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Local Outlook Is Very Bright

Big Land Companies to Operate in Nicola Valley

THOUSAND ACRES IN FRUIT

Advent of Outside Capital a Harbinger of Development

If present indication can be accepted as a criterion the present will mark an era of development and expansion unprecedented in the history of Nicola Valley.

Outside capital is becoming actively interested in many ways and there promises to be important progress in some of our more important industries before the close of the year.

The syndicate which has secured control of a number of properties at the head of Nicola Lake will commence operations on an elaborate scale early in the spring according to information communicated to THE NEWS by one of the heads of the concern. At least one thousand acres will be broken up and planted out in fruit and this will but mark the initial stages of the work of development that this syndicate will undertake. The preliminary work will be carried out on the Moore ranch.

The syndicate which is promoting this enterprise is backed by some of the biggest monied men of Great Brittain and evidence of its sincerity is found in the excellent work it has accomplished at Penny's where thousand of fruit trees have been planted and where modern conviences in the way of buildings and other agencies necessary to the industry have been established. Not only will the importation of this new capital be of advantage to Nicola Valley but the operations of the company are bound to mean a decided stimulus to the fruit growing industry in this district.

The scheme by which the Clark, Winny, Broadbent and Clapperton properties in the vicinity of Nicola will be acquired and cut up into small fruit farms is progressing most satisfactorily according to the latest advices from an authoritative source. A system of irrigation will be installed and the natural sequence to the scheme of subdivision will be the influx of many new settlers. Other big land deals are on foot and in every part of the district there is evidence of extensive development. Many of the ranches in the vicinity of Aspen Grove have already changed hands and the number of settlers is rapidly increasing.

The Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Company will double the output of its mines thus giving employment to many more men. A call for men has been issued and this is accepted as one of the healthiest omens in connection with a mining camp. The Diamond Vale mines will shortly be operated on a very elaborate scale, plans towards this end being fairly well matured at present. So that the progress of development and expansion will be equally effective in the premier industries of Nicola Valley.

But not until the Kettle Valley line is completed will Nicola Valley reach its proper proportions industrially. It is a difficult matter to encourage industries to locate unless there are satisfactory transportation facitities. With the advent of the Kettle Valley line—which will in reality be a trunk line from the Crow's Nest and boundary to the coast—Nicola Valley will be well served in the matter of transportation facilities and the result will be the advent of many new and important industries. The presence of cheap fuel in large quanties will largely hasten the coming of these industries.

Almost Tragedy In Northern Sea

Steamer Collided With Iceberg--- Latest Despatches

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Seattle Feb 18.---The steamer Yucatan valued at $300,000 was lost in an icy strait off Douglas, Alaska, by collision with an iceberg. All passengers were safely landed.

PRINCE RUPERT CITY

Victoria Feb 18.--- Prince Rupert will be incorporated under the Municipal Clauses Act with several specific features providing for local conditions. The private bill is now being printed.

NO MORE TOLLS

Victoria Feb 18.--- Tne provincial govornment has decided to maintain the trans-Fraser bridge at Westminster free of tolls.

Province to Control Rates

Government Secures Favorable Terms With C.N.R.

BUDGET DOWN TUESDAY

Commercial Travellers' Licenses May be Abolished

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Press Gallery, Victoria, Feb 18 --- Hawthornwaite yesterday In the house moved an amendment to the Public Schools Act to give trustees the power to exclude Orientals. Dr. Young asked him to bring in a report and he promised to do so.

On the Liquor Act Brewster moved an amendment to make a provision that regulations for the unorganized districts apply all over the province and Jardine moved to give school boards the power to appoint license inspectors for districts. Both were ridiculed and voted down.

It is expected that the budget will be brought down about Tuesday, Among the provisions will be one for the abolition of tolls on Westminster bridge and for repeal of commercial travellers' licenses. The railway bill will follow.

It is announced that the C.N.R will come into the province giving the provincial government the control of rates.

