negotiations at Ottawa conducted by Hon. Mr. McBride, Hon. Mr. Bowser and Hon. Mr, Ross to have dealt very fully, comprehensively and ably from the Provincial standpoint not only with these two major issues, but also with the complicated questions of Railway Belt lands, which the Province volunteers to administer pending their purchase from the Dominion, charging only the actual cost of administration; Indian reserves, a readjustment of the areas and boundaries of which is declared imperative in the interest of white civilization and the revisionary interest in which is stoutly maintained as a Provincial right; alien labor, in the restriction of which more prompt and effective action is demanded of the federal authorities; the matter of foreshore lands, unclouded title in the Point Grey University site, the Victoria drill hall complication, the Provincial claim for a refund of monies expended upon the construction of wharves on navigable waters and for mattrassing and rockwork for the protection of the Fraser, the Columbia, and certain other rivers, county court judges' salaries, fisheries privileges, the introduction and propogation in British Columbia of Eastern whitefish and lobsters, the necessity for the provision of additional cruisers for the more adequate protection of Western Canadian fisheries interests, and various other minor and departmental concerns.

The return has been made the subject of two resolutions introduced by the Premier confirmatory of the delegation's course and approving the solution proposed in respect to the Better Terms and Asian immigration questions, the former of which resolutions has passed the House with unanimity, the latter still being in debate. Discussion thus far has been chiefly noticeable by reason of the very full clear and logical addresses in which the First Minister traced the history and issues of the questions involved, and for the declaration by Mr. Hawthornwaite that Socialists feel no antipathy to the Oriental races and—were their party in power—would welcome the Chinese and Japanese to Canada, SANS PREJUDICE, according to the principle of universal brotherhood.

Another feature of the week was the presentation of the amending Liquor act by which Attorney-General Bowser aims to perfect the departmental machinery for the successful enforcement of the admitedly most drastic liquor act on any British statute book the new provisions being notably in the direction of compelling the disclosure by interdicts of the source from which they have obtained liquor.

Another event of the week, although not precisely of parliament itself, has been the assumption by the Provincial Lands Department of the administration of water-rights within and for the lands of the Railway Belt. There is now before the Canadian House of Commons a federal government bill confirming and ratifying the transfer of administrrtion to the Provincial authority and meanwhile Hon. Mr. Ross is by advertisement inviting the immediate filing of all claims for record or protests incidental thereto, by interested residents of the Railway Belt. Sixty days are allowed for filing of such claims in manner and form prescribed, and a further thirty days' notice will then be given of the sittings of the Water Board as arranged to adjudicate on the rights on each particular stream, of which there are several thousand. It is expected that within two months of the passage of confirmatory legislation, the Board will be actively engaged in hearing claims. The promptitude displayed in this matter assuredly will bring gladness to the hearts of the many Belt lands residents who during years past have been hoping and waiting for an adjustment of the complicated matters relating to water records and the utilization of the multitude of streams within the ten thousand odd square miles of Railway Belt territory, for irrigation, mining and industrial purposes.

B. C. HORSE

Early in March Squadron sergeant-major T. Smith, Sergeant John Smith, Corporal Arthur and Trumpeter James Smith will leave for Winnipeg to attend the Cavalry School of Instruction. T. Smith is to try for a certificate Sergt. John Smith and Corp, Arthur are to take a course in signalling to qualify as regimental signallers. Trumpeter James Smith seeks to Qualify as commanding officer's trumpeter.

Ed Pearce went down to Vancouver on a fortnight's vacation trip on Thursday.

$4130 FOR FIRE EQUIPMENT

Council Decide upon Purchase of Pump Chemical Englne and Hose Reels

In a special session last Wednesday evening the council went into the matter of fire fighting equipment with the representative of the Waterous Engine Co., of Brantford. Ont., Mr. Hugh Gilmour. Many different types of engines were shown, ranging from the oldstyle handpump to the latest automobile machines. After some disscussion the council decided to purchase the following:-

A No. 6 Class B. 4-cylinder 40-45 h.p. gasoline fire engine. This will cost $2730. Also two hose reels, capacity five hundred feet. and a chemical engine with two tanks, capacity 70 gallons. The former machines will cost $300 for the two reels, and the chemical engine will cost $1100. This brings the total expenditure up to $4130.

