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Government's Further Grant to Nicola Valley Hospital

Hon. Dr. Young Announces Gift on Formal Opening of New Hospital

The official opening of the Nicola Valley General Hospital by Hon. Dr. Young, provincial secretary and Minister for Education, took place last Saturday morning shortly after eleven o'clock. The weather was perfect and the arrangements made by the committee, Messrs Strickland, Rogers and Jackson, showed thoroughness and careful attention to detail, with the result that from the time the parade left the Coldwater hotel until the return there for luncheon shortly after twelve o'clock everything went off like clockwork,

The parade was headed by the city band, under the direction of bandmaster Rowbottom, following which was the carriage in which were seated the Honourable Minister, Alex Lucas M.P.P., Mayor Reid and H. S. Cleasby; following these were carriages containing Alderman Jackson and Crawford, A. W. Strickland, A. N. B. Rogers, F. S. Gay, J. S. Morgan, M. L. Grimmett, F. Bond, G. B. Armstrong, G. F. Ransom and H. H. Matthews. The members of the Ladies Auxiliary and Mrs. Young were driven in a tallyho.

The first function was that of officially opening the new school, an account of which will be found elsewhere in our columns.

Arriving at the Hospital the party were received by Dr. Williams, Miss O. Standish, matron. and Dr. Gillis who showed them through the building. Hon. Dr. Young expressed his pleasure at the general appearance and equipment of the institution. Following the inspection the party proceeded to the main entrance where Mayor Reid in a few well chosen remarks announced the purpose of the gathering.

"We are here this morning," he said "to take part in the official opening of this the Nicola Valley General Hospital and it gives me great pleasure to see here such a large and representative gathering of the citizens. Not only because it shows an interest in the hospital itself, but for the significant fact that it manifests appreciation of the efforts of the directors who have undertaken this project. This event will be looked back to in future years as a notable one in the life of our new and growing town. It is a great pleasure to have here for the occasion Hon. Dr. Young and Mr. Alex Lucas. to both of whom is, in a large measure, due the credit for the construction of this hospital. In grants from the government we have already received ten thousand dollars, and I have been led to believe that it is largely on account of the interest which these two gentlemen have taken in the subject that the hospital is as it is today. It would be out of place for me to make a lengthy speech and we would be pleased to hear from those who have been instrumental in bringing this project to such a successful issue. I have much pleasure, Dr. Young and Mr. Lucas, in extending to you a hearty welcome on behalf of the citizens of Merritt. (Applause.) We have here today, ladies and gentlemen, Ald. Archie Jackson, who is vice-president of the board of directors of the hospital. Ald. Jackson, we would like to hear from you."

Ald, Jackson said: "On behalf of the hospital board I wish to say that we feel that we owe a hearty welcome to our friends Dr. Young and Mr. Lucas, I am sure we appreciate their kindness in coming here and I am sure that we fully appreciate what they have done to make this undertaking a success. Wishing them all sorts of good luck, I must conclude." (Applause.)

G. B. Armstrong, president of the Board of Trade was then called upon by the mayor, and said: It was very unexpected for me to be called upon to make a speech, and I am not prepared to say very much. I look on this as one of the best institutions in the city. On going through it this morning we could not help feeling that it reflects great credit upon the board of managers and those who are directly connected with the care of patients in the institution." (Applause.)

The mayor then introduced Mr. Alec Lucas M. P. P. for Yale, who said: "Mr. Mayor and officers of the hospital board, it gives me great pleasure to be here and see this hospital formally opened. It was owing to Dr. Young more than to the government that we have been able to supply the money that has helped and it has been a pleasure for me to have assisted in any way I could." The speaker then pointed out that the requests for money from all over the province. particularly for schools, was not much individually, but very large in the aggregate. "We may be able to get a still further grant from Dr. Young and I hope we'll have his promise to that effect this morning." (Applause.) The speaker then proceeded to describe the necessity for the inclusion of certain details in school-rooms, such as historical pictures and so on which would have a great moral effect upon the minds of the children. He pointed out that the great mass of railroad construction men are foreigners because Canadian young men are educated properly. He dwelt at length upon the proposed establishment of preparatory schools for the agricultural department which will be established in connection with the new B. C. University. Dr. Young having offered a medal for the school girl who has the best record for conduct and general proficiency, Mr. Lucas stated he would not be out-done and offered one for the boys' competition under the same conditions. In conclusion the speaker reiterated his interest in educational affairs and assured the directors, the council and the citizens that he is ever at their service.

Dr. Williams stated that he thought the hospital particularly well equipped and had a good staff of nurses. Miss Standish, the matron being entirely qualified for her position. The success of the hospital, while in a large measure dependent upon the co-operation of the directors, is still more so upon the hearty support of the medical men of valley.

Mr. Grimmett amused the audience by relating a story of a youngster climbing under a house to avoid punishment was followed by his father, whom his mother had informed of his misdemeanors. Seing his father crawling after him the youngster cried, "Is she after you too papa?" That, he said was his position. Dr. Williams had referred to the excellence of the management of the institution and the necessity for co-operation of the medical men. He took pleasure in re-echoing these sentiments. In conclusion Mr. Grimmett paid a glowing tribute to those responsible for the successful inauguration of the institution.

Rev J A. Petrie said that his being called upon as a representative of the clergy was unexpected. He was proud to be on the same platform as Dr. Young, a fellow graduate of the same university. The other speakers had dwelt upon the credit due to the government to the directors and the doctors, but he wished to point out that but for the Ladies Auxiliary the success which had attended the efforts of the others would be much less, which sentiment was enthusiastically applauded.

Hon. Dr. Young being introduced said that this year his department is spending over half a million dollars for hospital and school wants, and this is but a small proportion of whst the people of the province are expending generally for public improvements. "I would like," he said, "to pay a passing compliment to your representative, Mr. Alec Lucas. He is doing an immense amount of good for you in Victoria. He goes about getting things for you in his own sweet way and generally gets the results." He thought the men would soon find themselves in deep water but for the ladies. (Cheers.) He would go Lucas one better and recognize their great work by sending to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hospital for their disbursment a government cheque for one thousand dollars. (Prolonged applause.) Lucas goes about everything quietly, so quietly that in Victoria they would soon have to call him 'Gumshoe' Alec, but he is one of the most efficient members of the legislature. He generally gets what he wants, but the small individual requests from all parts aggregate a large sum and it is not always possible to grant everything asked for. "I wish to thank you all for your kindness to myself and wife and I hope that my next visit will not be so far ahead as my last one was before this. Now, in my capacity as Provincial Secretary," unlocking the door of the main entrance "I declare the Nicola Valley General Hospital open for the treatment of the sick and indigent of the valley." (Cheers.)