The Naval Bill

Ottawa Feb. 18th (Special) The debate on the naval bill goes on with unabated rnterest. It promises to be one of the most notable struggles in the history of the House of Commons. Stirring patriotic speeches are the order of the day and excellent debating strength is being revealed on both sides of the house.

WILLIAM HENRY VOGHT

Romantic Life Story of a Well Known Local Pioneer

There is much of the romantic in the life story of William Henry Voght and if all the incidents that have been crowded into the all too brief space of seventy-three years could be treated at their full worth it would mean a tale of absorbing interest replete in all detail.

It is only right that in inaugurating the series of biographical sketches of the pioneers of Nicola Valley that this picturesque personality should be given priority because the length of his residonce here gives him the place ef seniority

William Voght represent one of the best types of pioneer—

WILLIAM HENRY VOGHT

hardy and persevering—with a devotion to the good of his fellows that is so charactistic of the self sacrifice of the class to which he belongs. He came of a good German stock and after all the Germans make up some of the more useful citizens.

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Sent Greetings to the Sister Town

Nicola Board of Trade Shows Spirit of Fellowship

The Nicola Valley Board of Trade was reorganized on a broader basis at a meeting in Nicola last evening. There was a plentitude of interest and enthusiasm and the board will be maintained for the interest of the entire Nicola Valley as well as the town of Nicola. An expression of kindly feeling towards the Merritt Board of Trade was voiced by the president during the course of his introductory address.

The calibre of the officers is in itself reassuring of a successful year's operations. They are :

President--A. E. Howse
Vice President--Jos. Guichon
Secretary--H. H. Matthews
Executive--Marcus Woodward, W. E. Duncan, H. E. Forsyth. N. J. Barwick, A, W. Strickland, T. Heslop, S. Kirby and A. R. Carrington.

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There was naught but a wilderness when he first set foot on the soil that has since been given over to the growing town of Merritt. It was on a hunting expedition that he came here in company with some others and while he did not make this his abode at that time still so impressed was he with the possibilities of the district that he returned a few years later. That was in the fall of '72 just seven years since he exploited the district in search of game.

The noble red men held sway in Nicola Valley at that time, in fact they were largely in evidence everywhere the pioneer sought. Possession was more than nine-tenths of the law in those days for the red men ever thirsting for blood had to be subdued. Mr. Voght can relate with vivid memory some of the incidents that surround early life along the Fraser canyon and even up in this country. Time and again did he and his comrades clash with the Indians and eternal vigilance was the price of safety in all parts of the land.

Born in 1857 in the little town of Holstein, Germany, Mr. Voght was but sixteen years of age when he decided to come to the new world to seek his fortunes. He stopped in Iowa for a time but came on to New Orleans. Yellow fever held him there for a few weeks but the goal he sought was California and crossing by the Isthmus of Panama he soon found the land of gold and sunshine. In those days it cost $500 to go from New Orleans to San Francisco a striking contrast to the cheap travel of to-day.

But the irony of fate destined William Voght for British Columbia and in 1858 he landed at Victoria having made the voyage from San Francisco in a sailing ship which he as a member of a company of two hundred souls had chartered. Govenor Douglas was then the power in British Columbia. Real estate in Victoria was not as high as it is now and Mr. Voght tells how he could buy a good corner lot for five pounds.

But the lure of the gold was soon to conquer the young pioneer so up the Fraser river he came in a big rush for the yellow metal. He came up as far as Fort Yale and his career was fast becoming more and more of the romantic for it meant fight to death with the Indians before the precious gold could be reached. The next year Mr. Voght joined the rush again this time reaching a point about forty miles abave Big Bar in the Lilloett country. He was well rewarded and for a time his earnings reached as much as fifty dollars per day.

But the spirit of enterprise so charactistic of the German was soon to lift him from the ordinary plane of prospector and to place him in a more industrlal sphere—that of agriculture. In company with a man named Hallack he took up land at North Bend on the site of the present C. P. R. station. He was virtually the founder of the town that has since become one of the divisional basis of Canada's great transcontinental railway.