A depuation consisting of Messrs. Rogers and Radcliffe, of the Board of Trade, waited upon the council to submit a proposal to get out a pamphlet describing the city and district and requesting the co-operation of the city to the extent of $150. There was considerable discussion, but no final action was taken, the matter being postponed until the next meeting of the counil,

It is proposed to put it briefly that, the Board of Trade and the City Council co-operate in getting out a pamphlet describing the prospects and resources of the city and district, with a view to attracting settlers At present, it is understood, the finances of the board do not permit the undertaking of this work without aid from the council. We believe that some sort of pamphlet should be issued, as, with the exception of the one issued by the Southern B. C. Lands and Mines Limited, there is no such descriptive pamphlet in existence.

Superintendent Charles Graham of the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Company returned from Vancouver Wednesday evening. He attended the convention of the western branch of the C. M. I. and also the annual meeting of the coal company.

COAL OUTPUT WAS WORTH $500,000

Last Year was Banner Year in Valley Mining History.

Appended below will be found the complete returns of coal shipments from the Nicola Coalfields for the past year. It will be noted that of the total tonnage, 217,908, shipped 194,332 was taken by the C. P. R., while 23, 576 went to private consumers.

It is difficult to arrive at an exact estimate of the value of this marketed output; but, taking the ton value roughly at $2.50, which is a conservative figure, it will be seen that the valne of the output of the local mines, which was shipped out of the valley, was $544,770.00.

This is about $175,000 in excess of the output for 1910. It must be borne in mind, however, that these figures do not represent the entire amount of coal mined by the local collieries but only that amount shipped to the mainline.

In 1912 there is every prospect that these figures will be easily surpassed. In January 1911 the total shipments were 9089; while for the month of January in this year the tonnage was 5732 greater, the shipments in last month having been 14,821 tons.

Following is the record of monthly shipments during 1911:-

	C. P. R.	Commercial
January	7756	333
February	12201	1599
March	10952	868
April	15481	961
May	19874	766
June	15624	960
July	15876	1822
Ausust	18360	2629
September	20539	2651
October	19782	2457
November	20357	3076
December	17230	4454
Total	194332	23576

Total 1911 shipment from Merritt 217,908 tons.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Patients admitted during the week 3.

Patients discharged during the week 1

Patients remaining under treatment 6

Miss Francis left the hospital for her home in Nicola Thursday.

Government Railway Policy

Construction of the Kettle Valley Railway over the Hope mountains to facilitate the transport of the natural products of the Nicola, Boundary, Similkameen and other districts, to the coast. This will assure that a great market will be opened for the coal and other natural resources of the Nicola Valley. In addition to this a combination railway and traffic bridge will be built across the Fraser River at Hope to connect with the C. P. R. mainline. A cash grant of about $500,000 ($10,000 per mile) will be made for the railway down the Coquahalla to Hope; and in addition $200,000 grant will be made to help the construction of the bridge over the Fraser.

Construction of the line to Hope must be commenced this summer and completed before July 15th 1915.

The guarantee of bonds to the amount of $35,000 per mile for the construction of a line from North Vancouver to Fort George. Right of way granted free and towsites also. This to be built by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. Government control of freight rates.

Extension of C. N. P. from Kamloops to Lumby via Vernon, and a line from Vernon to Kelowna and the east side of Okanagan Lake. C. N. P. to build 150 miles of new line on Vancouver Island. Government to guarantee bonds up to $35,000 per mile and construction to commence within six months.

Extension of the E. & N. on Vancouver Id. from Parksville to Comox and consent to lease of E. & N. lines to C. P. R., the E. & N. agreeing to pay 1 1-2 cents per acre for its lands, this yielding $18,000 per year to the province. C. P. R. agrees to pay $387,000 to the province to offset the interest charges on the Shuswap & Okanagan Railway.

The province to purchase the unsold portion of the B. C. Southern and Columbia & Western R. R. land grants at 40c. per acre, the total sum involved being about $1,000,000.

The C. P. R. to take over and operate the Kaslo & Slocan line, now owned by the G. N. R.. The province to give a bonus of $100,000 for this purpose.

The total mileage involved in this policy is 850. Of this the Ft. George line will amount to 450 miles; Kamloops to Vernon and Okanagan Lake 145 miles; K. V. R;, Hope Summit to Fraser 50 miles; and the remaining 205 miles will be construction on Vancouver Island.

