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The above facts should act as an extra incentive to all the valley farmers to bring under cultivation every available acre of arable and pasture land for today our local supplies of produce of all kinds are far, very far from meeting local needs. The exhibits at the local show of last week go to prove that as far as potatoes and garden produce are concerned we can more than hold our own with any part of the province, the good dairy cow, from a commercial point of view has yet to make its appearance in the valley for although the Jersey and Jersy grades are sufficient from a family standpoint they are not big yielders from a creamery outlook.

SHOTLIGHTER VS. INSPECTOR

This case was heard before Colonel Flick, In the absence of Dr - Tutill, before whom the information was originally sworn.

The information under which the prosecution was brought stated that Peter Myers a shotlighter employed at the mines of the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Co, did on or about the 4th day of September last, improperly place certain shots and improperly prepare coal for blasting, the same being a contravention of the Act for the regulation of workers in Coal Mines.

The inspector first called Morrisson the driller who drilled the holes which were alleged to have been improperly placed, Morrisson's evidence proved that it was practically impossible for Myers to have known that any of the shots were in the floor and also demonstrated that there was a general disposition upon the part of all miners to take a certain amount of chance in their daily avocations. Mr. Charles Graham superintendent of the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Company's mine, was next called and gave evidence to the effect that under the conditions that existed in No. 7 right he thought that the shots were properly placed and that Myers had done all that a man could do who was unable to see through twelve or fourteen inches of coal. In reply to a direct question by the court Mr. Graham stated that Myers was not an incompetent or dangerous person. Mr. Graham's evidence showed that the mine management had absolute confidence in Myers owing to the fact that he was put back as a shotlighter after having been laid off for three or four days. Alex. Ewart was the next witness and he also bore evidence that in his opinion Myers had done all that was possible under existing conditions. The inspector sought to shake the evidence of this witness but Ewart stuck to his guns and made good. John McDonald was next on the stand as an expert witness although a very slow and deliberate one. McDonald stated that he did not think that "blasting off the solid" was so dangerous an operation as the inspector would make out. The inspector and McDonald had a free and easy conversation regarding "bootlegs", which although it bore upon the evidence would not interest our readers by reason of its technicality. Arthur Bury also gave evidence, but he had learnt coal mining in other localities than the Nicola for he was unable to answer many questions of a technical nature fired at him by the inspector. Myers himself was the last witness for the defence and he and the inspector were soon engaged in a vigorous cross-fire on all kinds of mining matters and to do him justice Myers proved as far as words could prove that he knew his business as a miner. The inspector also made clear that he was no youngster as far as mining was concerned his questions embracing all that could possibly concern the matter at issue. At the conclusion of the evidence Mr. Maughan on behalf of the defendant, addressed the court pointing out that all the evidence adduced was in favor of his client, Mr. Maughan also drew attention to the fact that conviction would work his client irreparable injury in that he would be practically debarred from following his profession as a miner. The inspector then addressed the court for the prosecution and laboured the fact that all coal-mining accidents were often caused by the ignoring of rules and regulations, the inspector also said that there had been one very bad accident in the valley and as far as possible he would try to prevent another if it could be done by driving the rules and regulations into the miners. The court summed up at 10.45 and gave judgement for the defendant, with costs.

British Columbia Horse at the Coast

The Dry Belt has proved during the last two weeks that it can raise something else besides apples, peaches, grapes or potatoes. The escort of horsemen provided by the two interior regiments of cavalry won golden opinions from coast dwellers who were in a position to judge of the merits or demerits of a national soldier. These favourable opinions were not formed on the spur of the moment but were the result of mature and reasoned judgement. The officer commanding the 31st Regiment was officially told by the District Officer Commanding that the escort had done their work in a manner that called forth his personal approbation and that of His Royal Highness the Governor-General.

It is customary in the effete east for one to see the personnel of a Royal escort unable to ride with the result that the Royal procession is frequently delayed or disorganized by those who, as part of the show, should be above reproach from a military point of view. In fact some of the good citizens of Vancouver attended the rehearsals of the escort for the express purpose of having a little fun at the expense of the troopers from the interior, we are glad to say that those who came to scoff remained to cheer.

