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Buys Rifle; in Kamloops Now

John Findley Lands in City Jai Within Couple of Hours After Purchase.

John Sanders Avers Tried to Shoot Him

Policeman Willgoose Goes to the Rescue, and Weapon is Jammed.

John Findley bought a rifle at Kennedy's second hand store at six o'clock on Wednesday evening, and within two hours he was locked up in the city jail and today he was taken to Kamloops to await trial.

The only explanation he gave was that he purchased the weapon to go hunting with; that he determined to shoot at anything to see how it would work and that he was firing at a stump.

He was arrested on the complaint of John Sanders who lives in a shack on Greig street, and who is under $300 bonds to appear as a witness.

Chief Eggleshaw tells the story of the trouble. It seems that Sanders and Findley met in a hotel barrom in the morning. Sanders went to his shack and prepared a meal. In response to a knock on the door he called out, "Come in," and Findley entered.

Sanders figured that Findley had followed him, but asked him to have something to eat. Findley began to be abusive, and started to upset the furniture, knocking over the stove.

Sanders threw Findley out of the shack.

A moment afterward two shots came through the window of the shack Findley had no rifle on entering rhe shack. Sanders rushed out, Findley ran and disappeared in the woods.

Sanders went looking for the police, and found Policeman Willgoose at Quilchena avenue and Voght street.

This was at half past seven o' clock. The moon was shining. They went to the cabin, and while there were standing there two shots came whistling along. They looked toward the woods and saw Findley standing behind a tree. They noticed he was having trouble with the rifle. It would not fire.

Sanders ran toward Findley who pointed the weapon at him. It would not discharge and Sanders grabbed it.

Willgoose ran around the tree and caught Findley from behind overpowed him and took the rifle.

At the jail Findley was searched by Chief Eggleshaw who found four cartridges on him, He examined the rifle and found a cartridge jammed in it. The chief learned that Findley had bought ten cartridges.

Findley was taken before Magistrate J. S. Morgan yesterday and warned that any thing he said would be used against him, but he made the explanation already given. He had not been drinking judged by appearances.

On the statements of the chief, Findley was held for trial and Policeman Willgoose was ordered to take him to Kamloops today. He probably will not be tried before May unless the judge sitting on the next county bench decides that his court is of competent jurisdiction and Findley is willing to do without a jury to get a speedy trial.

Findley had been a section hand on the C. P. R. He is under thirty years of age and does not speak the English language very well, being a Finlander. It developed at the hearing that Sanders was in Kennedy's buying a wash bowl when he saw Findley for the second time. Findley asked him to tell him what sort of a gun to buy and Sanders said he should suit himself. It also developed that after leaving Kennedy's he frightened a couple of men crossing the railway tracks by pointing the rifle at them.

The last of the pipe for the city waterworks system is soon to be laid. A force of men has been put to work digging the trenches in Quilchena avenue.

Five Accept for Council

D. Munro, J. P. Boyd, J.A. Menzies, Dr. Tutill, and George Irvine Will Run

Committee Report to Board of Trade

A.Gordon. A.Jackson. G.Devonshire, G. Gemmill,Dr.Rankine,I.Eastwood won't

There was a special meeting of the board of trade last night, and the attendance was large. The report of the committee appointed to interview the business men and select the best names possible to run for alderman during the coming year, was read, The committee which consisted of A. W. Strickland, L. R. Leyrer. A. N. B. Rogers, the Rev. J. A. Petrie, and G. B. Armstrong, reported through Chairman Strickland that it had endeavored to see eleven men, who were eligible and had seen all but Alexander Gordon, and it was understood that he would refuse to run. The others who refused were A. Jackson, G. Devonshire, George Gemmill, Dr. Rankine and I. Eastwood. Those who agreed to run were Dan Munro, J. P. Boyd, J. A. Menzies, Dr. G. H. Tutill, and George Irvine. It was explained that Mr. Irvine was willing to run if Mr. Gordon would not. The committee was discharged after their report had been read and accepted. The work of the committee did not clear the situation very much for with the exception of Mr. Munro all the others were mentioned by the newspapers as apparently the popular choices, although some were not well received at that. The original list contained the names of A. B. Howes and William Sherwood. It is understood that Mr. Sherwood announced some time ago that he would not run. Mr. Howes is spoken of as a possibility for the position of engineer at the new power house. All that can be said about the action of the board of trade is that it made no attempt to dictate, and the report of its committee simply stated that certain men had been seen and that certain men would run and that certain would not.

As a sort of postscript, the report said that some excellent men thought to be eligible were found not to be.

Constable Cahilty has taken Albert Cvar to Kamloops to serve six months for breaking into Bethertons store at Aspen Grove on Sunday and stealing a pair of rubbers. He was sentenced by Magistrate Rolfe of Nicola.

Council Plans to Reconsider

May Reverse Action Closing Up Mamette Avenue to the River from Spring Street.

Alderman Irvine is Cause of Decision

Thinks Great Principle Violated in Giving the Property Away.

Under the head of new business, Ald. Irvine at the meeting of the city council on Monday evening said he wanted to say something about the giving away of street priviliges, and he referred to the consent given by the council to the closing of Mamette avenue and an alley, both closed from the new Spring street, fifty feet east of the present location, to the river. He said that the council in consenting to the closing of Mamette avenue had made a great mistake, or, at least he felt that he had, but he declared that he did not believe that a man who never made a mistake amounted to much. He said that the action had been taken without sufficient consideration and that the council had adopted an expediency and given up a principle. He thought that moving Spring street was all right, but the giving away of a street end was a big mistake. He explained that he had not gone half way home the night of the last council meeting when he felt that a great principle had been violated, and he had not been in good humor with himself since. He said that then he made up his mind to take it up with the council, but later he read a criticism of the action that put enough devil in him to want let it go as it had been decided, but he could not finally make up his mind to let the action stand.

Ald. John said that it would be in order to rescind the resolution passed, and he asked the mayor if it were in order. Ald. Irvine said that he was in favor of moving Spring street, but that there was no occasion for the alley and he did not mind it being closed, but he repeated that a grave principle was involved in the closing of the street. Ald. Gordon took occasion to explain that he did not think the action taken by the council at the previous meeting was final. Mayor Reid asked for a map of the city and after looking at it he said that the alley could not be given away if not the avenue and Ald. Jackson agreed with him Mr. Irvine then said they should not give the alley away either, and that he was "against giving away an inch of the public domain."

At this point City Clerk Priest read from the municipal clauses act showing how the mayor could veto the resolution and also how the council could reconsider it.

The mayor did not want to take advantage of the law and veto the resolutions. but explained that there ought be given notice of motion if the council wanted to rescind the original resolution. He said he was not referring to this case, regarding which there seemed to be unanimous opinion, but he did not want to make a precedent for the future and explained that at some future time, if there were no notice of motion a res oulution might be rescinded when the mover of it was absent.