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THE RAILWAY POLICY

Great satisfaction will be felt by the members of Yale Electoral District at the announcement by the premier of the government's intention to give a cash bonus of $10,000 per mile to the Kettle Valley Railway Company for the construction of a line from a point at the headwaters of the Coldwater and Coquahalla rivers to Hope.

According to the announcement in the News-Advertiser the construction of this connection must commence within six months and completed within three years. By reducing the distance from this city to Vancouver by about seventy miles a great saving in freight and passenger charges will be effected, in addition to which the time occupied of travelling between this city and the coast will be very materially reduced.

To connect up the Kettle Valley with the mainline of the Canadian Pacific on the Fraser the government are contributing a cash donation of $200,000. Thus freight may be shipped from here to Vancouver and routed either over the Great Northern the C.P.R., or the Canadian Northern, from Hope.

The gaurantee of the bonds of a line from Vancouver to Fort George will no doubt bring great satisfaction to the residents of the coast and Lillooet. This will ensure the establishment of the connection of the Grand Trunk Pacific to Vancouver. It is not anticipated, however, that it will at all adversely affect the prospects of Prince Rupert as a terminus for that great transcontinental system.

While we are of course disappointed to learn that no provission has been made for having the Canadian Northern construct into this city from Kamloops we cannot hold the government responsible for it. Unless the Canadian Northern people themselves wished to make an entry into the valley the government would be powerless to compel them to build this line. However, there is in the guarantee of the bonds for the line into Vernon the consolation that when the company propose entering the valley they will have less mileage to construct than if they build direct from Kamloops.

The E. & N. guarantee will no doubt meet with the approval of the residents on Vancouver Island The reconstruction of the Kaslo and Slocan line will be a boon to the district traversed by that line.

WATER IN R. W. BELT

The current issue of the B. C. Gazette contains the formal announcement over the signature of Hon. W. R. Ross, provincial minister of lands, to the effect that "any person, partnership, company or municipality having any claim to water in the railway belt may now file with the Chief Water Commissioner at the Parliament Buildings, Victoria, a statement of claim to water privileges, on a printed form which may be obtained from the water commissioners at New Westminster, Yale, Ashcroft, Kamloops, Revelstoke, or Golden or from the Chief Water Comissioner at Victoria. Evidence will be heard at local points as soon as the various claims have been examined, classified and tabulated, and notices will be published of the place and date when each stream will be dealt with."

Objections may now also be filed with the Chief Water Comissioner. Several hundred creeks known to be within the railway belt territory are named in the official notices incidental to the assumption of provincial jurisdiction and the completion of arrangements for the early adjudication of belt lands water claims.

FIRE EQUIPMENT

A word of commendation is due the members of the city council for the activity they have shown in the matter of fire equipment purchase. Details of the equipment to be bought will be found elsewhere in this issue. It is the most up to date that could be purchased. It cannot be received however, until such time as the building to house it is completed. We congratulate the aldermen upon their activity.

Nicola Notes

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Mrs. William Pooley, proprietress of the Tamerton Ranch, who has spent the past nine months with relatives at Picton, N. S., has commenced her return journey. She is expected to arrive here next month. Her many friends in the valley will be glad to welcome her back again.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sutherland of Lytton, visited Nicola last Friday and were present at the Foresters' Ball.

Miss Francis, who recently returned to Nicola after having undergone an operation in the Vancouver General Hospital, is now a patient in the Nicola Valley General Hospital at Merritt. Her numerous friends are hoping that she will be well enough to return home in a short time.

Among the Nicola people who attended the annual ball of "D" Squadron, of B. C. Horse, at Merritt the other night were Mesdames Matthews, Barwick, Foster and Rhodes; and Misses Laird, Howse, M. Murray and C. Woodward; and Messrs Rev. J. Thompson, G. L. Murray, W. E. Dodd and Captains Nash, Matthews and Foster, and Sergt. Heslop.

Captain and Mrs. J. Leader left this week for England, the captain having been summoned to London upon business requiring his immediate attendance there. They expect to return next April.

Mrs. Stanley Kirby went down to Merritt to visit friends on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. H. shaw and Miss Laird, of Vancouver, who have been spending the winter here, left for Vancouver on a short visit last Thursday.