Sir Richard McBride during his speech to the escort in Work Point Barracks laid particular stress upon the smart appearance of both men and horses. The gauntlets, shoulder-chains etc. which were bought especially for the escort were distinctly an aid to smartness and had the militia authorities seen fit to provide a decent head-dress it would have made for additional smartness. The weather at the coast during the festivities was all that could be desired for brilliant sunshine was much in evidence and not one drop of rain marred the trip.

Real Estate Prices

While it is no doubt very nice to be able to list ones property with real estate firms for a thumping big figure it does not always follow that one gets the price asked. Gradually purchasers are looking more closely into the actual values than has heretofore been the case and daily the demand is for properties that will yield a good percentage upon the purchase price. There are many ranches in the Nicola Valley that can be purchased at a price that will admit of a fair return and there are also others which at the price asked never could be made to pay one cent of interest. The happy medium is always the golden rule let alone the fact that ones money lies easier in ones pocket if one has the knowledge that the purchaser of ones property can make good.

Hope for the Temperance People

A new industry is likely to spring up in Merritt one of these days for a prss despatch states that a German scientist has manufactured automobile tyres from whisky. The brands of whisky sold in Merritt should turn out a tyre with immense powers of resistance and it would not be a bad idea if some of our confirmed topers could be stationed along the more frequented motor routes so that in the event of a puncture the tube could be instantly repaired by being breathed upon by the topers aforesaid.

The same despatch also states that Kaiser William is using the first set of tyres made. It does not state that the Imperial Jack of all trades actually made the set we opine that it is as likely as not.

The Way of the Policeman is Hard

The municipality of Merritt do not seem to have any luck as far as their dealing with the municipality police force is concerned. This week sees the third or fourth change since the municipality was formed. Since it is hardly probable that all the fault lies in the chief or his subordinates would it not be as well when charges of incompetence &c., are laid against the newcomers, as will be the case, for a thorough investigation to take place in public. A good many vague and shadowy charges are laid against every succeeding policeman and we are convinced that these charges emanate largely from those who wish from improper motives, to keep the municipal force in a continual state of disorganization. No keeper of law and order ever yet pleased everyone and never will until the day of judgement dawns, if then. We regret to state that some of the citizens of Merritt who run second hand outfits do not hesitate to bribe their Indian customers by means of the whisky bottle and it is this class of citizen who is always loudest in condemnation of our municipal force and who apparently are often able to get those in authority to take their view as to the abilities of chief or constable.

The police force of a mining town should be well-paid and well-trusted and any policeman who does his duty fearlessly and well should have all the weight of the police-commissioners at his back.

The American Life & Accident Co.

The above company has at last managed to climb out of the miry slough into which it was plunged by "Bruce" of the Saturday Sunset. The editor of the coast weekly takes back all his aspersions and charges and incidentally administers a weak dose of sugar to John A. Bland the genial manager of the company who is well known in Merritt.

Since the company is in a measure upon its old footing, for the scare will more or less prove its stability, might we suggest to the management that it would be a matter of policy to get out a balance sheet for the perusal of up country shareholders, also it would be policy to loan British Columbia money in B. C., in fact this feature was the special weapon of Mr. Collis when he sold the first block of stock in the Nicola Valley.

We would also point out that an up-country director would be apt to go a long way towards restoring confidence in the company

We would also recommend Mr. Bland to get a stenographer at work on some of the due correspondence of the company, for it is within our own knowledge that important letters written long before the debacle remain unanswered.

A Courteous Conductor

The Niclola Valley has reason to felicitate itself upon the fact that the present personnel of the local train crew is exceedingly courteous and obliging and this fact is the more pronounced because it has not always been so. The present conductor, Mr. McKee is not only courteous in himself but he inculcates courtesy in his subordinates. Mr. McKee is also politely firm with that class of passenger who generally does his best to make his fellow passengers as uncomfortable as possible. The public, especially the travelling public, readily respond to and appreciate a square deal and we all get it now on the Nicola Branch.

W. McNeil, the Stump Puller.

William McNeil is fast qualifying for a diploma as a nature dentist, by which we mean that anyone wanting tree stumps pulled can have the operation performed with neatness and despatch. The operation is quite painless as the trees are quite dead before the stump-puller is attached. McNeil is at present engaged yanking out stumps for Stipendiary Morgan across the river from Coutlee, but will be open for further contracts in the near future.