Mr. Priest read the law to the mayor again, but the mayor held out for a notice of motion and it was drawn up by Mr. Priest and passed, and then a resolution was carried deferring action on the motion to reconsider until the next meeting on the motion and second of Ald. John and Ald. Gordon.

Montreal Bank About to Move

The Bank of Montreal will begin doing business in its new building at Quiichena avenue and Garcia street on Monnay morning. It will move from its old quarters tomorrow.

The new building is a handsome structure, and the interior contains all the most modern bank fittings and conveniences.

As soon as the light and water systems are completed, it will be strictly up-to-date in every respect.

A. W. STRICKLAND

He has been-re-elected president of the Nicola Valley Agricultural and Horticultural Association.

Boy Scouts Will be Revived Here

The Honorary Provincial Secretary of the Movement Pays Merritt Visit.

Committee Takes Up Pushing the Scheme

This City Had the Distinction of Being One of First to Organize.

The Boy Scouts are to be revived in Merritt. Originally this city had the distiction to be one of the first in the province where the movement became an organization. But there was no committee behind it, and it drooped and died.

On Wednesday a meeting of those interested in the movement was held in the Parish hall and the Honorable Provincial Secretary of the movement, the Rev. and Hon. T. R. Heneage of Victoria, was present and addressed the meeting on the general principles of the association.

A committee was formed consisting of the Rev. J. A. Petrie, chairman; the Rev. C. F. Connor, W. R. Langstaff, W. Heslop, and G. M. Brash, to endeavor to bring about a new organization.

Mr Heneage interviewed the boys at the school and found them enthusiastic, If the citizena show any where near as much interest the movement is certain to succeed,

At the meeting Mr Heneage explained that the movement was not military or polltical, but meant the development of good citizenship among boys by forming their character—training them in habits of observation, obedience and self-reliance—inculcating loyalty and thoughtfulness for others and teaching them services useful to the public and handicrafts useful to themselves. The Chief Scout is the Governer General, the Duke of Connaught; Chief Scout of the province is the Lieutenant Governor T. T. Patterson; and the district commissioner is Lieutenant Colonel J. A. Hall, Mr. Heneage is assistant commissioner.

The Tenderfoot is the first step in becoming a boy scout. To become a scout a boy must be between the ages of eleven and eighteen.

He must satisfy his scoutmaster that he knows the scout law, signs and salute; the composition of the Union Jack and the right way to it; and the following knots—reef, sheet bend, clove hitch, bowline, fisherman's and sheepshank,

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Fred Reid is offering $40 in gold as a prize to three boys or girls bringing him the largest amount of free gift tickets at 3 P. M. on Saturday, December 28. Any boy or girl who has not as yet entered the contest had better see Fred at once as he will explain how to get tickets very fast.

The crew on the Kettle Valley railroad which has been in Merritt in charge of Conductor James Netherton has been sent to Penticton.

Strickland and Rogers are Made Leading Officers of Agricultural Association

Their Good Work in the Past Year is Recognized and Rewarded at the Annual Gathering When Also Those Directors Who Showed no Interest in the Meetings Were Left Off The New Board.

Better Organization Hoped Through Work and Publicity

Committee, Which May be Aided by the Ladies, Appointed to Revise the Prize List With the Object of Bringing Out More Exhibits, and Another Named to Select Place for Next Show.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Honorary Presidents—the Hon. Sir Richard McBride, premier; the Hon. Martin Burrell, M. P.

Honorary Vice Presidents—Alexander Lucas, M, P. P.; J. B, Graves, T. J. Smith.

President—A. W. Strickland; first vice president, H. H. Matthews; second vice president, H. S, Cleasby; treasurer, A. N. B. Rogers.

Directors—Archie Jackson, Merritt; J. W. Ellis, Merrit; Captain Tyner, Lower Nicola; James Smith, Lower Nicola; E. A. Collett, Lower Nicola; J. Manning, Dot; D. Dodding, Lower Nicola; E. A. Wilkinson, Beaver Ranch, (Quilchena); F. W. Jackson, Nicola; S. Kirby, Nicola; R. L. Clark, Nicola; R. M. Woodward, Lower Nicola; J. H. Collett, Merritt; W. B. Jackson, Lower Nicola, R. Whittaker, Lower Nicola.

The third annual meeting of the Nicola Valley Agricultural and Horticultural Association was held on Wednesday afternoon in the council chamber of of the city hall with President A. W. Strickland in the chair. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and adopted. a letter was read and accepted from Judge F. D. Nicholson of the Garden Ranch at Salmon Arm. Judge Nicholson is a grower of apples and other fruits without irrigation. He wrote in regard to instructions for the betterment of the vegetable and fruit section at the annnal exhibition, His letter follows:

Dear Mr. Strickland: I must not let any more time go past before I write to thank you and the other directors of your agricultural association for the kind way in which you treated me on the occasion of my visit to your city as one of the judges for your exhibition.

I only hope it will be my luck to be sent your way another year.

I have been asked to furnish a report to the department of agriculture and to make suggestions as to fnture improvements and will give some to you which I trust you will accept in the spirit it is meant, i. e. a desire to improve your show in the future.

In the first place, your director in charge of the fruit and vegetable divisions, who, if at all posaible, should not be an exhibitor, ought to be on hand when the owners exhibits come in to see that exhibitors attach their cards to each article and place them in the proper place. It took Mr. Woodward and myself over one hour to sort out the exhibits and in many cases tag them.

Your vegetables were very fine and this part should only take a little working at to get a large entry. Field products disappointing, seeing that you are in such a fine stock district.

Fruit Division—class 1, 2, 3 and 4 should have the number of apples specified of each variety. This is usually five of each. You should stick to the box exhibit, and from what I could see I should think a class for one box Wealthy apeles local grown ought to bring out some entries.

Again thanking you for your personal kindness and with all good wishes for your future success as an association, I am,

Yours sincerely,
F. D. NICHOLSON.

Salmon Arm, Oct. 19, 1912.

Next a letter was read from the agriculture department at Victoria for the appointment of a delegate to the fall fairs. W. B. Jackson of Lower Nicola, wes named.

The report of the committee on the agricultural act was laid over until the return of the delegate from Victoria.

The report of Treasurer Archie Jackson, was returned to be itemized, and when audited by Messrs. Strickland and Cleasby, is to be considered as adopted by the association.

The advertising committee consisting of Msssrs. Strickland and Rogers was thanked on the motion of Mr. Cleasby.

When it came to Mr. Strickland to put the motion he halted and seemed confused, but Mr. Cleasby arose to the occasion and put the question and remained as chairman of the meeting until after both Messrs. Strickland and Rogers had made responses.