Miss Ruby Howse is the guest of the Misses Seaton at Merritt for a few days this week.

Mrs. W. E. Green of Vancouver left for her home on Thursday after spending a few days as the guest of her mother Mrs. S. E. Roberts.

John Jackson, of Tulameen, arrived in the city from Princeton on Tunday evening in company with J Campbell, a druggist from Fort George and Princeton, who is returning to the north. They left here on Monday's train.

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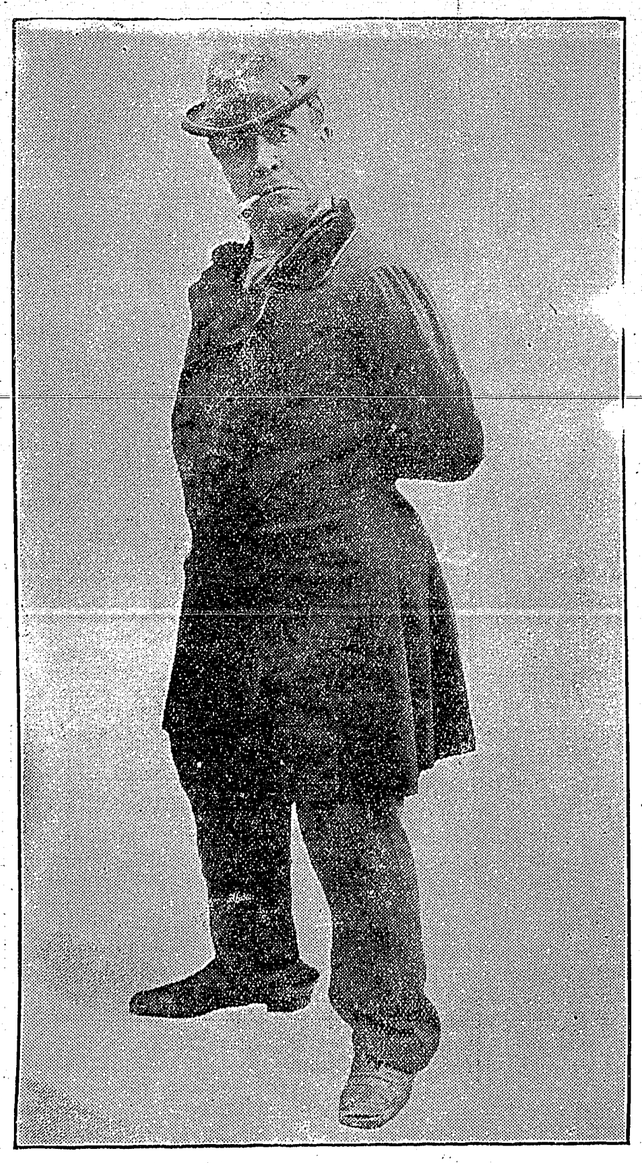

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ELECTRIC LIGHT DISCUSSION

Members of City Council Discuss Proposal of Company

Last Monday evening the members of the Council definitely decided to employ an expert to examine the plant and equipment of the electric light company and report on the same. The object of this is to determine whether or not the acceptance of the proposal of the company to sell out for $7,500 would prove a good investment for the city.

Ald. Gordon, of the Board of Works, in discussing the matter said that if the city thought that lights were necessary this year it would be a good idea to close with the company on their offer. The company was willing to supply the city with street lights for $3,000 per annum for twenty lights. He thought that the land, building, poles and street equipment of the company alone was worth the $7,500 asked for. He thought the city should own its own lighting plant and should another company buy this one out and start up the city would not have as good a chance to buy as at present.

Mayor Reid, said that the light company wanted an answer right away. "If we are going to have a light plant of our own this year we want to commence at once. While I think that perhaps the light company's offer is a good one, still, I think it would be more advisable for the city to engage an expert to report upon the value of the plant before we deal with the company. in fact," he added. "I understood that the Board of Works was to get one in here to report on the matter."

Ald. Gordon: "I was the only member of the board here and I certainly did not want to assume that responsibility myself."