Among those present with the speakers and members of the various public bodies were the following members of the Ladies Auxiliary: Mrs. Gay, president; Mrs. Rankine, secretary; Mayoress Reid and Mesdames Ransom, Strickland, Grimmett, Rogers, McGregor and Miss Masuret. The doctors present were G. H. Tutill, C. S. Williams and Dr. Gillis.

Following the ceremony of the opening Dr. Young and Mr. Lucas were driven to Middlesboro and Collettville before returning to the hotel for lunch.

SCHOOL OPENING

Last Saturday morning was one of the red letter days in the annals of the local school it being the occasion of the official opening of the large modern building, which was completed late last year, where school is now held, in permanent quarters at last after many and varied peregrinations. Hon. Dr. Young, minister for education and secretary of the province, undertook the ceremony which, as he stated in a brief but interesting address, was one of the most pleasing of his many duties. He was sure, he stated, that Merritt school would soon rank high among her sister schools in the province and, as he was anxious to encourage such advancement by all means in his power, he waa pleased to offer a medal, to be awarded to the pupil showing the best record in Deportment and general proficiency during the school year ending on June 30th 1912. It was his habit, he said, to try to arrange for school openings to be held during the week instead of on a Saturday so that he might ask that the children be granted a day,s holiday to commemorate the occasion, but in this instance, he regretted to say, he had been unable to do so; and, although some of tne children wondered dubiously why they couldn't have a holiday during the following week, they heartily applauded his good intentions.

Dr. Young promised that he would arrange for an extra grant to be made to the school to provide, among other things, for a cement floor in the basement, thus forming an ideal winter playground, and also to secure apparatus and equipment required by the more advanced pupils.

A pleasing feature connected with both H. S. Cleasby's introductory remarks and Dr. Young's speech was the marked attention and interest as well as the entirely spontaneous applause of the children.

Hon. Alex Lucas, our parliamentary representative, inspired by Dr. Young's generous offer of a medal, announced that if Dr. Young would confine his offer to pupils of the fair sex, he would be pleased to offer a similar prize to be competed for among the boys. As was to be expected Dr. Young was only too pleased to enter into this arrangement, so there are now two prizes to be competed for this term.

In this connection Principal McKenzie announces that the medals must of necessity go to Entrance pupils and will be awarded on the strength of the work done in the Entrace examination combined with that of Deportment during the school.

G. Fowler, of Fowler and Larson, contractors of this city left for Vancouver on Thursday afternoon's train. He expects to return early next week.

James Warren was busy on the streets during the week.

J. Wilks of Kamloops has beeu appointed to succeed J. Walker at the hospital.

DON'T KNOCK! BOOST!

Certain commercial travellers coming to this city recently either failed to get orders or what orders they did get did not meet with their approval. They went away disgruntled, and in chorus with one in particular, they travelled elsewhere with their little hammers spreading the alleged information that "Merritt is dead". Merritt is not dead, but is perhaps more progressive than the majority of cities in the province. The News wishes to convey to these gentlemen with the hammers that they are not only not helping themselves but doing their firms injury. Fortunately the knocks appear to come from the juveniles of the profession. The older and more experienced travellers find that business is good; and even if it were not these men have sufficient wisdom not to hurt themselves by joining the youths in a hammerfest.

RECRUITS DRILL

Last Sunday afternoon there was a largely attended recruits' drill of the "D." Squadron, B.C. Horse, The manoeuvres took place in the Voght field, The officers present were Lieutenant-Colonel C. Flick, Major Mattews Captain-adjutant Forster, and Captains Campbell and Nash.

Major Matthews, Captains Campbell and Forster and Squadron Sergeant-major T. Smith put the men through their paces alternately.

A great deal of interest is attached to this regiment since squadrons have been raised in Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Walhachin and Ashcroft and a large number of new men have signified their intention of joining "D." Squadron. In view of the early date of the annual encampment, which is to be at Vernon, this year it is expected that there will be a large turnout at every drill. If a large contingent goes from the valley the next encampment will be held near this city or Nicola.

EMPIRE DAY CELEBRATION

A mass meeting has been called for this evening in Central Hall for the purpose of discussing ways and means fo a fitting celebration of Empire Day, May 24th. Ex-mayor Eastwood has kindly given the free use of the hall for the evening and a large attendance of citizens is looked for.

SUNDAY RIDES

The weekly Sunday ride has become quite a feature of life in this city. the initiation of paper chases having met with the instant approval of those who can appreciate the exhiliaration of a good gallop across country. The demand for hacks is increasing and Dan Munro and the O. K. Transfer people are now able to cope with it. It is probable that members of the B. C. Horse who are new to the service will turn to the new diversion as a means of improving their seats on parade.

LIGHTING SYSTEM

During the week Murdock McIntyre, proprietor of the Coldwater Hotel. completed the inslallation of an up-to-date electric lighting plant to be run in connectioe with this down-to-the-minute hostelry. The engine is a 4-h-p. gasoline machine and will furnish power for one hundred and fifty sixteen candle power lamps as well as run the water pumping system of the hotel. A. Lunn and W. Kettles were engaged on the installation of the machinery during the week. The cost is estimated at $1500.

BIG DEALS REPORTED

During the week information was received to the effect that many well known properties had been sold. These sales aggregate nearly three million dollars, but nothing is definitely known for publication, and for this reason the News does not record them. Two big deals, involving two million dollars are known to be on the tapis, both of them agricultural propositions. but owing to the lack of confirmatory data we refrain from giving full details inasmuch as there may be a hitch in the negotiations. It is safe to intimate, however, that one deal for nearly two million dollars is almost closed.

Murdock McIntyre went out to Lillooet on Sunday and returned here on Wednesday evening. He reports that new metropolis along the line of the proposed Ft. George Line to be quite busy now. Activities in realty there have aroused especial interest.

Tom Hunter and Robert Clark, both of Nicola, who are also the euchre champions of tue upper valley, met the valley champions during the week. They were beaten easily by three games out of five, We forgot to mention that Sid Mearon and Frank Barnes were the ones responsible for their discomfiture. What? Euchre? Oh, yes, of course.

John Wade has been added to the municipal force during the week, being engaged with his brother in cleaning up the city.

Mrs. Carter well known as a former employee at the Quilchena hotel has been appointed cook at the Nicola Valley General Hospital.