For thirteen years he farmed growing grains and vegetables. Grain sold then at only 18 cents a pound and hay was but 7 cents. It was while Mr. Voght was still at North Bend that Governor Douglas built the famous trail through the Fraser canyon.

But destiny had planned another home for William Voght. The hunting trip that was organized in '65 was to bring him into contact with the district that has since been his home. The Nicola country waa then an unknown quantity outside of the band of Indians that then roamed it from end to end.

In 1872 when he returned he took up the land that he still occupies and which is now in the very heart of the town of Merritt but most of which has since been given over to business blocks and city lots. George Muir, a young Scotchman who had been befriended many times by Mr. Voght previously occupied the land. Muir was drowned in the Nicola river and a pathetic feature of his death was the fact that his sweetheart for whom he had sent had landed in Canada and was then on her way to join him.

It was while on a prospecting trip up the Fraser that Mr. Voght met Mr. Garcia in the little town of Lytton. Mr. Garcia had two pack trains and was moving on into the Nicola country. That was early in '58 though Mr. Garcia did not reach the valley of sunshine for some time afterwards.

Though his life has been full of activities and the hardships he has endured were many Mr. Voght is still well preserved in health and his daily routine would befit a man many years his junior. Hale and hearty he still occupies a conspicuous place in the life of the community where he has lived so long.

Bright and cheery in disposition, ever charitably disposed in nature his generous self has long since earned the loving esteem of all who know him and no man throghout the length and breadth of Nicola Valley is more honored or respected. Nothing he likes more than to talk of the past and his retentive memory is a valued agency in unfolding the story of the struggle he experienced in reaching the position of comfort and happiness that he occupies today.

ENGINE FOR THE MINES

C. P. R. Provides Additional Facilities for Middlesboro

Tha Canadian Pacific railway company has granted the request of the Nicola Valley Coal & Coke company for a switching engine to be used around the colleries at Middlesboro. The engine will be here in the course of a few days and it is not unlikely that a regular coal train will be placed on the branch for daily service.

Will Resume Drilling

V. V. Crockett, of Weston, Wash., has assumed charge of the diamond drilling operations for the Diamond Vale Co.

The New Train Service

Last week a new schedule went into effect on the mainline of the Canadian Pacific railway as well as on the local branch line.

Train No. 308 which previously reached Merritt at 10.56 in the morning and Nicola at 11.20 now comes in at 19.11 at Merritt and 19.45 at Nicola.

This may be a little inconveniencing in some ways but any local deficiencies are more than satisfied by the improved service on the mainline. A new train known as the Revelstoke local has been installed. It reaches Spences bridge at 11.07 in the morning going west thus giving almost direct connection with the Nicola train which reaches Spences at 10.30 o'clock. The Revelstoke local reaches Vancouver at 18.55 in the evening.

Going east the new train leaves Vancouver at 8.15 in the morning, getting to Spences at 16.25 and Kamloops at 19.20. The Nicola local also makes direct connection with the eastbound train on the mainline leaving Spences twenty minutes after its arrival. Train No. 97 will continue on the same time.

William Frisken Transferred

The people of Nicola Valley and particularly those who have occasion to travel over the lines of the Canadian Pacific railway will regret the removal of Conductor William Frisken who has been on the local branch for several years. Mr. Frisken has been placed on the Vancouver-Kamloops run in charge of passenger and it is a well deserved promotion. His many friends while sorry to lose him from the Nicola branch wiil joy in his success. Mr. Frisken is now one of the oldest conductors on the Vancouver-Kamloops run in point of seniority being sixth on the list qualified for berths in the new double service. His successor on the local line is Conductor George Strivens.

The Gilmore Hill

William White, Road Superintendent of Kamloops district will place men at work completing the contract of cutting down the Gilmore hill and carrying the road around by the lake shore just as soon as the weather will permit. This is pleasing news to the people of Nicola Valley as well as those in the vicinity of Quichena and Stump Lake. The contract is one of the most important ever undertaken in this district and the splendid capabilities of Superintendent White and his men ensures the best satisfaction.