The Mayor: "Well, while at the coast with Ald. Irvine we were advised that it would be best to get an outside man who was competent to come in and investigate and make a report. Last year Mr. McKenzie of the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Company was asked if he'd give an opinion or a report, but he advised that for certain reasons it would be best to have an out side man in. To get such a man, we found, would not be very costly. All he would want would be about $10 or $20 a day and his travelling and hotel expenses. Ald. Irvine and I saw such a man while at the coast, a competent man, and if the council think it advisable we can wire right away and have him here. I am in favour of getting expert advice on the matter. Still I think the company's offer is a very fair one."

Ald. Cowley moved and Ald. Gordon seconded a resolution to wire for this expert at once and have him come in and report to the council. This was carried. Ald. John urged the advisability of keeping his identity secret until his investigation was concluded. Ald. Crawford's amendment to the motion to have the expert engaged by the Board of Works, was lost.

Robert Wade was appointed city scavenger at a salary of eighty dollars per month.

The contract for a barn to house the horses and wagons of the scavenging department was awarded to Phillip McLean, for $259. S. Hyland bid $380, and Fowler & Larson $353. The barn will be 28x18x16 high.

The clerk was instructed to prepare a new assessment roll to be in by March 4th.

On the recommendation of Dr. Williams, city health officer, the council will obtain 2 gals. formalin, 10 lbs potassium permanganate and some bichloride tablets for disinfecting purposes.

J. A. Maughan appeared on behalf of W. K. Hyslop to urge that the license fee charged him for doing business should be reduced as he has now obtained business premises. He was charged a transient trader's license for selling clothing and now asks a rebate. The matter was laid over until April 1st.

"A COWBOY'S GIRL"

"A Cowboy's Girl" the breezy western comedy-drama, has just concluded a very successful engagement at the Empire Theatre Saskatoon. In speaking of this engagement the Saskatoon Daily Phoenix says—It's ever so many moons since an Empire Theatre audience has been so enthusiastic over any company or any offering as they grew last night over Mr. Gerald Clute, Mr. John Pringle, and their "Cowboy's Girl" company. The action of the play was held up at a lot of points, while the audience held out the glad hand, and Mr. Clute, who plays the leads, had repeated curtain calls. The company carries no excess. Not one of the six players acts as statuary. "A Cowboy's Girl" is a western drama with a strong leaning towards real drama in spots, while nowhere does it grow unduly mellow. It's not wild and woolly either, for the only shooting that's done takes place back in the wings, so that one gets the heroic effect without hearing the dull sickening thuds. Dash and ginger are liberally strewn throughout all three acts, and the play is altogether pleasingly diverting. Mr. Clute had the role of the ranch foreman, and was the supreme lover of the pretty girl-boss of the Lazy Y. He has taken a tremendous two-years' stride along the theatrical way since leaving Saskatoon, and his work last night was a pleasing surprise to his former acquaintances. The entire company know their lines backward, and this intimacy gives the players a comfortable degree of self-confidence and nonchalence.

This show will be at the Central Hall on Wednesday evening February 28th at 8 p. m.

Rev. J. A. Petrie left on Monday on a brief visit to Enderby.

Lady Wanted

To introduce HOUSE AND HOME (the Woman's Magazine) Make $10 to $20 weekly. No money required. Sample copy on request. Give references. Address Circulation Manager House and Home, 347 Pender treet west, Vancouver, B. C.

SPORT

Frank Barnes, and Young Smith, the local bantamweight boxer, leave for Walhachin on the first of next month. Smith has been tied up to fight Carpenter at Walhachin that week. The bout is scheduled 10 rounds, but if Smith lands that haymaking right early enough the engagement will be brief. Barnes expects to be able to promote another roughouse in this city in the near future.

The best commercial Job Printing in the interior at News Job Dept.

Synopsis of Coal Mining Regulations.

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

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

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of rhe Interior.

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Nicola Valley Lodge No. 46, meets in Reid's Hall every Wednesday night at 8 p. m. All visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.

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S. J. SOLOMON W. M. FRED S. GAY Secretary.

TAX NOTICE

Nicola Assessment District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Statutes, that Provincial revenue tax and assessed taxes, income and school tax, assessed and levied under the "Assessment Act" and amdndments, are due and payable on the 2nd day of January, 1912.

All taxes collectable for the NICOLA ASSESSMENT DISTRICT are due and payable at my office, situated at the Government office, NICOLA, B. C.