Look Out for Forged Cheques

Kamloops and other inland cities are having rather an alarming epidemic of forged cheques, as this very dangerous operation is mainly carried out by experts Merritt is as likely as not to have a visit from the crooks when other cities have been made too hot to hold them. Most Merritt merchants have the signatures of their patrons pretty well in mind and it only needs a little extra care on the part of merchant and banker to hold off the epidemic if it ever appears in Merritt.

Second Crops the Rule in Nicola

Throughout the Nicola Valley the second crops of hay are now being gathered in. We should be devoutly thankful that we live in so favoured a spot, but how many of us are so? What a contrast to poor old England, where the hay and potato crops are under water and irretreivably ruined, and it has been not at all uncommon for many cities to have five or six feet of water in their streets. No wonder the course of Empire is turning westward for the more west one goes the better the Empire gets, the climax of course being British Columbia.

HOPLESS CITIZENS OF HOPE

The Hope Citizen's Association, under the presidency of Mr. Luke Gibson, have held themselves up to Yale riding as being absolutely incapable of appreciation of good roads.

They ask for the retirement of Road Foreman A. E. Raab and abolition of the authority of D. G. Sutherland, superintendent of roads for Yale. We in the Nicola Valley can safely assert that as far as practical work goes Mr. Sutherland as a road superintendent takes second place to none in the province and our many miles of perfect local roads go to prove this statement. We hope the government will give the petition due consideration. The consideration should also take note of the infinitesimal place Hope has in Yale riding, also consider whether a petition, fathered by such insignificant, unknown pigmies as Luke Gibson and Capt. Blyth deserves any real consideration whatever. We are sorry to see the name of Thacker is associated with the petition for Thacker Bros. of Dot must know the real and practical capabilities of all responsible for the excellent state of the roads throughout Yale Riding.

B. C. Lumber Moves Fast to Prairies

The Petit Creek saw mill will be through their lumber cut this week and will immediately start upon logging operations on their limits on the creek. Mr. W. A. Anstie, the secretary of the Mountain Mills Manufacturers' Association, states that the movement of B. C. lumber to the praries is this year the largest on record and that the outlook for 1913 is also very bright. There seems to be some hitch regarding the Canford mills limits on Siwash meadows. The mill company claim that the timber on the meadows belongs to them while the local ranchers dispute the claim. We are assured that the ranchers were located upon the meadows before there was ever a thought of establishing a mill at Canford or any where else in the valley. In any case the government have decided for the settlers and against the mill company, for they have allowed certificates of improvement to be filed by the ranchers.

Courts of Assize Cancelled

Courts of assize were to have been held at Nanaimo, Revelstoke, Vernon, Greenwood and Fernie, but, owidg to the absence of any criminal charges these sittings were cancelled by order of the Attorney-General.

At Clinton there is but one case upon the list which will be tried on October 7. This favorable aspect of affairs is mainly due to the excellent policing system adopted by the inland municipal authorities of British Columbia,

The Round Man in the Sqare Hole

There are some men in this world who being hopelessly round will persist in trying to fit themselves into square holes and never grasp the fact until they drop through, sometimes not then. We have some such in the Nicola Valley, these aspire to political or civic honours apparently oblivious of the fact that their fellow citizens do not want them. Each succeeding election sees them stretch forth the glad hand in the vain hope that it may be grasped by the intelligent voter, sometimes they succeed in gaining the seats of the mighty to the eventual disgust of the electorate who have probably been blinded by the dust of civic or political promise.

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A WARNING

Yesterday, as reported elsewhere in our columns, we give a short summary of an important coal mining case. The case was adjudicated upon the merits of the evidence and was dismissed with costs against the prosecution. In this connection we wish to point out that the case, as far as the Inspector was concerned was a very proper one for settlement. The inspector entered the mine upon one of his periodical visits and came across conditions which looked to him as if there was carelessness upon the part of miners in responsible positions. Acting on this supposition a shotlighter in No. 7 right, was prosecuted under section 91 of the Coal Mining Act. The evidence adduced by the inspector made quite clear that, but for abnormal conditions of No. 7 right, he was entitled to a verdict. It was also made clear that the inspector had only done his duty in bringing the action if merely for the sake of bringing home to the miners the very dangerous conditions under which they earn their daily bread. Familiarty ever breeds contempt and there can be no question that the inspector spoke the truth when he stated that most of the terrible coal mining catastrophes were primarily due te inattention and the ignoring of the regulations framed by governments for the sole object of protecting the miner—largely against himself. That Myers was acquitted was due as we have before stated to conditions that could not have been foreseen and not to any flaw in the presentation of his case by the inspector. There can be no question in the minds of any one at all conversant with the rudiments of mining that miners as a body are careless and that unless inspectors take cognizance of this carelessness and press for punishment there would be far more fatal accidents than are recorded at present. One feature of the case is worthy of remark and that is that apparently in every mine there is different name for similar conditions, which is very apt to confuse a layman. The expert evidence in the case was given without a suspicion of bias and was another outstanding feature of the case. In short, we recommend that the miners, in their own interests should pay more attention to the special rules which are made in their own behalf.