Mr. Strickland said that he offered to let the newspapers in on the advertising, but they were afraid of loss and he and Mr. Rogers went ahead with the result that they made money. He said now that he and Mr. Rogers were in danger of having to quit the banking business, for when their success as advertisement getters became public he was sure that the newspapers would insist upon employing them.

Mr. Rogers said he was greatful for the kind expressions, and simply had to say that he and Mr. Strickland had done the best they could and were pleased when they were rewarded with success.

Before the hohorary officers had been elected —they all were nominated by Mr. Cleasby— Mr. Strickland made his speech as the retiring president. He said that he could not help saying that the year in his opinion had been a disapointing and a discouraging one for the association. He said that instead of having gone ahead it had gone back if anything. He blamed the lack of interest of the people of the district for this. He also placed some of the trouble on the shoulders of members and directors who did not show enthusasm and who did not attend meetings. He said that the newspapers could do a great deal if they would to arouse the people, but never until this meeting had a representative of the press been present and he said he was thankful to the Nicola Valley News for having sent a man and added that the other paper ought to have sent one, too.

He suggested that the newspapers print good reports of the meetings and that the people should somehow be made to understand that there is no society to be of so much influence as an agricultural association if it be properly supported. He hoped that the next board of directors would take a lively interest in the association and thanked those who had worked hard and been faithful in the last year. Under present conditions he said there was no use figuring on buying grounds for the association.

When nominations were called for president, Mr. Matthews immediately named Mr, strickland and Mr. Rogers was quick with his second. Mr. Clark moved that nominations be closed and then Secretary Heslop informed Mr,

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THE PEOPLE COME FIRST

The Nicola Valley News deems it advisable to tell the public something more of the plans and policies upon which it hopes to receive the support of this community by earning and deserving it. The News is a newspaper whith a firm adherence to those ideals of impersonality, public service, and all-round square dealing which are the bedrock upon which all honest and permanent newspaper success must rest.

The News is not a by-product of any interest, but let it be understood now that it isn't necessary that such a newspaper should lack convictions. It even isn't necessary that it should lack partisanship; but its principles and the people must come first and all else afterward. The course of this newspaper is based on honest convictions and well-considered principles which it pursues regardless of the effect upon any selfish interest. It acknowledges no allegiance to any interest, but approves good principles wherever found, and strives to advance the best interests of the whole people.

The newspaper is a quasi-public institution, and no newspaper can achieve permanent success without the confidence and the respect of the public, and to have these it must be honest and independent in every possible sense of the words.

The News is taking no high and mighty attitude in this respect. Its not wholly unselfish, because it realizes that the best interests of an honest newspaper lie in the most conscientious, and most inflexible service to the people. This is not only good ethices, but it is good business. Conscience is jnst as essential to a newspaper to an individual, and when there ceases to be conscience behind a newspaper, its readers instantly find it out, and administer their punishment.

The News believes in a progressive policy. To do otherwise would be to discount the enterprise, the intelligence and the enthusiasm of most of the men and women here who have made Merritt what it is. While it is for progressivness, it reserves the right to criticise and oppose among those who stand on the same platform, and to fight principles or individuals that threaten ill to the common welfare.

It will insist upon freedom and exercise the right of supporting the men and measure believed to be inimical to popular well-being. The News will have no government for privileged interests. It will be quick to discover those who want to lead for their personal benefit and those who want to act for the common benefit. Greed shall not dominate,

The News believes absolutely in popular government here--the rule of the poeple. It does not believe in machine politics which would create bosses by dividing the east side against the west side, or making the people the pawns of some for personal profit. It does not believe in "divide and conquer." There can be no co-ordinated development under such conditions, and the News is going to hammer at the people untill they learn that the prosperity of one section cannot be built up to the hurt of another, that their interests are common and that all must share in the development of this city by working together that the whole valley reap the benefits of its immeasurable wealth in farming, fruit lands, and its minerals and forests, and all the latent resources, the development of which will spell prosperity and progress to every resident of the valley.

The News will advocate any honest proposition which makes for unity and development. It will not stand for control by a select few. The control must be with the poeple where it belongs.

The News believes thoroughly in the application of business principles to the administration of public affairs and will stand for that which is best adapted for providing the essentials of publicity and responsibility. It will oppose starchamber meetings and the effort by any one to usurp functions not belonging to his office.

Public officials must perform their duties with an eye single to the public service. Where the interest of the poeple is kept awake, good work will result. The spirit of the people mnst be carried out by the public officials. If this be done it will be possible in the light of publicity and in the responsibility of power to have an equitable adjustment of all propositions,

The News stands for the development of this city, and, therefore, stands for the promotion of industrial enterprise, first supporting the great industries which are already here by extending their markets and their facilities as much as lies within it capabilities and next by attracting new capital and industries to Merritt by advocating those projects which will development the valley.

The members of the council began to do the proper thing—arise and address the mayor when they had anything to say.

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LAND ACT

Yale Land District. District of Yale.

Take notice that Gahr Pederson Myren of Otter Valley, B. C., occupation rancher, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted 20 chains North of the South East corner of Lot 288, thence South 20 chains, thence East 20 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence West 20 chains to point of commencement and containing 40 acres more or less.

GAHR PEDERSON MYREN.
Date, November 4th, 1912.

LAND ACT

Yale Land District. District of Yale

Take notice that Mary Ellen Campbell of Vancouver, intends to apply far permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted at Northwest corner North of Brown Creek, about three and one-fourth miles from Chilliwack Lake, British Columbia; thence South 40 chains along line of John Love's claim to British Columbia and United States Boundary line Southwest corner; thence East 80 chains along boundury line Southeast corner; thence North 40 chains; thence West 80 chains to place of beginning, containing 320 acree, more or less.

MARY ELLEN CAMPBELL
John Kenneth Campbell, Agent.
Dated November 30, 1912. 44-9

LAND ACT

Yale Land District. District of Yale

Take notice that John Love of Vancouver, occupation Druggist, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the Northwest corner North of Brown Creek, about two and three-fourths miles East of Chilliwack Lake, British Columbia; thence South 40 chains to the British Columbia and United States boundaro line the Southwest corner; thence East along boundary line 40 chains Southeast corner; thence North 40 chains adjoining and along the West of Mary Ellen Campbell's land claims Northeast corner; thence West 40 chains to place of beginning, containing 160 acres, more or less.

JOHN LOVE
John Kenneth Campbell, Agent.
Dateed November 30th, 1912. 44-6

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Handsomely designed in either gold or gold filled.

Brooches
In every quality and fashion, set with Pearls or semi-precious stones.

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In all the latest fashions, either jeweled or plain.

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In every known style plain or engraved to suit the wearer.

Cuff Links
In such an assortment of styles that all may purchase that which will please.