Government Aid for Merritt

The delegation appointed by the citizens' meeting to await upon the provincial government with reference to certain public improvements in the town of Merritt secured an audience with Premier McBride and his colleagues this week and were most cordially received.

Many matters of importance were mooted amongst others the improvement of the present roads and the provision of an easier and more direct rout to Aspen Grove and Princeton. The question of sanitation and sewerage were discussed with good results. The delegation which comprised T. J. Smith, A. Jackson and W. McIntyre are more than satisfied that something of a permanent nature will be accomplished as a result of the interview.

Court Nicola Entertains

The officers and members of Court Nicola, A.O.F. should feel highly elated over the splendid success which attended their annual dance given in Pooley's hall on February 4th. Everything combined to make it one of the most enjoyable functions of the season and it was a tired but happy company that tripped the home waltz shortly after three o'clock.

No effort was spared by the committee in charge to provide for the comfort and convenience of their guests and the story of their success is best told in many expressions of appreciation and satisfaction that were heard on every hand. The floor was in excellent shape and the music furnished by Messrs. Brash and O'Neill gave the best of satisfaction. George Murray made a capable floor manager and A. Jackson called off for the square dances. At midnight lunch was served and a most refreshing one it was.

Among those in attendance were a number from Merritt, Quilchena and other outside points.

Leaving the Valley

Nicola Valley is about to lose a valued citizen in the person of Dr. Horne who for the past year has been in charge of the Indian reservation at Shulus. During his regine Dr. Horne has affected many improvement at Shulus noticeable amongst which is an increase in the membership of the local church from less than a score to upwards of sixty. He goes to Edmonton, Sask. to live and the best wishes of a host of friends throughout the length and bredth of Nicola Valley will follow him to his prairie home. His successor has not yet arrived.

The Diamond Vale Supply Co. will open their new store in the course of a few days. The work of transferring the stock from the basement is now in progress. The new store building is one of the finest in the district and a credit to the town of Merritt. It is supplied with a water service and is lighted with the Moore lighting system as well as being wired for electricity. It is such magnificent business blocks as this that shows a faith and confidence in the future of Merritt that is encouraging.

The ice on Nicola Lake has been in splendid shape during the past two or three weeks. Not only are the people of Nicola enjoying good skating but it is possible to drive up to Quilchena on the ice and a most delightful drive it is.

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About Ourselves

We have no dissertations to offer in introducing THE NICOLA VALLEY NEWS to the consideration of the reading public. We feel that we have a worthy object to serve and towards this end we will ever direct our best thought and endeavor.

While our base of energy will be centered in Merritt still this does not by any means mark the confines of our constituency. The News will be devoted to the general promotion of the best interests of the Nicola Valley as a whole irrespective of centre, party or clique. From Quilchena and Aspen Grove and Otter Flat at one extreme through to Spences Bridge on the north every point will be served without distinction and the interests of the entire district, agriculturally, industrially and socially will be treated to the best of our ability. Our field as a whole will, however, be provincial and our sphere will be as wide as the requirements of the public demands.

Politically The News will promote the cause of Conservatism and will serve as the Conservative organ for the constituency of West Yale. We propose to devote considerable attention to those points along the mainline within the jurisdiction of West Yale.

We have received splendid encouragement on all sides and after all no paper can do justice to itself or to the public unless it does receive a proper measure of support and encouragement. We have entered the field with the full sense of our responsibility to the public as well as to ourselves and we trust that our career will be fraught with the greatest harmony and goodwill towards all interests. Towards this end we will enlist the co-operation and sympathy of the general public.

Valley Board of Trade

There are many things that we require in the Nicola Valley today but one of the most urgent is a well organized and properly directed Board of Trade.

This matter has been mooted before but has encountered strenuous opposition in more quarters than one because of certain petty jealousies. But it is mature time that we set aside these petty jealouslies and treated in a broader sense those problems that are closely associated with the growth and development of our district.