This notice, in terms of law, is equivalent to a personal demand by me upon all persons liable for taxes.

Dated at Nicola, B. C., this 17th day of January, 1912.

W. N. ROLFE,
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LOCAL AND DISTRICT

J. A. Menzies went down to the coast on business last Wednesday.

Provincial Constable O'Hara was in this city over last evening.

J. J. Lane. auditor of the C. P. R., arrived in the city from Nicola today.

R. G. S. Anthony, of the Willow Grange Farm at Canford, was in town on business today.

Col. Flick was in town on business today. He left for his home at Lower Nicola tonight.

Rhys Hamer, of the general passenger agent's office in Vancouver was in the city over Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ferris left for a fortnight's trip to Vancouver and Victoria on Wednesday's train.

Another dance is to be given in Middlesboro next Saturday, tomorrow, evening by the club members. Admission 75c.

Mrs. N. J. Barwick and children came down from Nicola on Tuesday and returned to their home on Wednesday evening.

A. L. Dingee went down to Vancouver on Wednesday after having spent a fortnight in the valley on business for his firm.

Benjamin Browett, superintendent of the Diamond Vale Collieries returned from the convention of the mining institute on Monday.

BORN:-To Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dodd of Nicola, on Tuesday Feb. 20th 1912, at Kamloops, a son. Mother and child are both doing well.

Alonzo Roberts arrived in town from his ranch at Aspen Grove this afternoon.

L. Coggeswell, accountant for the Nicola Valley Pine Lumber company was in town this week from Canford Mills to attend the ball of the B. C. Horse.

Col. and Mrs. C. Flick were in town for the B. C. Horse dance on Tuesday evening. They returned to their home at Lower Nicola on Wednesday's train.

Vernon H. Mott, formerly conductor on the local freight, is acting conductor of the passenger this week relieving Conductor Charles Sasseville, who is ill.

The final consideration of the pre-emption of P. H. Cantlin before a Crown Grant is issued is advertized in the Provincial Gazette. J. W. McCann's pre-emption is also advertized and John Garcia's.

Miss Florence Morrisson, who has been staying with relatives in the upper part of the valley for the past few weeks, arrived in the city today and will spend a few davs here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones.

"A Cowboy's Girl," which is to be played by the John Pringle company of actors in the Central Theatre, on Quilchena avenue, next Wednesday night will be worth seeing.

P. de Latour and family and C. Oland left for Vancouver on Wednesday's train. P. de Latour is connected with the hydrographic survey and intends returning to Nicola in May or June.

Special music has been prepared by the club members for the dance at Middlesboro on Saturday night, and a light supper is to be served at mienight.

It is expected that a large number of local people will attend the dance at Middlesboro tomorrow night.

H. Herberts, well known in the city and at Middlesboro, where he was always prominent at sports, lelt early this week for Edmonton,. He expects to stop off for a few weeks at Calgary.

At the amateur show in the Sunshine Theatre last Friday night young George le Pitre and Robert Hebron put up a most amusing sparring exhibition. These amateur nights are proving to be a great success.

Rev. Jas. Wagner, O. M. I,, was in the city over Sunday leaving for Lytton on Monday's train. He states that additions will shortly be made to the Catholic Church at Lytton.

D. Dodding was in town from Lower Nicola on business this week.

N. J. Barwick expects to commence the construction of up-to-date undertaking parlors in the near future. He states that when the building is completed he will have one of the best equipped parlors in the interior.

A. B. Fletcher, who has for years been Mr. Grimmett's chief assistant, left on Tuesday for Edinburgh, Scotland. Duncan McPhail came down from Nicola to see him off. He will be greatly missed by his many friends in the Nicola Valley.

In the memorial football match at Middlesdoro last Sunday the local team won by a score of 1—0.

J. Angus McDonald left for Lytton on today's train. Mrs. McDonald has been ill at her home in the Victoria Rooms for the past week and her husband came up from Lytton when he received the news of her illness.

James Fairclough left for Revelstoke on Tuesday's train to attend the annnal convention of the L. O. L. He is the delegate selected to represent the local lodge No. 1701. It is expected that there will be about one thousand members of the order attend the convention.