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Public School News of City

Only Two More Pupils Required to Secure High School Department for Merritt

There are now in Merritt eight high school pupils, graduates of Merritt public school. Only two more are required to secure a high school department. In connection with this it can be said a good number of pupils who where prospective entrants have quit. It is felt that sometimes there are good and sufficient reasons for this action on the part of the pupils, but in many cases it is the old trouble of "knowing more than the teacher." A fair trial of this school will give results which will compare favorably with those of any other sschool.

There are 230 pupils enrolled and the prosects for a further increase are splendid. There are five teachers and Inspector McKenzie, on his last visit, recommended a sixth. He was pleased with the splendid progress of the Merritt school.

The accommodation with the exception of the heating apparatus is fine, but the new heater ordered by the department of public works, has arrived. The school has an excellent janitor who takes a pride in his work and receives the best of praise from the teachers.

Local News

You will miss a musical treat if you do not attend the Imperial English Bell Ringer's concert in Central Hall tomorrow night.

Andrew Hoggan has been receiving lumber all the week and soon will be going on again with his new hotel.

E. B. Smythe has left the Merritt branch of the Bank of Montreal to become accountant in the Spokane branch.

Look out for the English Bell Ringers concert in Central Hall on Saturday evening. Reserve your seats now.

The building of the extension to the barroom of the Coldwater hotel has been done in the same rapid manner as the erection of the annex.

Thomas Baxter was arrested for using abusive language in the street, and he pleaded guilty and was fined five dollars and costs by Police Magistrate J. S, Morgan.

The English Bell Ringers have delighted their audiences in every city. Don't fail to hear them at Central Hall, Saturday evening, December 21.

The Merritt Pool Room has moved into its new home on Quilchena avenue and has been crowded from the start. The proprietors, Sid Mearon and Frank Barnes, are confident of doing a big business in the game, and in cigars, cigarettes, tobaccos and soft drinks.

The Rev. C. F. Connor has been appearing in the garb of a carpenter and builder. He has been busy doing his part in erecting an extension to the Methodist church of which he is pastor. The extension is 18 by 24 feet at the rear of the church and will be used as a club and reading room for the young men.

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C. F. Hooper
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Synopsis of Coal Mining Regulations.

Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in anitoba, 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 mus 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 returo rnished at leas once a year.

The lease will include the coal min ing 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.

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THE AGRICULTURAL FAIR

At the annual meeting of the Nicola Valley Agriculturnl and Horticultural Association this week Mr. Cleasby said that he hoped the next show would do justice to the live stock exhibit and Mr. Matthews advised that the people not forget the importance of the live stock industry. Of course, both are right. The live stock industry should be well taken care of. When leadership is good it ought to be followed. We are in a day of specialization and the guidance of the specialist is worth while. In the midst of our personal concerns none of us can see the whole horizon. It is in this that there is reason for public leadership and reason in following the leaders.

Messrs, Matthews and Cleasby have studied the situation, measured the significance and effects of the live stock exhibit and certainly could determine what was to be done in a campaign for that enterprise. The public who are preoccupied with other affairs have not yet seized upon the importance of the agricultural show and also the live stock exhibit with the same degree of appreciation as is the case with Messrs. Cleasby, Matthews, Strickland, Rogers, and others. They tell us that it is an occasion of monent. They insist that it is an activity of vast usefulness to the Nicola Valley. They urge that it is of tremendous significance to this district. They are so completely convinced that great good for Merritt and the valley hinges upon its success and consequent perpetuation, that, judged by their remarks at the meeting, they have determined to sacrifice personal convenience and personal time in endeavor for the coming show. It is an incident to give pause to reflecting citizens. It is an episode to cause us all to wonder if we, too, ought not to lend effort to the enterprise.

Now as to live stock exhibit the story of live stock districts is a story of thrift. The wealth created by intelligent stock raising is a tale the half of which never will be told. There are now flourishing cities where once there were barren plains and human unthrift. There are great banks and bank accounts where before there were poverty and unrequited toil. There are now auotmobiles and splendid homes where before were disapointment and discouragement. There are great packing centers that are a literal empire of finance, where before there were log cabins and cheerless outlook. The transformation is one of the events in world annals. The secret of it was the beef steer, the fancy hog and the other units of live stock industry. The world is largely fed by the splendid facts embodied in the change from indigence to competence.

The change was the development of one of the world's premier industries. It is perspective to contemplate with satisfaction. It is a transformation with a moral. Its great significance lies in the fact that a similar evolution is possible here. Leadership will bring it if the social units will follow as they are led. The coming fair and live stock show is the starting point in the process. It is the time for a beginning point in starting the wheels of progress to revolve. It is the hour and place in which to begin educative propaganda in behalf of the projected industry. It is the place to spread the gospel of profitible live stock by object lesson. It is the focal point in a movement that directly interests every resident of Merritt and the Nicola valley. Every person should respond to the suggestions of the gentlemen named and others like them, and bear a hand in carrying out their plans.

It is an enterprise in which no blunder can be made except by inactivity and inattention. The city council of Merritt should hold a joint meeting with the agricultural association and help push the coming fair.

WHO MAKES A GOOD MERRITTAN

He makes a good Merrittan who has the best interests of Merritt at heart whether he be a professional man who has been here a year or a well-digger who has been here a week. It is his purpose that makes the Merrittan, not the length of time he has been here; it is a truthful statement, not diplomatic secrecy as to the condition of affairs, that will help along this city.

A man does not have to live in a place a certain length of time to know certain fundamental truths if he learned them somewhere else. The truth is the same every place. It is only by preaching the truth that the world gets along. Begin hiding the truth because you do not want to hurt any one's feelings or because you believe in one treatment for a favorite and another for a stranger, and you'll be starting your community going backwards.

A man who comes to Merritt with the intention of making it his home and the determination not to keep his eyes shut to what is going on that should not be, is a good Merrittan. The fact that people may not have been used to such straight forwardness is no reason why they should not get used to it to their advantage. The truth may hurt, but it will cure in time and make for better conditions and more happiness in the futnre,

Every man is as good as any other man and any where he puts out the best in him, and the man who has the least in him is better than the man who has most, if he gives forth all all he has and the smarter man does not.

All cannot be the favorites of fortune. but all can have the power of the inspiration of honest purpose. When a man has that his length of residence is what counts the least upon what he is willing to do for the future; when he has that, he will be a useful man. Merritt has no room for useless people, people who won't help to take the bull by the horns.

This is a place where very few who possess talent or capacity with the essentials of honest, not secretive, character, will not succeed. The city must not be mis-represented. One man can be as good as another in his purpose, for a well digger of today may in a few years be the leader of opinion and be wealthy while the other may hardly be known outside his immediate circle, and have little of the world's goods.

In a country like this, college graduates may be working as common laborers, and in their cases their education did not make any one of them less of a man less ready ever to face the world and fight onward and upward against any odds. This a democratic country, and it may happen that among the common laborers there are men as well born and as well educated as those who expect that they ought to be looked up to, who expect that what they say should be heeded, although they do not stand for the impressiveness truth being made known to all at all times. This business of improving upon the force of truth will not get an individual or a city very far along to betterment.