There is no organization that can accomplish more for any community than an energetic Board of Trade. We have common interests to serve in Nicola Valley and the development and expansion of the valley as a whole means development and expansion of Merritt as well as Nicola and other local communities. But so long as we have these conflicts and so long as hostilities exist in any quarter we can never promote the interests of Nicola Valley on a broad and permanent basis.

One of the greatest essentials in the matter of promoting development is the organization of a good system of publicity. Aside from the enterprise of certain private parties there is no literature to offer that treats in a fair measure the resources and possibilities of the Nicola Valley. Under present conditions it is impossible to organize a system of publicity that will benefit in all departments the industrial and commercial interests of the district.

Merritt Board of Trade has jurisdiction simply within the confines of the town of Merritt and what is true of Merritt is true of Nicola. The most valued interests of Nicola Valley are centered beyond the jurisdiction of either of these organizations with the result that they cannot be fairly reached from either source.

We cannot do better than take pattern from the Okanagan Valley and after all what district in British Columbia is more widely known or is better advertised. In the Okanagan Valley each town and city has its Board of Trade but they have what is known as the Associated Boards of Trade representative of the entire valley and to which the other organizations are subsidiary. This system has been operated with commendable success and there is no reason why it should not accomplish the same good results in Nicola Valley.

Let the Merritt Board of Trade continue its good work by all means and if the other towns of the valley desire to maintain institutions of this character give them every encouragement but let us have a board representative of the entire valley and in which we can have a common interest irrespective of residence. The matter is worthy of the most serious thought and the sooner something permanent is effected towards this end the sooner we will be in a position to properly promote the development and expansion of Nicola Valley with its varied interests.

A Wise Move

The citizens of Merritt showed the fullest measure of wisdom in temporarily setting aside the question of incorporation. The public meeting of last Thursday evening was a splendid evidence of the public spiritedness of the residents of this thriving town.

Never was Nicola Valley in a better position to receive government assistance for roads and other improvements and immediate incorporation would have meant the refusal of this opportunity. The sending of a delegation to Victoria was well timed and we have not the slightest doubt but that they will accomplish infinitely more for Merritt and contiguous territory than incorporation could have gained.

Incorporation is a good thing but there is just the possibility that it is premature under present conditions and far better might we defer the decisive step until we are in a better position to know and appreciate the responsibilities that incorporation would thrust upon the citizens of Merritt.

To Our Pioneers

We are inaugurating this week a series of biographical sketches in which we hope to place in an intelligent light before the public the romantic history that surrounds the pioneers of Nicola valley. We owe much to our pioneer fathers. They it was who laid the foundation for our present happiness and prosperity. They beat back the forests, they blazed the trails, they endured privations and hardships and it is in an effort to pay them the the tribute that is their due that we have undertaken these life stories. The policy was early associated with the preliminary plans of our organization as a paper because we knew full well that the matter had never received proper attention in the past. We trust that our efforts will be will received and that they will be successful in welding stronger the links that bind the present to the past as they are represented in the men who were amongst the first to enjoy the delightful climate and invigorating atmosphere of Nicola Valley.

Merritt Athletic Association

Merritt Athletic Association has taken a new lease of life much to the gratification of its host of friends.

Under the new regime a progressive policy is being inaugurated and if successfully operated should be a potent factor in moulding the future of this popular institution.

The completion of the club house, the establishment of recreation grounds and other worthy enterprises are amongst the items on the programme and in its effort the association is worthy of the best sympathy and support of the people of Merritt.

C. M. R. for Nicola Valley

It is gratifying to know that the military authorities at Ottawa have sufficient appreciation of the importance of Nicola Valley as to sanction the mobilization of a squadron of the Canadian Mounted Rifles.

Those who are familiar with the history of the militia in Canada will agree that more substantial progress and development has been recorded in connection with the mounted corp than with any other department of the service. There seems to be a larger measure of attractiveness in a mounted squadron than in any other corps and evidence of this is found in the active interest and enthusiasm that it claims from the young men.