CITY TO SPEND $83,000.00

Commencing May 1st Large Sums Will be Expended on Improvements

The fact that all the by-laws submitted to the ratepayers yesterday were approved by them by such overwhelming majorities is an earnest that the residents of this city are progressive and determined to place Merritt in an enviable position before the world.

The progressiveness of this community will be the better appreciated when a glance is taken at the brief history of its municipal life.

Following the up-to-date taxation system of such cities as Edmonton and Vancouver the first council initiated the Single Tax system, or exemption of improvements on property from taxation. Then it was decided that the city should own its own electric lighting plant and waterworks system, which is sympathetic with the trend of municipal policy throughout the world, involving as it does, the establishment of popular ownership of those utilities which are most essential to the general welfare. Having declared for progressivness in municipal policy in merely remained for the citizens to approve the natural concomittants, the improvment of means of communication between the various sections of the city.

On May 1st it is expected that the contract for the $20,000 municipal and fire hall will be awarded. The building alone will cost about ten thousand dollars.

With the issue of the bonds, the sale of which is a foregone conclusion, by which seventy three thousand dollars will be provided for waterworks, electric light, street improvements, &c., great activity may be looked for during the next few months.

That there was an extremely small element of the ratepayers opposed to any of these bylaws is evident from a glance at the following tabulation of the results:—

Waterworks bylaw $40,000, for 57; opposed 3.

Electric Lighting $20,000, for 52; opposed 8.

Street Improvements $10,000, for 50; opposed 9; spoiled 1.

School purposes $3,000, for 58 opposed 4.

Little souls never built a big town.

CARIBOU BROTHERHOOD

The Caribou Brotherhood was organized at Ashcroft, B, C., on Jany. 31st 1912, in order to preserve and perpetuate the history of the Cariboo District as the early participants in the rush to the Cariboo goldfield in 1862 are rapidly dying out, and without some organization to record and preserve the many important events which occurred during that period, they would be lost to posterity.

The Caribou Brotherhood therefore is founded on actual happenings, collected from eyewitnesses and actual participants and documents now in the possession of the Officers; the object and aim of the Order are to inculcate patriotism, loyalty to the Canadian flag, Canadian Ideals and Institutions, and to extend a helping hand to all Brothers. Every member of the Order will be pledged to assist a Brother, if worthy, to the extent of his ability, under all circumstances; in this way it is hoped to build up one of the most powerful and widely extended secret orders in Canada.

MISS LUCY WEBLING

Considerable interest is expressed in the proposed visit of Miss Lucy Webling, one of the most popular entertainers now touring the Dominion. She will be supported by Mr. Walter McRaye, who is well known in British Columbia as a monologist of no mean ability. He toured with Miss Pauline Johnson some years ago snd at once sprang into popularity.

Miss Webling is a remarkably handsome woman whose histrionic accomplishments have given her an enviable position in the public estimation. She has the distinction of being the "Original Lord Fauntleroy," in creating which part she made an international reputatiou.

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"HEROES" AND HEROES

It is now nearly two weeks since the first news of the wreck of the White Star liner Titanic reached the world. In that time the press has given to the people of the continent the available details of the tragedy involved. Confirmation of the heroism expected has been received and further details of the rescue of the survivors.

It is but natural that in the event of such an accident the people demand, more or less hysterically, certain stringent rules and regulations governing the transoceanic traffic. It may be that greater provision of life saving apparatus might have been made than there apparently was by the White Star Company, and others; but it is to be hoped that the public hysteria will not result in regulations which will seriously impede the handling of passenger vessels.

The American government has naturally been the first to attempt to deal with this matter, and it is regrettable that the commissioners on the investigation are landsmen purely and simply, with perhaps but the faintest conception of what shipping companies have to contend with. According to press accounts, in which the proceedings of the examination of all concerned are reported verbatim, these commissioners care not a rap about getting at the facts of the case; merely seeking to ascertain the most lurid details and find an opportunity to deliver themselves of foolish utterances and strut before the international footlights while the auditors applaud vigorously and know less, if possible, than the witnesses what the august senators are trying to ascertain. Certainly the findings of this verbose commission will have but little weight with the body most concerned, which is the British Board of Trade,

It is regrettable that certain high officials of the American people are gazing at the "gods" and ignoring the conductors and the critics. Speaking in the senate a Maryland representative (we believe it was) sent his voice echoing to the "peepul"—per medium of the press gallery—in full-throated syllables of tommy rot. Even a canoe builder from some part of the Middle West explains volubly the criminal negligence of the officers of the ship and the company.

One Canadian business man saved, Major Peuchon, of Toronto, has particularly distinguished himself in the general hullaballoo by producing a Certificate of bravery. He is to be congratulated on the introduction of a decided novelty into the drama of shipwrecks. We read that the gallant major was selected to "man the boat" (alone, poor chap) on account of his reputation as a soldier and a sailor. In view of that epoch-making "certificate" we would respectfully suggest that perhaps his originality was immediately recognized by an astute officer in a dilemna. There is only one fact which the major overlooked—he should have had some of the women in the boat sign the certificate as witnesses; it would have appeared still more formidable as a document had it been sealed with a two cent stamp. Major Peuchon may have been—probably was—a brave man discovered at the psycholcgical moment, but the world at large would appreciate him more had he courteously refrained from bitter diatribes against a still braver, Captain Smith, of the Titanic. who, whatever his error tendered his life in reparation. It is a pity that so many in high places should seek advertisement by making themselves ridiculous over the graves of such men as Captain Smith, Major Butt, Colonel Astor, Isidor Straus, First Officer Murdock, Operator Phillips and the men of the band which played "Nearer My God to Thee" as they made their last long voyage.

Tne Board of Trade's report of the disaster will be awaited by the shipping world with great interest, but we hardly believe that more than minor changes will be made in the present regulations as to lifeboat equipment and perhaps there will be a new winter route decided upon by international agreement. Perhaps there will be lawsuits and so on, but ships must come and go according to the pressure of business relations between Europe and North America, and, though it is not pleasant to admit it, the fact of the matter is that the public's memory is short and the demand for a greater speed receives but a temporary setback and ocean travel will be as safe as ever and as fast.

We cannot close without expressing the hope that Major Peuchon will hold communion with himself and realize that he is really a more pusillanimous being than those whom he has criticised.

The sign "Come in without knocking. Go out the same way," a Belville merchant has over his store door might be more generally adopted.

There is some question whether or not the eating of fish produces brain power, but there is no quibble over the fact that catching fish produces liars.