THE PEOPLE'S DUTY

When Moses called upon his sides to hold up his hands that his army might be victorious, he handed down to the world a treasure of precedent that finds apt expression in daily affairs.

Especially is this true under a representative form of government.

It has been evidenced more through its non-application than in the strict adherenc to its principles.

An effective reprsentative, be he dominion, provincial or municipal, is one who receives the support of the public. This expression calls for something more than applause. It calls for cooperation.

It is hoped that next year Merritt will have a hummer of a city council, but if it does not, it will be easy to pick flaws if the whole matter of legislation is left to the judgement of the legislators. He must be a man of more than ordinary judgment, in fact one capable of thinking and acting for his constituents as well as molding their opinions on any given subject, that can secure the enactment of a measure that will not evoke criticism.

It is a failure of the average citizen to participate in the deliberations of a city council that is resultant of so many adverse opinions of councilmen, as well as opening the way for suspicion as to the motive that prompt certain acts.

Being only human it is natural, when left to his own inclinations for an ordinary councilman to hurry through a matter rather than gain the reputation of an obstructionist.

The most satisfactory and effective legislation is that which is secured by the co-operation of the public when it lends its countenance to councilmanic deliberations and voices its sentiments on the floor of the Council Chamber.

A man will watch a small item of expense and devote long hours of labor to saving a small account, when he will allow interests that involve fortunes to be entrusted entirely to the judge ment of a small group of men. If they hit upon the right thing, they receive applause. If they err they are the target for calumny and mistrust.

It is necessary for the public to show an interest in the deliberations of the city council by attending the sessions and giving expressions to its ideas in order that the greatest measure of good ynd the minimum of error is gained.

It is by holding up the hands of the councilmen next year that Merritt will receive work that will redound to its benefit. This duty is devolvent on every citizen. be a man of means or a toiler in the ranks of labor.

WORDS AND DEEDS

Far away publicity is a great boost for any community. Any scheme to get it should be encouraged. One of the best means of drawing attention to your cummunity is through the medium of your local newspapers, if they have any circulation worth speaking of, and if they have an exchange list worth while.

A good newspaper with a good exchange list is a good publicity agent. Businessmen can help to boost themselves as well as their locality by advertising in the local press. Nothing looks so well and does so much for a town as a local paper that is filled with ads by the home merchants.

Of course, you cannot always find busiuess men so loyal to their city that they will advertise in the home paper whether they figure it pays them or not, but when they announce that they believe in helping the home papers, but will advertise in the inferior one simply because they do not like some one connected with the other, is simply biting off thicr nose to spite in their faces, These men should not talk one way and act another.

Deeds, not words are what count for the home paper and for the business man, too.

THE BOARD OF TRADE

The board of trade has a right to "chip in" in anything which concerns the interests of the city and because it may have not done so before in a particular matter is to be considered more is the pity.

The board of trade is THE organization of the city. It has a right to be interested in bringing out the best men for aldermen and it has a right to tell the the board of aldermen about what they do or fail to do or fail to undo for the best interests of the city.

The board of trade has done wonders for the city with a very small working force, and now that the attendance is increasing it should be able to do much more, and there is much more to be done.

It is to be regretted that there is a feeling in some against the board of trade. That feeling is nothing to be proud of. If it be personal, it simply shows the man was afraid to stay and fight but ran away. If the board of trade displease a man he should remain and continue the struggle for what he wants, not go out for a sulking marathon.

A man who won't fight within the board of trade won't get much symyathy acting against it from afar or getting behind a door to abuse it.

Petty jealousies have no place in the life of a municipality. It is as shameful to be rapping any organization which has done so much for the city as it is to score individuals who have spent their money putting Merritt on the map, but who are not liked personaliy by the grumblers,

BUY IN MERRIT!

Listen once again: Buy in Merritt. Christmas will soon be here. Don't try to order by mail. Just Buy in Merritt. "Patronize home industry," is as old as modern commercialism, and in a place like Merritt it means to buy at home, This is a thing the people of any town or community should give heed to. The true way to build up the business of a city is to support the business already there. Show the world that business will pay here. Others will take encouragement, and help build up the community. In addition, the money spent at home stays at home and re-enters the local trade channels and makes for better trade conditions. This is simply the statement of a few facts which if followed will benefit all. Snpport the home effort and advance your city!

No Dangerous Fires.

During the season of 1912 there have been no dangerous fires within either Brazeau or Athbasca Forests of the Rocky Mountains Forest Reserve. There have been a few small fires along the new railways under construction in the Brazeau Reserve caused by negligence on the part of the conaractors, but throughout the season the weather conditions have been so favorable that the danger from serious fires was almost negligible.

The Brazeau and Athbasca forests are the two northerly divisions of the large Rocky Mountains forest reserve. and with proposed additions constitute over one third the total area of the Rocky Mountains forest reserve on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains, or about four and a half million acres The office of the forest supervisor of these reserves is now situated in the Brazeau reserve, at Mile 37 of the Alberta Coal Branch, 46 miles southwest of Edson, the first divisional point on the main line of the G. T. P. Ry., 150 miles west of Edmonton. During the season of 1912 there have been fifteen forest rangers in all stationed at different points over the two reserves. This, of course, is a very inadequate force for such a large area.

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The Nicola Valley News
Merritt, B. C.

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Nicola Echos

The desks have arrived for ıe new school.

Mrs. Mickle and Mrs. Brent ttended the Apron Sale at ierritt.

Agitation is on for a young eople's meeting on Sunday evnings when there is no church ervice.

On Saturday a small party from)uilchens stopped at Mrs. Wm. ;iley's for afernoon tea on their ray home from the ball at Mertt.

A wireless from Old Santa ılvises that he will be here next uesday night.

V. H. Harboard who has taken position in the local Governent office under Mr. Rolfe, has oved with his family into the arwick house.

Thos. G. Telfer who has been nployed during the last year at e Lakeview ranch, left Wedsday for a three month's trip his home in Omagh, Ont.

W. H. Hunter has taken posion with N. Peterson at Merritt ing employed as driver for the age line which Mr. Peterson ill inaugarate within the new ear under terms of his recent ontract with the Postoffice deartment for a semi-weekly age.

The storm of Tuesday night ıged with considerable fury uring the short time which it ısted but no damage has been eported. On the contrary, the ght fall of snow which fell is ıst about enough for sleighing, nd cannot help but prove pleasıg to those who can enjoy their utters.

Nicola was well represented at ıe Hospital dance given in Mertt last week. The interest disayed among the townspeople as noticeable and those who uld not attend endeavored to lp along the funds by purchasg tickets from the committees. is the general belief that the ospital is doing excellent work r the valley and an institution this kind will always comend itself to the patronage of e people of this district.