Frank Barnes and Sid Mearon this spring are going to raise vegetables, horses, catttle' sheep and dogs and flowers on the handsome ranch they purchased recently. To commence their kennels they have acquired the famous Siberian tripehound "Gold-Dust", which was formerly the property of J. Peck McSwain. In addition to farming their estate they will erect a huge office building on one corner of it. They have a shipment of blooded stock en route. Their recent realty acquisition has an area of 2 1-2 acres.

FORESTERS' DANCE SUCCESSFUL

Pooley Hall at Nicola Crowded With Merrymakers Friday evening.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Last Friday evening, at Nicola the officers and members of Court Nicola 8931 A. O. F. entertained a large number of friends from Nicola and the surrounding district at their Sixth Annual Ball in Pooley Hall. The guests came from as far away as Lytton and Quilchena, and were unanimous in pronouncing the dance quite as successful as the former ones given by the members of the order in previous years.

The hall was tastefully decorated in greens and bunting, blended harmoniously. G. L. Murray acted as floor manager for the evening. The music was provided by P. Smith, violin, and Mrs. Grimmett and the Misses A. Vair, and Ruby Howse, pianistes.

Among the ladies present were noticed Mesdames H. H. Matthews, who was tastefully gowned in pearl grey marquistete; Barwick, reseda taffeta silk; Grimmett, black and white striped silk; Mickle, black lace over silk; Foster, pearl namilos silk; Lauder (Quilchena), pongee silk trimmed with pink, Wood-Lee, grey silk crepe de chene; S. Kirby, mauve silk and chiffon; Durland, old rose silk; Strickland, white silk trimmed with blue; Shaw, black sequin net over satin; Gay, beaded ninon-de-soie over grey satin; Marshall, black silk; Peterson, brown silk; Sutherland (Lytton), black and white silk; Rhodes, white silk mull; and the Misses C. Woodward, cream messaline silk; M. Woodward, cream voile; C. Murray, pale blue silk; M. Murray, white silk, embroidered voile; Howse, deep cream with black trimming; Laird, pearl grey silk; Vair, white voile; McNeil, white chiffon; L. Carrington, black voile; G. Carrington, white net; Jackson, coral silk; Bradley, white silk; Leonard, blue silk; Brolin, plum coloured crepe de chene; Colk, white muslin; Fleming, old rose satin cloth trimmed with jet.

Among the gentlemen present were Messrs Matthews, Barwick, Durland, Nash, Murray, Heslop, Hunter, Rev. J. Thompson, Gay, Captain Foster, Strickland, Grimmett, Dodd, Carrington, Ash, Riley, Wood-Lee, Subject, Goodisson, Solomon, Sutherland, Cowen, Marshall, Peterson, Perdue, P. and J. Smith, Croker, Lauder, Quinville. King, and Harrisson.

WESTERN C. M. I.

The matter of first aid was discussed at some length by the members of the western branch of the Canadian Mining Institute last. Friday, Dr. F. C. McTavish, of the 18th Field Ambulance, A. M. C., being the principal speaker.

"The aid that may be given injured persons by those who have taken the instruction, is of great value," said Dr. McTavish. "A great deal of needless suffering may be relieved. Accidents that are trivial in the beginning may become serious through lack of proper attention.

"We are planning first aid competitions and feel certain the Duke of Connaught when he visits Vancouver will be a patron for he is interested in the work. At the annual meeting of the association a few days ago a public demonstration was urged as a means of stirring up interest and enthusiasm."

Mr' Charles Graham, of Middlesboro, in discussing Dr. McTavish's remarks, said the chief value of the St, John's Ambulance was in the instruction from their doctors, but the doctors have different ideas of first aid, and there is not the same uniformity as in the St. John's centres.

Mine Inspector Thomas Graham said more study should be given to the prevention of accidents and mining men should be educated along that line. In all hazardous occupations men finally fall into a sense of false security, he said. They become naturally careless. Some managers, he said, think they have the only safe mine. Then accidents occur. "An old saying is 'It is the good roof that kills; not the poor one.' That is true. Miners working under a poor roof are careful where they would be careless under a good roof. Mine managers must have the co-operation of all the bosses and men."

Mr. E. Jacobs, secretary, read several papers on coal mining. Mr. G. S. Malloch's paper on the coal basin of Groundhog mountain was briefly discussed. The morning attendance was not large, as many of the visiting members left after the three aessions Thursday. The next place of meeting has not been selected.