An Eastern woman has a goose that was given her when she was twenty-one years old. Lots of women still have the goose they got on their wedding day.

Still another symptom of riotous imagination comes from a passenger on the Titanic, who says the look-out was asleep at at his post. The Board of Trade owes a leather medal to any sailor who can sleep in the crow's-nest at a temperature of 30 degrees. It's on a par with the rumor that Murdock, chief officer, committed suicide, hari kari, or some other dreadful thing.

RAFFLE AT LYTTON

Lytton was en fete Thursday on the occasion of the holding of an operatic performance, a dance and a raffle in behalf of building a new Catholic church, the edifice which have withstood the elements for years having recently been destroyed by fire.

Young and old of Lytton and the surrounding territory gathered in the opera house, and gaiety prevailed until the wee sma' hours of the morning.

As a result of the celebrations the sum of $199.50 was netted. It is understood that work on the new church will be commenced at an early date.

YALE NEWS

Between the hours of 3 and 4 a. m. on Thursday morning, part of the pipe conveying the compressed air to the large tunnel was blown out by dynamite by persons unknown.

Latest reports show that there are about 400 men working between Yale and Boston Bar.

B. A. Blourock and family have left Yale.

Messrs. Forgey, Rees and Mallory attended the dance given in Sumas on Monday

W. K. Gwyer, C. N. R. divisional engineer, was in Vancouver on Monday on special business.

J. Arneil Crann was at Agassiz on Wednesday evening and attended the concert given by the Ladies' Cuild.

Mrs. Barnet spent the early part of the week at Vancouver.

Yale has 20 constables and no open bar.

A most enjoyable dance was given in St. John's Hall last Friday evening by Mesdames Levine Kerruish and Walsh. Dancing commenced at 8. 30 and continued till 2. 30 a. m. It was declared by many to be the most enjoyable dance ever held in Yale.

BOUNDARY MINING

The B. C. Copper Co. expect to shortly resume operations at their lone Star mine.

The snowshoe mine at Phœnix has been dismantled. The 400-h. p. motor was shipped to trail.

Development work at the Phœnix Amalgamated appears to be permanently suspended. It is the intention to ship the machinery to other mines of the Consolidated company.

Toronto papers are discussing the probability of dividends being paid by the Consolidated Mining & Smelting company, which owns mines in the Boundary as well as in Kootenay.

A carload of machinery from California arrived at the Napolean mine of the B. C. Copper Co., last week. It includes a filter press which will be installed. It will be about six weeks before operations at the Napolean resume.

Fifteen men are now employed at the Fife mine, and it is expected that this number will shortly be increased. Some good ore is being mined and placed in the bunkers, but no shipping is being done at present. Arrangements are being made for a railway siding in order to make shipments.—Pioneer.

RESEED MANY ACRES

Winnipeg, April 25.—A heavy storm, accompanied by rain and snow in some localities, visited Manitoba, Western Ontario and the contiguous territory south of the international boundary during the past forty-eight hours, crippling telegraph wires and in some places interfering with traffic. In this province, as much as a foot of snow fell and was followed by a sharp frost, thus putting a stop to seeding operations for a number of days. Saskatchewan and Alberta escaped entirely.

In Brandon district the high winds of last Friday uncovered much of the seed and hundreds of acres will have to be seeded again.

SUFFRAGISTS' SECRET CODE

Documents now in the posession of the Crown show that the Women's Social and Political Union had a special telegraphic code. Some of the words were:

Fox: Are you prepared for arrest?

Foxes: How many are prepared for arrest?

Goose: Do not get arrested.

Duck: Do not get arrested unless success depenns upon it.

Public men in the service of his Majesty were also tabulated under code names, and there was an up-ta-date list of their engagements. The code name for the cabinet was 'Trees' and individual members of the govwere designated sometimes by the names of trees and sometimes by those of the commonest weeds as well. One was called 'Pansy' and another 'Thistle'. and so on. The secret telegrams were sent out and then the particular meeting at which the minister spoke was interrupted.

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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.
Knight J. Garroch, C. C. Knight R. Hebron K. R. S.

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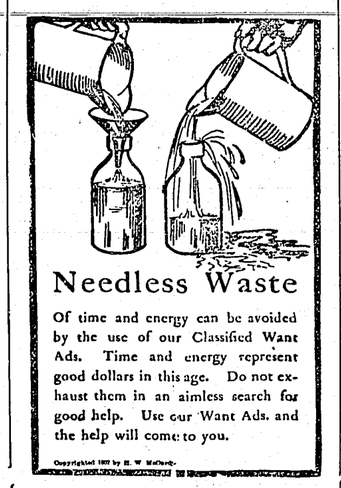

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Col. H. B. Morgan Has Plan For Subdivision on Nicola Lake

London, April 18.—Col. H. B. Morgan has secured 13,000 acres at Nicola Lake B. C. He intends dividing it into ten-acre fruit farms, with golf and polo grounds and a race course to attract retired officers of the army, the navy and the civil service as immigrants. He maintains that the scheme will banish the loneliness and isolation dreaded by the superior class of settlers.

It is believed that the 13,000 acres in question should be 1300 part of which would be the Tamerton Ranch.

SUCCESSFUL CLUB DANCE

The first annual dance of the Merritt Football Club which was held in Central Hall last Friday proved, in spite of the failure of the lighting system, a most emphatic success. Dancing commenced shortly after nine on a floor which was in the pink of condition and continued until a short time after three. Owing to a streak of 'cussedness' on the part of the light plant, eleven o'clock saw the introduction of a starlight twostep, the stars being represented by flashlights carried by some of the gentlemen present. Lamps were quickly produced and dancing continued without interruption. A light supper was served at midnight, which was voted delicious, some of the fair sex declaiming with glee that they had been able to dispose of twice as many sandwiches as usual owing to their superior quality. The attendance was all that could be desired a large number being able to dance without being at all overcrowded.

Messrs. Bullen, Smith and Whitten furnished the music which was as good as ever and needs no further appreciative comment on our part.