Not in Love with Straightforward Action

We can understand that a foreigner unused to British methods may be guilty of chicanery and underhand methods but we fail to understand how good Canadians can be induced to throw in their lot with those who are guilty of such methods. We refer to the action taken by certain ratepayers in the Lower Nicola school district, in that after a unanimous vote had been taken at a well-advertised and well-attended meeting these rate-payers, four at the most in number, have sent a petition to the government asking that the resolution they assisted to pass be considered null and void. However the petition we hope will have the consideration it deserves, (i. e. the waste paper basket) for a very strongly worded letter has gone down to the Minister of Education pointing out that it is desirable from the point of view of adequate supervision that the school be moved. We would recommend the ratepayers to see that the land bought, or recommended to be bought, at the meeting of two weeks ago be taken possession of at once in the name of the trustees. There should be no delay concerning this matter for some of the ratepayers seem to take a delight in being frank and open at a public meeting while in reality they are worming and wriggling in the dark of private life.

Fernie Grant May be Transfered

In the military estimates current was an amount of $11,000 for an armoury at Fernie. As the militia unit at Fernie has been disbanded, and as there is no immediate possibilty of re-organization a strong effort is being made to have the Fernie grant transferred to Merritt. There are several sites in the town that are being offered free to the militia authorities and we hope that everyone will do their best to push the project. Sir Richard McBride has been asked to take the matter up with Hon. Martin Burrill when the Minister of Agriculture visits Victoria this week, with such strong backing we have every hope that the armoury will be an accomplished fact. An effort is also being made to have the contract let locally, for the militia authorities have been assured that competent contractors are available in Merritt. The plans of the proposed armoury were seen by a local militia officer when in Victoria and we are assured that the armoury they represent is the last word in buildings of such nature. Many of the prominent citizens of Merritt have promised to do their utmost to secure the transfer of the grant.

B. C. HORSE

Regimental Orders No. 12, by Lieut-Colonel C. L. Flick, commanding 31st Regiment.

Merritt, 5th Oct., 1912.

CONFIRMATION OF RANK

The undermentioned officer having qualified for his appointment is hereby confirmed in his rank from the date set opposite his name. G. O. 155, 30th July, 1912.

Royal Escort, Vancouver and Victoria.

The commanding officer wishes to commend the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 31st Regiment who formed part of the escort for His Royal Highness, the Governor General while in Vancouver and Victoria. The escort duties were carried odt in a smart and soldierly manner, which reflected credit upon all concerned.

Royal Escort, Kamloops.

The commanding officer commends the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of "A" Squadron who escorted His Royal Highness, the Governor-General during his visit to Kamloops. The escort was well turned out as regards both men and horses, the ceremonial duties were well performed.

CHARLES FLICK,
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Throughout the Nicola Valley various settlers have had trouble with local Indians concerning Indian Reserve boundaries. We are assured upon trustworthy authority that the department have now come to the conclusion that the white man is as much entitled to fair play as his more fortunate aboriginal brother. Hitherto the department, aided and abetted by fat prosperous looking gentlemen, who style themselves friends of the Indians have held the opinion that the gentle whiskey-loving un-washed Siwash was entitled to the province and all that therein is. The authorities have at last found out that the Siwash has but two ambitions in life, one to absorb as much fire-water as possible and the other to obtain by hook or by crook as much from the whiteman as possible without the slightest thought of a quid pro quo. The decision of the department to do the square thing will no doubt raise a howl of protest from those whose mission in life is to graft upon the natural cunning of the Siwash the smartness and cupidity of the whiteman and call the adult product a Christian. We will qualify the foregoing remarks by saying that in some parts of the province men of sterling worth alive to the fact that the Indian as a proselyte is more or less of a failure, strive to teach the aborigines the elements of husbandry or the ground work necessary to an artisan leaving the Christianity part as a side issue. These men to our mind are nearer the teaching of the Master for at least they leave the native the better for their sojourn among them.