STEAM LAUNDRY MANAGEMENT

Nicola Valley Steam Laundry Passes Into New Control

During the week the announcement was made that the steam laundry on Voght street has passed to an entirely new management. The name of the person who has acquired it is not divulged yet.

Indications are not lacking, however, that the new management is decidedly progressive. Already a force of carpenters has been put to work renovating the entire establishment and bringing it up to-date. No expense is to be spared in making it a first class laundry in every respect, and after Wednesday next the company will be ready to accept all the business offered, and to handle it expeditiously and economically.

Mr. Miles, the manager, who recently arrived from the coast, and who has had experience in the largest laundries, states that there is absolutely no reason why first class work should not be turned out henceforward as the plant now contains the most up-to-date equipment that can be bought.

The management wish to announce that they would be glad to have the public call and inspect the conditions under which they expect to handle the business of the city.

Many changes are also being made in the bathrooms, which are being completely overhauled and renovated.

A feature that will meet with the approval of the public is the company's guarantee to replace any article which may be missing.

A novel feature which will be introduced in the near future is a sterilizing room in which all garments will be thoroughly sterilized when received.

It must be borne in mind that the management is absolutely new and that all work is under the direct supervision of an expert laundryman.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, Feb. 25th I9I2.

2.30 p.m.; Sunday School and Bible class.

Wednesday evening service 8 o'clock.

On Sunday evening 25th Rev. E. R. McLean, Field secretary in connection with the S. S. work of this church will deliver an address,

Rev. J. A. Petrie,
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ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday, Feb. 25.
Merritt—3 p.m.
Nicola—11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
Sunday School.
Nicola—9.30 a.m.
Merritt—2.30 p.m.

J. Thompson,
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Sunday Services 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sunday School and Bible Class 2 30 p. m.

Monday 8 p. m. Young People's Society.

Wednesday 7. 30 p. m. Prayer Meeting.

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CURLING NOTES

G. F. Ransom is active nowadays in ascertaining what curlers will be able to leave for Vancouver Bonspiel, March 18. Invitations to compete have been sent out by the Vancouver Club to over one hundred curling clubs. Is is probable that one rink will be composed of A. W. Strickland, G. F. Ransom, M. L. Grimmett and F. Barnes. There appears to be a good deal of uncertainty as to who will be able to get away for the event.

A NEW HEARSE

Dan Munro this week received the first hearse ever seen in the valley. It is a particularly handsome vehicle and is understood to have cost $1100 aside from the freight charges incurred in shipping it from the east.

HOSPITAL DONATIONS

Next week a complete list of the subscriptions promised and given to the Hospital Board will be published.

Murdoch McIntyre has had extensive alterations carried out in the Coldwater hotel. The dining room has been repapered in a handsome design and preparations are now being made for the installation of an electric lighting plant of the most up-to-date type.

F. Jackson passed through the city with R. Clark on today's train.

W. de Moulin and H. H. Metzler of Vancouver have been busy installing the stage scenery in Central Hall for the past two days. De Moulin is one of the best scenic artists in Canada.

Lou Austin was in town on business several days this week.

J. Bampfield's father has been staying with him at his ranch at Mamette Lake for the past six weeks. His father is a keen sportsman.

The County Court list for hearing on the 28th is said to be the longest in tne history of the valley.

The first cake of artificial ice ever manufactuaed in the Nicola Valley was turned out by the plant of the Nicola Valley Meat Market this week. It weighed 225 pounds. The proprietors are having an electric sign put up today. It is the first in the valley.

MARRIOTT—HYSLOP

At St. Andrew's manse in Vancovver last Friday evening Rev. J. McAuley united in marriage Miss Mae Marriott and W. K. Hyslop. The ceremony was wit nessed by Mr. and Mrs. Joslin and Mr. and Mrs. Somerville, relatives of the bride, and Arthur Hyslop, brother of the bridegroom.

Charles L. Betterton of Victoria arrived here early in the week and left for Aspen Grove. He is expected to return tomorrow evening. Accompanying him is Edwin Stewart, a Victoria capitalist.

G. Trehearne has purchased the acre formerly owned by Frank Steel, in the Diamond Vale Townsite, and will erect a residence there this spring.

Money Well Employed

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