The history of the recently organized squadron in the city of Kamloops is one story of successes and there is no reason why these good results could not be emulated locally.

No district in British Columbia is better adapted to a corps of this character than is Nicola Valley. We have a plentitude of good horses, most of our young men are splendid riders, in fact many of them were brought up in the saddle, and with a reasonable share of ability in drill and execution we have all the features that combine to make a successful squadron.

It is to be hoped that the organization work will receive the best thought and endeavor of those in charge and we bespeak for them a lively interest and a hearty enthusiasm on the part of those who make up the material for such an organization.

Notice to Pythians

All members of the Knight of Pythias resident in the Nicola Valley as well as those who would be desirous of affiliating with the order are asked to communicate with the undersigned as it is proposed to organize a branch of the order in Merritt.

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LOCAL AND DISTRICT

Mr. E. Grinrod of Kamloops was a visitor to Merritt last week.

Miss Allison Fisher of Canford is visiting with Mrs. W. E. Duncan.

Miss Campbell of Vancouver is a guest of Mrs. Roberts at Nicola Lake.

Government Agent Rolph has leased the Howse bungalo at Nicola.

G. R. Bates, of Aspen Grove, went down to the coast last Saturday.

Miss Lester, of Vancouver spent a few days with friends at Nicola Lake.

Miss McGoran of Canford is a guest of Mrs. Macdonald, Quilchena Avenue.

James Simpson, the Merritt jeweller was in Kamloops this week returning tonight.

C. Thompson is still at the Nicola hotel and expects to leave in a few days for the coast.

Mr. Dan McInnes returned last Saturday to Victoria after spending several days in the Valley.

Mr. T. J. Smith was in Merritt for several days last week returning to the coast on Saturday.

A private dance will be given in Hygh's hall tomorrow evening when a pleasant time is anticipated.

D. Bray shipped a carload of horses to the coast this week and was accompanied by M. Woodward.

J. Bowes, the well known manager of the Kelowna hotel who was spending a few days with friends at Nicola has gone on to Kamloops.

Mr. Frank Mansfield will leave in the course of a few days on his trip to Ireland. He spent the week end with friends in the Douglas Lake district.

Roy Thomas has returned from the coast and has again joined the staff of G. B. Armstrong. His many friends are glad to have him back amongst them.

M. J. Morrison and O. A. Maybee joint managers of the National Life Assurance Co of Canada are in the valley on business associated with their institution. They are writing up a large number of good risks.

A number of the young people of Nicola had a delightful time last Wednesday evening when they enjoyed a sleighing party to Moore's and Guichon's. They went by way of the lake.

A. W. Strickland manager of the Bank of Monrreal at Nicola is away on a trip to Vancouver and Prince Rupert on business associated with the bank. Mrs. Strickland and Master Buzz accompanied him.

One of the best barometers of the growth of the business interests of Nicola Valley is found in the increasing number of travellers from week to week. The wholesale houses at the coast are more and more realizing the possibilities of the local commercial field.

William McIntyre, proprietor of the Coldwater hotel is at Vanconver and Victoria purchasing supplies for his new hotel building. Mrs. McIntyre is with him. The new hotel will, it is anticipated, be opened before the first of May.

J. G. Thynne of Otter Flat was in Merritt last Saturday. He says that there will be big doings out through the Aspen Grove and Otter Flat district this coming year. Many new settlers are coming into the country and conditions generally present a most favorable outlook.

Jos. Robb of Kamloops was in Merritt this week looking over the local field with a view to investment. Mr. Robb is very optimistic as to the future of Merritt and the Nicola Valley and will in all probability invest largely in the near future.

William Brown, the Merritt barber has moved his quarters to the Leonard store, Voght St. He with another local party have leased the premises from Mr. Leonard and will conduct a pool and billiard room as well as a confectionery stand in oonnection with the tonsorial parlors.