Truth About H. M. C. S. Rainbow

There have been many desertions and more purchases of discharge from the lone ship which represents the Canadian fleet on the Pacific coast than the general public is aware of and in conversation with some of the personnel of the ship the reason was forthcoming. It appears that prior to sailing from England the ship's company were assembled and were definitely told that the wives and children of the married men would be transported to Canada free provided that the various families went out in the same ship, this promise was promptly denied when the ship arrived in Canadian waters and naturally created a great deal of discontent among the instructors and others of higher rank with the result that all intend taking their discharge when their present engagement is completed. From the recruits point of view there is just as much discontent, mainly because the raw man is given a blue-jacket's uniform on enlistment and sent aboard the ship to swab decks &c. without any preliminary training in a naval school ashore. In the Imperial navy the recruit, whether he be an embryo engine-room artificer or blue-jacket, is caught young and trained in an air of discipline from the commencement so that when the time comes for him to be drafted to a war ship he goes aboard well up in the elementary duties of a man-o-wars man and a very well defined idea of what will be required of him from those in authority over him. The high pay ashore in ordinary civilian life is also a factor which operates against the enlistment of recruits and this phase is the hardest to overcome as it must be clear to everyone that it is impossible to pay seamen the wages obtainable ashore. The naval school for youngsters is feasible and the only way out of the difficulty.

Delightful if it Were True

There is quite a song and dance just now among the peace at any price faction, owihg to the fact that some one with a genius for figures has made the discovery that the major portion of the nickel ore found in the world is produced in Canada. The conclusion is at once jumped at that by witholding the supply of Nickel Canada could compel the nations of the world to ceas manufacturing nickel steel for armouring battleships, etc. Were this so it is quite certain that immediately the supply of nickel was threatened the laboratories of the world would at once get busy and surely find an adequate substitute without much trouble.

Although Canada produces the nickel it is all sent over to the States to be refined, and it is the refiner and jobber in the States who gets the long end of the retail price.

Polo in British Columbia

The polo match between Kelowna and Kamloops which was played upon the exhibition grounds at Victoria during the Fair week resulted in a win for Kamloops with a score of four goals to six.

Capt. Leader of Nicola played for Kelowna taking the place of Mr. Benson who is probably the best back in British Columbia.

The game was very fast and hard for the players were incited to do their best by reason of the fact that H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught was an interested spectator. H. H. S. George of Kamloops was the crack player of either team and competent judges state that Mr. George could hold his own as far as polo is concerned in any company. Messrs George and Longburn were responsible for the goals scored by Kamloops, Capt. Leader and Mr. Pyman scoring for Kelowna. The Governor-General was to have started the game but had to delegate that honour to Mayor Beckwith of Victoria. In the first round of the B.C. polo tonrnament Kamloops beat Fruitlands and Kelowna triumphed over Grand Prarie. In the final Kamloops beat Kelowna. At a general meeting of the representatives of the various clubs the following officers were eleced to represent the B. C. Polo Association: W. Roper (Kamloops), President; A. Norris, Vice-President; W. Mappin, Secretary. It was decided to affiliate with Hurlingham, the Mecca of all good polo players.

A few years ago a tolerable polo team was available in Nicola and there is no reason why a good team should not be forthcoming now, all who are interested in the game can obtain information concerning the local club from Messrs Guichon and Leader at Quilchena or Nicola.

No Shooting Allowed

Anyone found trespassing on the prsperty of the undersigned will be prosecuted. By order

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WATER NOTICE

For a Licence to Take and Use Water.

Notice is hereby given that The Inland Development Company, Limited, will apply for a licence to take and use four cubic feet per second of water out of the South Fork of the West Fork of Otter Creek. which flows in an easterly direction through Crown Land near the Otter Summit and empties into the West Fork of Otter Creek near the Otter Summit. The water will be diverted at a point about 500 feet from the mouth of the South Fork and will be used for municipal purposes on the land described as Crown land.