Among the many presnt were: Mesdames McKenzie who wore a most charming pink and white dress; Johnston, white embroidery; Kay, blue silk; Clarke, black and white check silk; Pearce, blue silk: Hudson, grey nun's veiling, McGregor, blue silk; Falconer, white satin; Hartley, white flowered muslin; McKeating, cream and mauve; Lunan, dark crimson; Trehearn, white muslin; Davis, white lawn; Austin, blue cashmere. Misses McKenzie, white lawn; McKeating, fawn satin; Brolin, cerise voile; Sherwood, blue voile; McNeil, dark blue silk; Leonard, blue voile; Osmond, white muslin; McKay, slate voile; Hudson, crushed strawberry cashmere. Messrs. Curtin, McGregor, Kennedy, A. and J. Paton, Fairclough, Simpson, Johnston, Austin A. and S. Jackson, Thomas, Sharp, Phillips, Bullen, Smith, Whitten, Thomas, Pearce, Boyd, Slough, Conkin, Quenville, Davis, Osmond and Teachman.

THE HOPE "REVIEW"

Miss Irene Forrest, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. E. M. McGowan, returned on Wednesday to her home in St. Elmo.

V. J. St, George is having a fence put round the lot on which his office stands at the corner of First Avenue and Hudson's Bay Street.

A. L. Morton, who was with the Hope Transfer Company last year as engineer and accountant has returned to the same company after having spent the winter in England.

A. E. Raab, district road supervisor, spent Wednesday and Thursday inspecting the road from Hope to Laidlaw. He found all the ranchers along the road breaking new land and planting new trees. They all expect a good year.

W. H. Lucas arrived in Hope Saturday night to spend the summer. He is going into the poultry business on a large scale. He is building a brooder 40 feet by 10 on his lot at the corner of Hudson's Bay Street and First Avenue.

D'Arcy MacDonald, of Hope, has been appointed Dominion fire ranger with the centre of his district at Yale. H. H. MacKenzie has a similar position at Hope. The appointmenss to the provincial fire service have not been announced but E. F. Stephenson, who was firewarden last year with headquarters at Hope will return to the same position early next week.

Connaught and Kerr Join in Movement for Good Roads

Moved by the same high public spirit and the single purpose of bringing the roads of Canada up to a standard that will be a credit to the nation and an example to the world at large, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and W. J. Kerr, hold the two highest positions in the gift of the Canadian Highway Association, that of president and patron respectively.

The Canadian Highway will be an accomplished fact within the next few years, and then the outside world will know that in this broad Dominion there is a road more than 3,000 miles long over which an automobile can travel from coast to coast in safty and comfort. The country that offers the wealthy tourist the splendid roads that Canada will have, the magnificent scenery and exceptional opportunities of investment, will reap a harvest from its visitiors.

This association was formed in New Westminster, B. C., last November, and it was at this meeting that Mr. Kerr, a wealthy resident of the coast and the principal mover in the convention that resulted in the formation of the association, was elected president. Some time later the Governor-General of Canada whose activity in the cause of good roads is well known to those interested in this work, was approached and asked to permit his name to be used as that of Patron, the following resolution being forwarded to him after a meeting of the executive of the association:

Moved by President W. J. Kerr, Seconded by Vice President A. E. Todd,

"His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada, having in many ways shown his interest in good roads, and more particularly by his speech from the throne on the occasion of the last formal opening of parliament, be it therefore

"Resolved that the secretary extend to His Royal Highness the thanks of the officers of the Canadian Highway Association for lending his influence to the cause of roads improvement, and further,

"That the secretary respectfully informs His Royal Highnes that it is the earnest desire of the members of this association that His Royal Highness should consent to become Patron of the Canadian Highway Asssociation.

The following reply was received a few days ago by P. W. Luce, secretary of the association:

Dear Sir, I am desired by the Governor-General to acknowledge receipt of your letter, and to inform you in reply that his Royal Highness will be pleased to become Patron of the Canadian Highway Association as requested by your Executive committee.

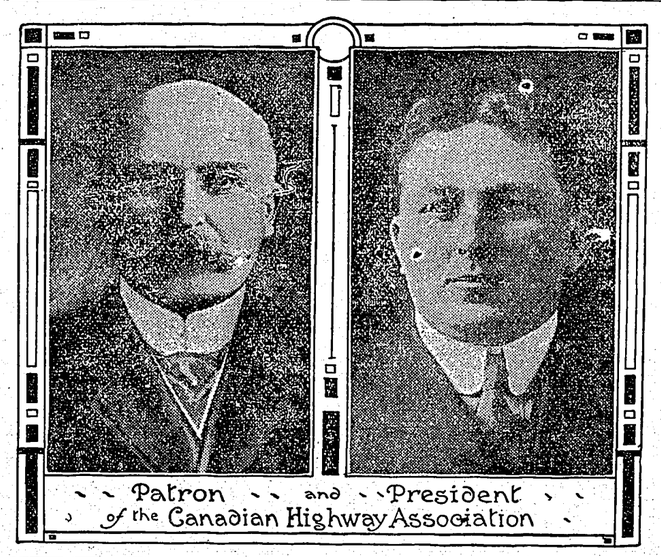
His Royal Highness is much interested in the subject of good roads, and wishes your association success. I am, Yours etc.

Arthur F. Sladen,
Private Secretary,

The Duke of York has long been interested in good roads and has shown in many ways that he is strongly in sympathy with any movement that will tend to better the transportation facilities of this or any other country. Travelled man as he is and trained in observations of things that make for the public weal, His Royal Highness has put to practical use the knowledge gained in Canada, England, on the continent, and in foreign countries and he believes he has acted wisely in allowing his name to become associated with the enterprise fathered by the Canadian Highway Association.

Good roads are a social and economic neccissity and good roads we will have all over Canada before I am ready to acknowledge that the work of the Canadian Highway Association is finished. So savs President W. J. Kerr.

And he means every word of it.



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Provincial Elections Act

YALE ELECTORAL DISTRICT

Take notice that I have received objections in writing to the retention of the following names on the Register of Voters for the Yale Electoral District on the grounds stated below.

And take notice that at a Court of Revision to be held on the 6th day of May, 1912 at the Ashcroft Court House at 11 o'clock in the forenoon I shall hear and determine the said objections and unless such named persons or some other Provincial Voter on their behalf satisfies me that such objections are not well founded I shall strike such names off the said Register.

Dated this 3rd day of April 1912.