The many friends of Alf. Carrington who met with a painful accident at Savonas a few weeks ago when he was thrown from a train will learn with pleasure of his substantial progress towards recovery. He came back from the Kamloops hospital over one week ago and is now at his home in Nicola.

There was considerable excitement around the C. P. R. station this evening when one of the heated cars caught fire, Buckets of snow and water were employed to quench the flames and it was necessary to cut the car out of the train and leave it on a spur where the section gang finally subdued the flames. It is fortunate that the fire did not occur when the train was running because there was a large cargo and in the next car was a valuable horse.

G. B. Armstrong has moved considerable of his stock from the old store into the new quarters in the Eastwood block. It is Mr. Armstrong's purpose to conduct only a dry goods and gents' furnishing business in the new store, the old premises being retained for the other departments. The post office has also been transferred to Gemmill's drug store. Mr. Armstrong will continue as post master but Mr. Gemmill will act as deputy and will take charge of the work.

The new station of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Merritt is now being occupied and the citizens of the town as well as the general public are pleased to get away from the old box cars that have done service for a depot since the line was first brought into the valley. The new station is rather unique inasmuch as it is an experiment in the matter of constructional design. While it is not as imposing as it might be from the exterior viewpoint it is nevertheless comfortable and roomy inside.

D. J. McGuggan and H. Price last week completed the survey of the Diamond Vale property lying immediately to the southwest of the C.P.R. track opposite the Merritt hotel. The land was cut up into half acre blocks and and will be placed, on the market very shortly. The surveyors also did some work for private parties up the Coldwater river and in the vicinity of Lower Nicola. They were assisted by W. H. Richardson and operated under the direction of N. Humphrys of the firm of Humphrys & Tupper, Vancouver.

Miss Agnes Vair of Campbellton, N. B. came into the valley on Wednesday and will stop with her aunts, Mrs. (Dr.) Tuttill and Mrs Pooley. She is at present staying with Mrs. Tutill. Miss Vair is a brilliant musician and her coming will mean a valued acquisition to musical circles. She has been visiting with friends in Kamloops for the past week. Miss Vair formerly lived in Kamloops her father being a hardware merchant in that city for many years was well known throughout this entire district.

Cattle Ranches

--- AND ---

Fruit Lands

Their ten years experience in the Nicola and and Similkameen valleys qualifies me to make a selection. My listings are all good.

Government Lands for bona fide settlers located for good settlers.

I make a specialty of mining engineering.

FRANK BAILEY

M. C. M. I.

MERRITT, PRINCETON, HEDLEY and VANCOUVER

The boarding house at Middlesboro is changing hands this week. Many improvements are contemplated under the new management.

Everybody is anxious to see

HALLEY'S COMET

and the best place to see this wonderful phenomena is at

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Not only do you get the finest view of the comet but you also see some good values for your money.

Sure thing this is the place to buy.

Come over anyway if its just to see the comet. Maybe around the store you will find things and prices that are just as interesting.

Spend your summer vacation at

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along the shores of Kamloops Lake. Splendid fishing and hunting. Pleasure spot for sportsmen

Lakeview Hotel

Provides for your every want while you are enjoying the beauty of this popular resort.

Adam Ferguson, Proprietor

Nicola Valley

Meat Market

Dealers in Prime Beef, Mutton, Lamb, Veal, Pork and Sausage, Poultry, Ham and Bacon. Fresh Fish always on hand. Orders receive prompt attention. Cattle bought and sold by the carload.

I. Eastwood

Proprietor

MOUNTAIN HOTEL

NORTH BEND

Headquarters of the railroad boys on the Thompson and Cascade divisions of the C. P. R.

We have a good lunch counter as well as dining room and our service always pleases. Our rooms are warm and comfortable.

JOHN ABREY, Proprietor

In the Sporting World

Good Racing Promised

In connection with the annual Victoria Day celebration under the auspices of the Merritt Athletic Association there promises to be something of more than usual interest in the horse racing events. It is understood that a number of good horses will be brought from the coast and these together with the local hosses and those of T. J. Smith which will be stabled here should make an excellent field from which to draw. Special attention will be devoted to this branch of the celebration and it is not unlikely that another meet may also be organized possibly in connection with the fall fair which it is proposed to hold this coming autumn.