This notice was posted on the 27th day of September, 1912. The application will be filed iu the office of the Water Recorder at Nicola.

Objections may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights. Parliament Buildings, Victoria. B. C.

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Notice to Creditors

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES POOLEY, late of Nicola in the County of Yale in the Province of B. C., DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims or demands against the late James Pooley who died on or about the Twentieth day of September, 1911, at Nicola aforesaid, are required to send by Post prepaid or to deliver to the undersigned, one of the Executors, under the Will of the said James Pooley, their names and addresses and full particulars in writing of their claims and statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities if any, held by them.

And Take Notice that after the Twenty-seventh day of October, 1912, the Executors of the said Estate will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice, and that the said Executors will not be liable for the said Assets or any part thereof to any person of whose claim they shall not then have received notice.

Dated at Nicola, B C, the 25th day of September, 1912.

THOMAS HESLOP
Executor

WATER NOTICE

For a Licence to Take and Use Water.

Notice is hereby given that Charles Loewen of Coutlee, B. C., will apply for a licence to take and use 100 inches of water out of an unnamed creek which flows in a westerly direction through Lot 1917 and empties into an unknown creek near same. The water will be diverted at 300 yards east of uorth east corner of Lot 1917 and will be used for irrigation purposes on th land described as Lot 1917.

This notice was posted on the ground on the 22nd day of August, 1912. The application will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Nicola.

Objections may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C.

CHAS. LOEWEN, Applicant.
ERIC CONANT, Agent.

Land Act

Yale Land District. District of Yale.

Take notice that James J. Warren of Penticton, B C., occupation Railway President. intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands :

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

JAMES J. WARREN.
R. Z. Chandler, Locator.
Dated August 23, 1912. 29-38

LAND ACT

Yale Land District. District of Yale

Take notice that I, A. W. Alliott, of Victoria, B. C., occupation Broker, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the north east corner of Lot 588, Yale district, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of commencement and containing 640 acres.

ALEXANDER WOOD ALLIOTT
C. L. Betterton, Agent.
Aug 20th, 1912. 32-41

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Take notice that I, W. G. Alliott, of Victoria, B. C., occupation accountant, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands :

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WILFRID GORDON ALLIOTT
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August 20th, 1912. 32-41

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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 the Interior.

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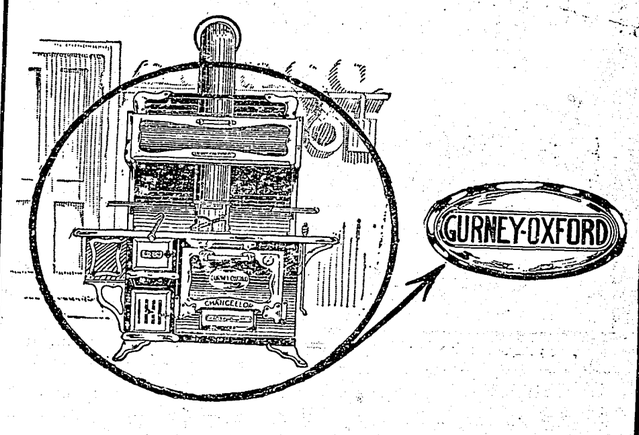

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The Contest this year is divided into three classes, "A," "B" and "C," and there will be four prizes in each class (First prize, $50; Second prize, $25; Third prize, $15; Fourth prize, $10.)

Thus there are three $50 Prizes, three $25 Prizes, three $15 prizes, and three $10 Prizes, *for each province.*

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Local News

Major Matthews of Nicola was in town last Wednesday.

R. G. S. Anthony, of Willow Grange, was a mid week visitor to the coal town.

W. B. Jackson, of Lower Nicola, has taken a contract to clear land for C. Tyner.

Edward Richardson of Petit Creek was a visitor to town during the early part of the week.

J. F. Maughan took a business trip to Petit Creek last Tuesday.

Prime mutton will be in evidence at the local market this week for David Dodding and Sons shipped some of their prime stock early in the week.

Lieut. and Mrs. Tyner returned from the coast last Tuesday. Mr. Tyner was in command of a troop of the Royal escort.