The local Board of Trade are receipt of a communication om G. E. Graham, Divisional uperintendant of the C. P. R., dvising that he will take whatver steps he can to accept their equests in the resolutions rently forwarded to him. It is ting to note the attention hich is given the wishes of the oard of Trade in the several atters of importance lately uner their discussion, and it seems fe to predict that the railway mpany with the interest which ey have already displayed in e welfare of the Nicola Valley, ll do all in their power to remy matters brought to their note.

Canford Notes

The settlers upon Speous Creek e busy clearing the land, the eather favoring operations.

The Canford Mills are receivg from four to five cars of logs om their Coldwater camp, and xpect shortly to reach a maxium of seven cars per diem.

The Dominion Government telegraph is now connected with the post office at this point and will supply a long felt want.

Mr. J. Rhodes, will patrol his portion of the "Pacific to Atlantic highway" during the winter months.

Miss Fisher is visiting friends at Ashcroft.

Millions of tons and "millions in it," at a conservative estimate. This refers to the "infra cretace" deposits which abound in certain portions of this valley and are of commercial value. Infusorial earth, Fuller's earth, etc., occupy a very large basin in this zone. These earths are of so fine a character as to pass for calcined matter, containing in its composition more or less alum. Each of these sediment have their use and value. Among other valuable economics the "Nicolian" cleanser is awaiting the enterprise and capital necessary to introduce it to millions of homes where cleanliness is before all things, spelling health, "which without, all wealth is so much dross.

Firemen Ask Council's Aid

Send Committee to Tell the Aldermen that they Want a Pool Table in Their Hall

Encouragement Given But no Action Taken

Movement Started to Have a System of Alarms to Locate Blazes

A committee from the fire department consisting of Messrs. Shearer and Fowler, addressed the city council at its meeting on Monday evening in an effort to have the council take action toward getting a pool table for the fire hall. The council took no action, but from what was said the committee went away greatly encouraged.

Mr. Shearer, chief of the fire department, was the first speaker. He began by saying he was there to try to interest the council in making a grant to help to get a pool table for the fire hall. He made the point that it was difficult matter to keep the men in the fire hall if there was nothing there to amuse them. He thought a pool table would be an attraction that would hold them,

Alderman Gordon asked if it were customary for a city council to do such things as buy a pool table for the fire brigade, and Mr. Shearer said that Fernie had done so.

Mr. Shearer went on to explain that the fire brigade had $160 in the bank and that the members of the brigade were ready to contribute toward buying the pool table if the council would be influenced by the spirit of the men and give them help. He said a gymnasium and dumb bells do not have any effect of keeping the men in the fire hall. He explained that a couple of men will handle dumb bells for a few days and then quit them whereass all men like to play pool, and do play the game, and would remain in the fire hall if they could play it without any expense.

Mr. Fowler said that at present belonging to the fire department had nothing in it except a chance of getting a suit of clothes ruined. He said that a volunteer fire department was made up of men who were willing to act provided when on watch they had a chance to indulge in something they enjoy. He said that was their reward wherever he had been, the firmen were helped along to enjoyment. He expressed the hope that the alderman would help the firemen.

Alderman. John spoke up at this point and said that he was in favor of putting the matter over until next year "when there will be smart men on the council, and smart men can do smart things." Mr. Shearer arose again and said that the members of the fire brigade were willing to contridute toward getting the pool table, but that they felt that if they gave their $160 and were willing to contribute more, the council ought to give them some encouragment. He made the point that the fire brigade was benefitting business men more than themselves. He asked the council not to put the matter over until next year.

Mayor Reid asked if any of the councilmen cared to discuss the question and Alderman Irvine said that he thought the request of the firemen was reasonable. saying "they cannot sit there like dummies and wait for a fire before they have any excitment." He asked the price of a pool tab-

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That those who attend the performance will have a pleasant evening is indicated from the newspaper notices following:

Sheridan, Wyo—Judging from the applause given the Imperial English Bell Ringers, the Sheridan public has seldom been more pleased with a musical entertainment. The programme was pleasingly unique, and testified to the versatility and cleverness of the entire troupe. Both in opera and popular music the Bell Ringers demonstrted their ability to "fill the bill" to the delight and satisfaction of the audience. —Post Oct. 10, 1911.

Helena, Mont.—The Bell Ringers were far superior to anything ever witnessed in this part of the country, and it was necessary for them to render several encores before the poeple would subside in their loud outbursts of enthusiasm. The double quartette brought down the applause of the house, while the bell selection from "Il Trovatore" astounded the vast crowd.—Independent, Oct. 12, 1911.

Eugene, Ore.—Lovers of high class music were pleased at the repertoire of the Bell Ringers. All the numbers were encored, which attests the delight of the audience. The singing of the glees were also well received and deserving of mention for the blending and shading. It was a high class, delightful programme and well pleased the audience. —Register, Nov. 2, 1911.

More Publicity Given Merritt

R. A. Stoney Tells About the Interest Shown by Vancouver and Victoria Poeple

R. A. Stoney president of the Westminster Trades and Labor Council, district organizer of the New Westminster Typographical Union and member of the Royal Labor Commission, who was in Merritt recently, certainly was impressed with it, and when he got back to New Westminster he told about it. Here is how the Westminster Daily News tells about it:

Westminster Man Could Not Get Accommodation

Mr. R. A. Stoney, president of the New Westminster Trades and Labor Council, received official notification of his appointment as a member of the Labor Commission yesterday from the provincial secretary, Hon. H. E. Young.

Mr. Stoney only arrived back from Merritt late on Tuesday evening. He reports a building boom in Merritt where he was unable to find hotel accomodation last Saturday. He states that the town was filled with Vancouver and Victoria people who are becoming interested in the surrounding territory.

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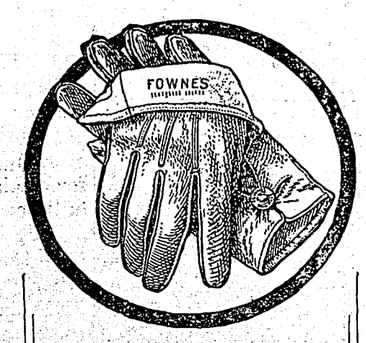