H. P. CHRISTIE
Registrar of Voters.

The following persons are reported absent from the District:—

No.	Name	Place
66	Bates, George Robert	Aspen Grove
192	Clarke, Walter	Nicola Lake
388	Gelsthorpe, Lawrence	Nicola
389	Gelsthorpe, Sidney Osborne	Nicola
406	Gillum, John Francis Selby	Nicola
506	Howse, Fred Armstrong	Nicola Lake
577	Kidd, William James	Nicola
651	Lunn, Charles Edwin	Nicola
769	McCullough, George	South Nicola
770	McCullough, William	Otter Valley
861	Neal, William Henry	Nicola
1223	Weir, Frank Percival	Nicola
19	Anderson, James	Ashcroft
36	Armstrong, Thomas Leslie	Venables Valley
43	Bales, Haden Herbert	Boston Flat, Ashcroft
50	Baillie, Walter D	Lytton
75	Beattie, Matthew	Ashcroft
112	Bowers, Thomas	Ashcroft
130	Brown, Russell Henry	Ashcroft
142	Burdett, Alfred	Ashcroft
269	Devlin, John	Ashcroft
287	Dodds, James P	Ashcroft
294	Dumond, Mark	Ashcroft
336	Farquhar, James	Ashcroft
341	Fisher, William W	Ashcroft
363	Frank, Emil	Ashcroft
410	Glasford, Thomas F	Ashcroft
424	Graham, Joseph	Ashcroft
453	Hamilton, Richard	Ashcroft
543	Jamieson, Wilson T	Ashcroft
599	Lancaster, John F	Ashcroft
646	Lovell, Charles G	Spatsum
651	Lunn, Charles E	Nicola
733	Mossley, Harold L	Ashcroft
748	Murray, John W	Ashcroft
776	McDonald, S. P	Ashcroft
784	McDonald, Robert	Ashcroft
798	McGrath, James	Spences Bridge
836	McLeod, Samuel N	Ashcroft
837	McLeod, Archie	Ashcroft
920	Philips, William	Ashcroft
938	Propst, H. L	Ashcroft
1000	Ross, Herbert F	Spences Bridge
1014	Sanford, John S	Ashcroft
1024	Seal, John	Ashcroft
1061	Smith, Arthur C.	Ashcroft
1080	Smith, Robert C.	Spences Bridge
1109	Stirtan, Josiah W	Ashcroft
1111	Storkey, George V	Ashcroft
1153	Thomas, Ernest F	Ashcroft
1194	Wall, James H	Ashcroft
1275	Young, James Oliver	Ashcroft

The following persons are reported deceased:—

No.	Name	Place
741	Murchison, Jas. William	Nicola Lake
927	Pooley, James	Nicola Lake
1259	Winny, Reginald Harry	Nicola Lake
88	Berube, Peter	Ashcroft
498	Holtom, William	Ashcroft
1150	Thomas, Abraham	Walhachin

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Land Act

Yale Land District. District of Yale.

Take notice that James J. Warren, of Penticton, B. C., occupation railroad president, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at a point 40 chains south of the north-east corner of Lot 613, near Coldwater River, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains to place of commencement and containing 160 acres more or less.

JAMES J. WARREN.
R. Z. Chandler, Agent.
DATE, March 12th 1912. 6-15

Yale Land District District of Yale

Take notice that Louis H. Weber, of Vancouver, B. . intends to apply to the Minister of Lands for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum over and under the following described lands No 1. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Lot 325; thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement containing 640 acres more or less.

LOUIS H. WEBER
R. Z. Chandler, Agent.
January 31st, 1912 8-12

Yale Land District District of Yale

Take notice that Louis H. Weber, of Vancouver, B C. intends to apply to the Minister of Lands for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum over and under the following described lands No.2. Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of Lot 326 thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains thence west 80 chains to point of commencement containing 640 acres more or less.

LOUIS H. WEBER
R. Z. Chandler, Agent.
January 31st. 1912 8-12

Yale Land District District of Yale

Take notice that Louis H. Weber, of Vancouver, B. C., intends to apply to the Minister of Lands for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum over and under the following described lands No. 3 Commencing at a post planted at the south-west corner of Lot 327, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement con- 640 acres more or less.

LOUIS H. WEBER
R. Z. Chandler, Agent.
January 31st 1912. 8-12

Yale Land District District of Yale

Take notice that Louis H. Weber, of Vanconver, B. C., intends to apply to the Minister of Lands for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum over and under the following described lands No.4. Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Lot 328, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement containing 640 acres more or less.

LOUIS H. WEBER
R. Z. Chandler, Agent.
January 31st, 1912. 8-12

Yale Land District District of Yale

Take notice that Louis H. Weber of Vancouver, B. C., intends to apply to the Minister of Lands for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum over and under the following described lands No.5. Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Lot 329, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to point of commencement containing 640 acres more or less.

LOUIS H. WEBER
R. Z. Chandler, Agent.
January 31st, 1912. 8 12

Yale Land District District of Yale

Take notice that Louis H. Weber, of Vancouver, B. C. intends to apply to the Minister of Lands for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum over and under the following described lands No.6. Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of Lot 330, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement containing 640 acres more or less.

LOUIS H. WEBER
R. Z. Chandler, Agent.
January 31st 1912 8-12

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 sub-divisions 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 the Interior.

N.B.—Unauthorised publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

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We have just received a large shipment of Ladies, Gent's and Children's Boots and Shoes in blacks and Tans and will offer for the coming week 20 per cent. discount on all lines. Real Bargains.

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MERRITT, B. C.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT

Joseph Guichon Jr. visited Coutlee during the week.

Duncan McPhail was a visitor to the city during the week.

William Schmock returned from Princeton early last week.

Briar Tandy returned to Vancouver on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Hyndman was a visitor to Nicola last Sunday afternoon.

R. Whitaker of Lower Nicola was in town during the week.

Miss M. and I. Seaton returned from Vancouver on Wednesday evening.

T. Powers, the well known traveller, arrived in the city on Wednesday evening.

Major Conant was in town from Ten Mile Creek on Wednesday.

Mrs. A. E. Collett of Lower Nicola went to Kamloops on a visit last week.

Pete Smith and W. Bullen went down to Spences Bridge last Wednesday afternoon.

W. B. Jackson was in town from Ten Mile Creek during the week.

Joseph Guichon passed through the city on his way to the coast last Tuesday.

Horrid Lawss went up to Nicola on Sunday returning here on Monday afternoon.

Rome Z. Chandler representing the Inland Development Company was in town during the week.

Major Matthews, Sergt. T. Heslop and Captain J. Nash of Nicola were in town during the week,

Frank Weir, formerly of Nicola who has been working in Vancouver for the past few months, has removed to Victoria.

The Nicola Valley Meat Market received a carload of the finest stall fed beef from Calgary this week.

J. P. Boyd, manager of the Diamond Vale Supply Company, left on Tuesday for Vancouver to attend the Horse Show.

Rev. J. Knox Wright, who spent the latter part of last week in the city, left for Vancouver on Monday's train.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward, of Douglas Lake, are attending the Horse Show in Vancouver this week.