Mr. J. Gray, who has been ranching in Sasketchewan for many years, is building a substantial dwelling on land he has purchased in Lower Nicola. Mr. Gray has rented his ranch in the east and contemplates several years stay in the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Crowder, who have been staying with their son, Mr. Fred Crowder of Aspen Grove left for Paton, Iowa, via Western states. They intend making short stops at several towns of interest.

D. G. Sutherland and John Dundas, the well known government road men, completed a tour of the Coldwater section during the early part of the week.

Mr. H. Tattre, well-known throughout the valley was in the city last Wednesday. He has been engaged with O. E. French logging on the Tyner ranch in Sunshine Valley, Canford.

King Dodd, took in the Provincial Exhibition at New Westminster this week.

M. C. Hamilton and wife came up from the coast last Wednesday to take charge of the Lazy L ranch for Messrs. Loewen, Harvey and Humble.

M. L. Grimmett and family are holiday making at thecoast.

T. J. Smith, who has been in Merritt several days, left for Summerland this week to look over his fruit ranch there.

C. A. Sapandowski of Mamette Lake was a visitor to town Thursday.

A few of the ladies of Nicola have arranged to serAe tea at the tennis court on Saturday afternoon. Several from Merritt have been invited to what will possibly be the last event of its kind for the season.

Golf is the latest form ef outdoor exercise to be introduced into local sporting circles. A small number of enthusiasts have already began preparations for getting into the games before the season is too far advanced. Fuller particulars later.

Rev. Geo. A. Wilson formerly minister of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church, Vancouver, and now superintendent of Presbyterian Missions in B. C., will spend Sunday and Monday in Merrits and will speak in the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening.

On Tuesday evening the three months old child of Mr. and Mrs. H. Greaves died at the N. V. General Hospital. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. A. Petrie at the family residence Wednesday afternoon and interment took place at Merritt cemetery.

Tom Lytton, of Quilchena, an aged Indian of some eighty snows was charged with being drunk, contrary to the laws made and provided. Tom was let out on suspended sentence owing to the fact that he gave the names of the parties who povided the firewater.

Hear the Illustrated song at Sunshine Theatre tonight and every night.

Miss Lillian Eppers and Miss Susie Smith were in town Friday engaged in collecting subscriptions for "Opportunity"—a side issue being the prize—a ten acre ranch in the Okanagan, awarded to the young Lady who manages to procure the largest number of votes. Miss Eppers stated that they had collected a sub. From every young man in Merritt. which, in the vernacular, is going "some".

Mr F. C. Hogg has notified us that the 27th annual session of the Grand lodge of Good Templars was hele at Nanaimo on the 26th and 27th of last month. Victoria will be the next meeting place of the Grand Lodge.

Before the Beak

John Macdonald of Quilchena and Douglas Lake was up before Magistrate Morgan last Tuesday on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. John retired sober and the poorer for a fine of five and costs.

Hold-ups Get Time

Henry Johnson and brother Fred will have a six months stay in Kamloops as a result of holding up one Ole Bergmann. Bergmann was relieved of six dollars in bills and two in silver. From tne evidence it appeared the Henry did the holding-up while Fred aided and abetted. Anyway Stipendiary Morgan sent them both to Kamloops as above stated.

A press despatch from Victoria states that the war cloud is closing in round the Balkin States. Every minor principality in Southern Europe is arming against the Grand Turk. A decade ago this happened every spring with regularity. We hope that this present unrest will also peter out as harmlessly as its predecessors. The average man looks upon the Turk as effete and harmless but this is not so for the Ottoman Government can put into the field upwards of one million fighting men, always provided that the Powers do not intervene. It is not so very long ago that the Greek army fled in disorder before hardly a shot had been fired, and any nation tackling the Turk on his own soil is apt to have very hard fighting.

Miss Steffens and her brother returned to their ranch up the Mamette road last Tuesday. They were down for the fair.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, Oct. 20th.
10 a. m. Mass.
2 p.m. Catechism and Bible History.
7 p.m. Rosary and Benediction.

Jas. Wagner, O. M. I.
Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, Oct. 20th, 1912.
Merritt—Divine Service, 7.30 p. m.
2.30 p.m., Sunday School.
Lower Nicola—3 p. m.
Rev. G. A. Wilson, superintendent of Presbyterian Missions in B. C., will preach at the evening service.

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