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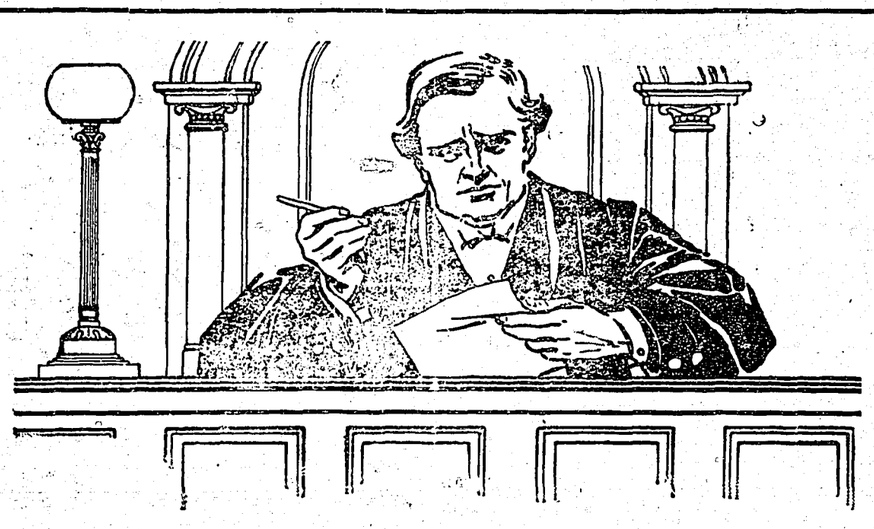

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Firemen Ask Council's Aid

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le, and Mr. Shearer said that one could be got for between $250 and $400. Mr. Irvine wondered if second hand table could not be bought in Kamloops, and Alderman Gordon said that the funds of the city were "played out."

Ald. Cowley moved that the matter be referred to the board of works, but just then Mayor Reid arose and told of what the council had done for the fire department in the last year. He said that suitable quarters had been provided, that furniture and bedding had been put in, and that in addition to the money spent for the upkeep of the hall, the city council last week at its special meeting voted to spend $483 to heat the hall.

He told the committee not to forget what had been done in only one year, and then he talked about the Rascovitch fire of a week ago Sunday. He said that on that occasion the fire department did not show itself in the shape it should have been. He said the idea of a pool table was all right, but to come to the council for it, was stricking the city too hard. He said that the $160 the firemen had was contributed by the public through a dance and he suggested that they spend this money as a first payment on a table. He felt sure that then the public would start a subscription. He was not favorable to the city council taking any action now, and he advised the firemen to show their good faith by spending their $160.

Mr. Shearer spoke again, and said that the men could not be kept in the hall without something there to amuse them. He replied to the mayor's criticism of the work of the men at the Rascovitch fire by saying it was a hard run to the fire and that the men had done all they could. He told the mayor that he would have known more about the work if he had to make the run. He pointed out that they had to run in the dark and that they hardly could see where they were going.

Here Ald. Irvine asked if the aldermen could not buy on the installment plan as well as the firemen, and City Clerk Harry Priest explained that the city council could not pledge next year's revenue.

Mayor Reid here said that he was sure that if the firemen began the work of getting the table the council would not "see them stuck."

Ald. Jackson suggested that the matter be brought up before the new council next year, and then Mr. Fowler spoke again. He said that he understood that it had been said at a board of trade meeting that the city be divided into fire sections, and that a system of alarms be arranged so that the people could tell where the fire was. He said that there was no sense in going to the city hall to find out where a fire was or as he put it. "Coming from a fire to the city hall to find out where the fire is." He could not see any reason why things should not be arranged so that a man could get to a fire before the chemical engines, not after them.

Ald. Gordon asked if the firemen could make the arrangements, and Mr. Fowler said it was not up to the firemen to make them, but it was up to the city. He said that there was a poor tapper on the bell, but he thought it could be made to do the work needed of it and that the people would be able to hear the bell.

Ald. John told about when he was in Scranton, Pennsylvania how a whistle was used as a fire alarm and how satisactory it had proved. He thought Merritt ought to have a fire whistle when the power house is completed.

Mayor Reid suggested that the matter of fire signals be taken up by a committee, and Ald. John moved that the fire and police committee meet a committee from the firemen and report to the council at its next meeting. Ald. Irvine seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor Reid mentioned that Chairman Crawford of the fire and police committee was not available for duty, and he named Ald. Irvine in his place. After some of the aldermen had told about how the fire alarms are worked in the big cities, the question was what answer should be given to the committee from the fire brigade. Alderman John said that he did not think any motion was necessary in answer to their application for a grant, for they must appreciate the situation. Chairman Shearer thanked the board and he and Mr. Fowler then went away.

CITY COUNCIL NOTES

City Solicitor M. L. Grimmett was ill and was not at the last meeting of the city council.

The fire Brigade informed the council that it had passed a resolution that under no consideratation would it favor turning over the fire hall for practice for the Merritt band.

The report of the board of works regarding the Voght street fill done by Fred S. Gay was not entered upon in full in the minutes of the city council.

A letter was read from Ducane, Dutcher and company telling about the sending of Mr. Hall here to superintend the installation of the boilers for the waterworks system and adding that experienced men would be sent to break them in. Mr. Dutcher will come to Merritt to see to the final installation of the machinary. The letter also answered the queston as to the qualifications of the engineer needed, saying that among the qualifications were a knowledge of steam plants and ability to aid the city clerk in making rates and he should be a man of judgment in dealing with people and matters. The company will send a suggestion as to rates and working policy. Following the reading of this letter the was considerable discussion of the work as it is being done and there was much criticism, but Mayor Reid brought the matter to an end by saying that Mr. Dutcher would be here soon and matters could be then taken up with him.

The committee appointed to suggest amendments to the by-laws decided that it was to late for them to make recommendations, for they might not meet the opinions of the new board.

Mr. Radcliffe resigned as inspector under stove-pipe by-law and Police Chief Eggleshaw obligingly agreed to look after the work for the rest of the year.

There was a general discussion as to the way by-laws are not observed and enforced. Ald. Gordon said the matter should be taken to court and the violators exposed.

It was decided that the nominations for mayor, aldermen and church trustees should be made at the city hall which also was selected as the polling place. The city clerk was selected as the returning officer and Fred S. Gay was named his deputy. The pay will be $5 a day for each man.

The plans for Fred Hyland's subdivision were accepted. Those of the Voght Homestead will be reported on by the board of works. The subdivision of the cemetery into burial lots was described in plans which were accepted.

Ald. Irvine called attention to the fact that the land upon which churches are built is not taxed and also that twelve trustees are given votes. He considered this an outrage. The matter of making a prouest will come up again.

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Toronto Bank Showing Fine

Manager A.N.B. Rogers receives Copies of Annual Report From Head Office

Manager A. N, B. Rogers of the Merritt branch of the Bank of Toronto, has just received the annual report of that popular institution from the head office. It makes an excellent showing for the year ending November 30th.

The report is remarkable for its fine earnings, the net profits being $835,787.04. To this is added $391,950 premiums on new stock, and $52,019.99 balance of profit and loss account brought forward from last year, making the total of $1,279,757.03 for disposition as follows:For dividends and bonus, $591,228.79: amount added to rest account, $391,950: transferred to officers' pension fund, $20,000: written off bank premises, $100,000. leaving a balance to carry forward of $176-578.24. The capital stock of the bank is $5,000,000 with a Rest of $6,000,000. The report is signed by Thomas F. How, the general manager. The annual general meeting will be held in Toronto at noon on January 8.