Captain J. H. Forster, of Nicola, will shortly leave for the old country on a hurried business trip.

J. B. Radcliffe, of the Southern B. C. Lands and Mines Ltd., went down to Vancouver on business last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Duncan Munro lefo n Tuesday to join her husband in Victoria in which city they will make their future home.

H. W. Sutcliffe, who is staying at Coutlee while convalescing after his recent illness was in town during the week.

A. W. Strickland has sold his prize-winning black mare to the management of the Vancouver Horse Show Association.

Mr. Guthrie is in the valley on business. He is a mining expert who has spent the greater part of his life on the frontier and has been retained by some of the best known mining corporations in the world.

James Simpson and L. Eddy rode up to Nicola on Sunday.

Mrs. A. E. Howse and Mrs. N. J. Barwick were among the visitors from Nicola during the week.

E. W. Pearse of Kamloops has been appointed registrar of births deaths and marriages for the Yale land registration district in place of W. H. Edmonds.

William Brown who was injured in a runaway last week, is able to walk around the city. His shoulder is nearly well again.

E. H. Ferris assistant to A. W. McVittie returned to Victoria on Monday's train. He has accepted a position in the office of the surveyor-general.

F. J. Lumsden, of the Damer-Lumsden Shoe company, was a visitor to the city last week, returning to Vancouver on saturday afternoon.

Robert McDonald returned from Canford Mills on Tuesday evening. He was engaged in the installation of new machinery in the Nicola Pine Lumber Company's mill there.

Charles Graham, superintendent of the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Company, returned from Vancouver on Sunday evening after an extended business trip.

During the week Jack McNeil returned from Lytton, where he had gone to attend his brother Rod's funeral, and went out to Coalmont.

Miss E. Jackes is now employed at the Merritt hotel.

Miss Ethel Whitworth has been appointed teacher in the local schools to succeed Miss McNeil who leaves shortly. Miss Whitworth is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Boothroyd.

William Brown left for Pittsburgh, Pa., this week. He expects to return here in the fall. He has travelled quite widely, having come here from New Zealand about a year ago.

Duncan McPhail this week received news from A. B. Fletcher. He is at Edinburgh University completing the final revision of the MSS of the book which he has written, which will shortly be published by the Blackwood Company.

The following have been summoned as jurors for the Assizes which will be held at Kamloops on May 6th: Wm. Schmock, S. J. Solomon, H. Greig, H. S. Cleasby, A. F. Rankine, D. Fyall and J. B. Radcliffe.

Last Sunday evening at the Presbyterian church the Rev, J. Knox Wright, Pastor of the Fairview Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, addressed a fair sized congregation upon the work which has been and is being done by the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Society which is one hundred and eight years old shows a steady increae and the magnitude of its work, which is universal, as explained by Mr. Wright, made a very interesting and instructive address.

One of the finest samples of wheat we have seen for many a day was a sample from that grown on Jack Thynne's ranch at Otter valley and on view in the offices of the Southern B. C. Lands. The sample was over six feet in length and the ear was large in proportion; the kernel also was large and well matured.

With the sample of wheat was also shown a sample of Timothy and Red Top which was nearly five fe t in length. Such samples as these are, from an agricultural point of view, the best advertisements that can possibly be put before the public as it fully demonstrates what the Nicola Valley can produce as well as offer in the agricultural line.

George McGruther won the Edison phonograph raffled by G. W. Wallace last week. He purchased the last ticket and won.

Bert Smith went down to Spence's Bridge on business during the week.

A. E. Howse was in the city from Nicola during the week.

Captain and Mrs. J. A. Leader are expected back from England next week.

Charles L. Betterton, the millionaire rancher of Aspen Grove is expected back from Victoria in a few days.

G. McClelland, representing Smith, Davidson and Wright, of Vancouver, was in the city during the week.

David Coupland is receiving congratulations this week it having been announced that he is a father. Mother and child are both doing well.

Mrs. Pooley and Mrs. Tutill, of Nicola, are staying in the city for the Horse show, and are guests at the Hotel Vancouver. —Sun.

Pat Cantlin left this morning for his ranch in Aspen Grove district to start his summer's work. He will also have charge of the building of a government wagon road from Voght Valley to join the Princeton road.

Magistrate Morgan fined two men this week for offences against the Indian Act.

Sid Morgan was a visitor from Canford during the week.

Joseph Graham, manager of the Inland Coal and Coke Company returned from an extended business trip to Vancouver and Victoria. He reports that the growth of these cities continues as rapidly as ever and predicts 250,000 people in Vancouver in a few years.

The popular proprietor of the Coldwater Hotel, Murdock McIntyre, is ever alive to the latest innovation and this evening his newest improvement will light up the building, it takes the form of electric lights. The current will be switched on for the first time about half past six. His many friends are congratulating him on his enterprise, and hoping that as gasoline is now a thing of the past he will break the seal on several---ahem---bottles!

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lester will sympathise with them upon their recent sad bereavement. Their newly born twins died early this week.

LEYRER'S DISAPPEARANCE

The search for Arthur Leyrer who so mysteriously disappeared between Tuesday and Wednesday morning last week was vigorously prosecuted on Friday and Saturday, on Friday over one hundred men were out, divided into parties under the general direction of Provincial Constable William McNeil. Those who had charge of parties were William Schmock, Alex Coutlee, John Collett, Walter Thornton. J. J. Marks, Murdock McIntyre, G. B. Armstrong, Chief of Police A. Strang Bert Smith and J. P. Boyd. The first party under J. J. Marks thoroughly searched the prospect holes as it was thought that the missing youth may have wandered down one of them and been overcome by bad air, or else hurt in a cavein. The others spread out over an area of four or five miles and worked to a centre at the rear of the Inland Coal and Coke company's property, thinking that he may have been injured and hidden. Some parties went over their ground two and three times sparing no pains to make their search as effective as possible.

On Saturday Constable McNeil got into touch with the C. P. R. conductor, Charles Sasseville, who identified a portrait of Leyrer as that of a man who had boarded his train at Coyle on Wednesday. He is positive of his identification, so it is probable that young Leyrer, in a whimsical mood, decided to visit the coast.