Vachon Makes Good Capture

Arrests Joseph Lampreau, Indian, and Shooting Case Will be Re-opened.

Joseph Lampreau was remanded for further hearing on Monday when he was taken to court today. He was captured by Provincial Constable Edgar Vachon after an exciting chase. He was arrested on the charge of horse stealing, but his arrest will mean the reopening of the shooting case against his brother, Donald, who now is in Kamloops on the charge of breaking jail. Donald shot Joseph, but thier was a mixup in the depositions and the case was thrown out.

Joseph is a sturdily built fellow and is pretty well educated. He wrote to a klootch and somebody talked, and Constable Vachon got on his trail. Friday morning the constable reached Port Moody and from there traced the Indian to Coquitlam where he caught him after he made a desperate attempt to escape.

When the constable tried to question him he said that he would have no more to say "than the paper on the wall". In Coquitlam he worked under the name of Barnett in a railway camp: at Fraser Mills he gave the name of Bobby Clark and elsewhere he went as George Clark. He is no novice in his trouble with the authorities, having served two years in New Westminster. He was first placed in the provincial jail here and then removed for safe keeping to the city jail under the care of Chief Eggleshaw, for Constable Vachon had to go out on another case.

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Simpson and Cranna have displayed in their window one of the finest lines of bracelets seen in any interior town in British Columbia.

A. F. Rankine's drug store has the appearance these days of one of Santa Claus' bowers.

Strickland and Rogers

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Strickland that as he was the only nominee he was elected.

Mr Strickland said that he was grateful for the honor of reelection, but did not agree with Mr. Matthews and Mr. Rogers who said he had done so much and had shown how much more he could do. He said he could do no more than any other member and that the only way for the association to make progress was for each member to put his shoulder to the wheel and keep turning. He said that as president he would make a determined effort this year to either put the association on its feet to to end it all, but he said that the latter will not be thought of if the public can be made to realize the benefits that will come from supporting the association. He said that he wanted a live board of directors and that it was not his idea not to carry those on the board who never attended a meeting. He was loudly applanded at the end of his speech.

In accepting the nomination as first vice president, Mr. Matthews said that the people somehow should be brought to realize that while mining now has a big payroll back of it, agriculture and stock raising would have to be counted as the backbone of the country and that the sooner the people came to know this the sooner they would be the better off. Mr. Cleasby in accepting the vice presidency declared that it might all be for the good of the association that the last year had been a poor one for some associations are like some people—they do not know what they really can do until they have had some hard knocks. He believed that in this case good would come out of adversity. When Mr, Rogers had been nominated for the treasureship, Mr. Strickland addressed him saying, "I am glad you have been nominated. With you for treasurer we will surely have new blood working. The office of treasurer is a large one. It should be well looked after. and you are the man to look after it." Mr. Rogers replied by saying that he would do the best he knew how, and he was heartily applauded.

When the time came to select the directors, remarks were made by several along the lines of what Mr. Strickland had said about having no drones on the board, Mr. Archie Jackson was the first one put on, he succeeding Mr. Rogers who had been made treasurer. Then Mr. Cleasby said that Mr. J. W. Ellis, manager of the Nicola Valley News, had made a great success of vegetable gardening and would be invaluable as a member of the board. Mr. Rogers said he knew that there was new blood in Captain Tyner of Lower Nicola, and so in this manner the new board was nominated.

Where to hold the next exhibit was the next thing to decide, and after considerable discussion, a committee was appointed to report at the next meeting of the board of directors. Messrs. Matthews, W. B. Jackson and Archie Jackson, will listen to the claims and inducements offered by those places which want the fair, and make recommendations.

Mr. Cleasby made a plea for a place where a good live stock show could be held.. He also brought up the question of revising the prize list so that a prize would not be awarded if there were only one entry, or no second prize if there were only two. Discussion by Messrs. Strickland, Heslop, and Matthews showed that this idea while good. could not be applied to all exhibits, and finally Messrs. Heslop, W. B. Jackson, and Cleasby were named to revise the prize list and to add more prizes to bring out more exhibits. The committee has power to add to its number, and undoubtedly a subcommittee of ladies will be selected.

The question of how to meet the deficiency of $160 facing the association was considered, and some members thought it would be well to start selling 1913 membership tickets, but Mr. Strickland offered to address the city council of Merritt at its next meeting, and ask for a grant hoping to be able to say to the council what will convince it of the worth of the association to the advancement of Merritt.

Each director contributed his share of the $25 special prize for apples and it was decided that when a prize is given hereafter it must be awarded by the association and not by the donor, for there is a case now which must be settled where the donor handed the prize to the wrong person.

On Mr. Cleasby's motion and Mr. Roger's second, the meeting adjourned.

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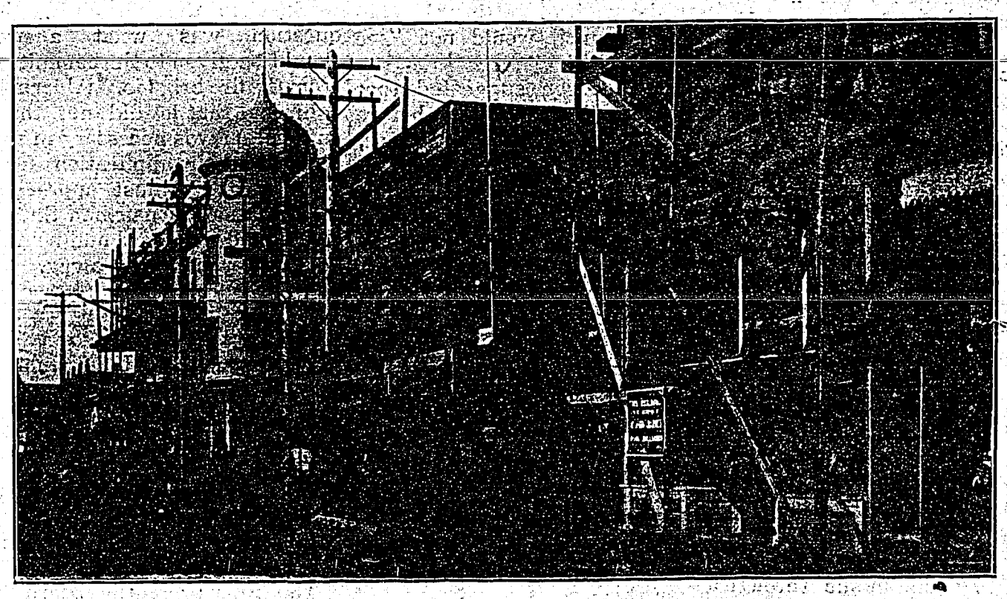

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