TAMERTON RANCH

The announcement that there will be several families located on the subdivided Tamerton Ranch at Nicola was made this week by A. W. McVittie, who returned from Victoria on Wednesday evening. It will be recalled that he took over the well known ranch from Mrs. William Pooley last summer and last fall had it surveyed into small holdings. Arrangements are now being made for the settlement of small farmers on these holdings during the summer. Mr. McVittie corrected the impression that Colonel Morgan's proposed colonization scheme embraces the Tamerton ranch.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, May 5th.
10 a. m. Mass.
2.30 p.m. Catechism and Bible History.
7 p.m. Rosary and Benediction
Jas. Wagner, O. M. I.
Pastor.

Nicola Notes

Mrs. H. Wood Lee left on Tuesday's train for a few days visit to friends in Ashcroft.

Mr. Joseph Guichon Sr. of Quilchena left the first of the week on a business trip to the coast.

Mrs. B. Wilkinson of Beaver Ranch left Tuesday for Ashcroft. She was accompanied by her mother Mrs. J. Burr.

Miss Janet Morrisson of Upper Nicola was the guest of Mrs. F. W. Jackson for a few days this week.

About one thousand head of sheep passed through Nicola on Wednesday. They were taken from the Pooley ranch to Coyote Valley for the summer. W. Berry is employed to herd them.

MODEL FARN ON TEN-MILE

Major M. H. Conant, who recently purchased the holdings of John Marquardt on Ten Mile Creek, has engaged Burkett Jackson as his manager and will immediately commence working to make the farm a model for the valley. One hundred acres are to be put into fall wheat this summer and another hundred acres to be broke out. In addition a large sum will be spent upon a home and outbuildings which are to be of the most uptodate type known.

HIT BY A LOG

Claude Saker arrived here on Monday evening from Powers logging camp on Petite Creek, and is now in Dr. Tutill's hospital with a broken ankle. He was hauling logs to the creek with two horses. One log knocked a skid out, which rolled another log over his foot partially flattening out the ankle. The foot was temporarily bandaged in splints made of stiff cardboard, after which Saker got on a horse and rode to Canford station where he took the train for this city. He is progressing well.

TITANIC INVESTIGATION

During the week the evidence of officers and passengers aboard the ill-fated Titanic have been submitted to the public through the medium of the dailies. But for the dread tragedy which it recalls the conduct of this alleged investigation by the United States Senate would be another subject for the gaiety of nations. When we find one august senator gravely discussing water tight compartments as though they "are places into which passengers may go in order to keep their feet dry"—as the London Times puts it—in an effort to ascertain the cause and fix responsiblity for the disaster, while the chairman regards the peculiar timbre of the last shrieks of the dying as still better evidence, and the officers treated as though they were all liars, it is time to become impatient for a real investigation by competent authorities. The chief object of the investigation by the Senate committee seems to be to afford the members an opportunity for the exhibition of their ignorance. From the mass of irrevelant testimony adduced so far it appears that tne lookout had no night glasses or even spy glasses, warning of bergs had been received prior to the final crash, and the crew was not properly trained in boat drills. Apparently we must await the inquiry by the Admiralty Court, of which a judge who is an expert on marine matters will be chairman, before the final responsibilty and cause of the wreck may be learned. The Senate committee is chiefly concerned with browbeating witnesses and delivering itself of superheated steam and nothing of practical value will come of its sessions.

TITANIC WAS A PALATIAL BOAT

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Added to the interest attaching to the marvels of her construction and accomodation, a new and tragic interest now attaches to the Titanic, greatest of ocean leviathans, which founered on Monday off the coast of Newfoundland as the result of a violent collision with an iceberg. As an instance of nature's ultimate superiority over man's most advanced handiwork no more dramatic and terrible circumstance has ever occurred in the annals of the sea.

Perhaps nothing will be more calculated to bring home to the public the contrast between the iceberg and the liner, the one silently floating in the sea, the other rushing through the water pulsating with life—the very latest thing in elaborate mechanism and comfort—so much as a description of the palatial vessel and her wonderful interior economy. It is just possible although unlikely, that the public the world over may see some of the scenes enacted upon that great liner during the last catastrophic hours of her career, as a Canadian cinematograph operator was on board taking films of incidents of the initial voyage.

Many remarkable innovations were made part of the newest of trans-Atlantic wonders. The Titanic's 66,000 tons of displacement and 46,328 tons of gross register were not her sole claims to distinction as the most elaborate handiwork of the shipwright. The Titanic was the first steamer to be built with private promenades in connection with some of her splendid suites. Heretofore the newest and greatest ocean liners have been in fact floating apartment hotels but it fell to the Titanic to provide the trans-Atlantic traveller with an actual private residence even to the exclusive promenade deck, without encroaching upon the space of the other hundreds of first-cabin voyagers.

The Titanic, like her sister ship the Olympic, possessed the great length of 882 feet, 6 inches and a beam of 92 feet, 6 inches. Over the boat deck the Titanic's beam spanned 94 feet even. from sail to sail.

Four great funnels rose 81 1-2 feet above the upper mast deck with a total distance of 175 feet from the top of the funnels to the keel.

Eleven steel decks added to the Titanic's staunchnes while an idea of the vast promenading space may best be had when it is noted that the main promenade deck alone has an unbroken sweep of 190 yards on either side of the ship.

A Parisian cafe and palm room were features of this remarkable vessel.

Besides the main dining saloon which had a seating capacity for nearly 600 passengers, there was an a la carte restaurant, French service, which seated 200 passengers.

Three screws propelled by turbine and reciprocating engines furnished the motive power of the great Titanic. Leaving Southhampton and calling at Cherbourg and Plymouth for continental passengers on Wednesdays she was expected to reach New York Tuesday evening. The two sister ships were to maintain ocean ferry with the regularity of the ferries across a river, for their immense tonnage displacement made them practically imper vious to the elements, no matter how adverse these might be.

A great swimming pool squash racket court, gymnasium and the Turkish bath were all closely together on a lower deck, from which elevators carried the passengers to the various upper decks. As in her sister ship, the Olympic, passengers on the Titanic descended the grand staircase to the main reception room which, in turn, led into the great dining-saloon, from which it was separated by glass. Stretching the full width of the vessel amidships, the main dining saloon was light and cheerful, and at night with its myriads of electric lights presented a veritable fairyland.

Thoug rated as one of the most capable commanders since the advent of the modern steamship, Captain Smith's career recently has been marred by ill-luck.

He was in charge of the Titanic's sister ship Olympic when the vessel was in collision with the British cruiser Hawke last year.

Exonerated of all blame for this occurrence, he was placed in charge of the Tiatnic, only to brave disaster, which has cost him his life.

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