The Junior Series

There remains one game to be played between the Merritt and Nicola juniors in the fight for the hockey honors. The boys from the lake took the first game on home ice and in the return fixture at Middlesboro the score was a tie. It is likely that the youngsters will get together in course of a few days. They are showing furprisingly good form and the series is developing good material.

Can't Turn the Trick

Some of the eastern lacrosse teams are already figuring on plans for a trip to Westminster in quest of the Minto cup though it is conceded by those in the know that there is no team on the other side of the mountains that can turn the trick, The Tecumsehs are regarded as the most formidable contender.

That Return Game.

It is not unlikely that the return game between Nicola Valley team and Kamloops will be played in Kamloops next week. The ice is in good shape and arrangements have been completed at Kamloops for the entertainment of the visiting team. A meeting of the members and supporters of the Nicola Valley team will be called early next week.

Baseball For Nicols

Plans are already on foot to organize a baseball team for Nicola Valley, a team that will be strong enough to go out and win from other towns in the district. A league comprising Kamloops Revelstoke, Nicola Valley and Ashcroft is proposed and would furnish good sport for the fans.

There is excellent material in the valley at present but this will be supplemented with new players coming into the district to live. A valley league is also projected and this should conduce to the improvement of material for the general team.

Vancouver Coming Strong

Vancouver's team in the North Western league this coming season will be an unusually strong one if present indications can be accepted for anything. Manager Bob Brown has already signed up thirty three men amongst them some of the fastest on the Coast. Manager Brown will be better remembered as the late head of the Spokane club.

The Rink at Nicola

The rink at Nicola Lake is now in fine shape and there is no reason why a series of games could not be arranged between Middlesboro, Nicola and Merritt. If anything is to be done it should be undertaken immediately because the ice will not last much longer.

Eastern Hockey

Montreal Feb. 18—Renfrew is beginning to show winning form defeating Les Canadiennes by 8 to 6. Shamrocks were trimmed by Cobalt and lost every game in the north country.

The eastern racing calendar is not yet complete but it is announced that the season will open at Woodbine the third week in May and Montreal, Hamilton, Eort Erie and Windsor will follow in order.

Cutting Down Grades

The work of cutting down the grade on Hamilton Hill will be undertaken just as soon as the weather will permit. The grade will be reduced from one in four to one in twenty four, a substantial improvement. This will make the road as short from Dr. Tutill's house in the north of Merritt to the sawmill via Nicola as it is via Merritt. Road superintendent Dan Sutherland together with H. H. Matthews and P. Marquet went over the road a few days ago and Mr. Sutherland promised an early start at the work.

Miss Shakely of Hulme. who has been stopping at the Nicola hotel is so impressed with the delightful climate and invigorating atmosphere that she has decided to prolong her visit.

Special Sale

We are offering the public special prices on goods recently purchased at a reduction on cost. In this line we have something to suit everyone and we are adding all our winter underwear. Each and every garment we will sell at 33 1-3 per cent off the regular mark for two weeks to clear. This is a genuine reduction sale. Call and get a bargain and be convinced at the old stand.

G. B. Armstrong, MERRITT, B. C.

Horse and Cattle Ranches
Dairy Farms
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Improved Agricultural Lands
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Merritt, B.C. - Nicola, B.C.

Gateway to the Cariboo . . .

Those who go up into the Cariboo country generally have several hours to spend in Ashcroft and they always get the best of accomodation at the

Grand Central Hotel

Our rates fit every pocket and our service pleases all.

George Ward, Proprietor

Ashcroft, B. C.

Nicola's Popular Hostelry

DRIARD HOTEL

Splendid accomodation for tourists and travellers
Excellent Cuisine Hot and Cold Water Baths
Rates are reasonable Fine Hunting and Fishing
Guides always at hand

Stanley Kirby, Proprietor

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

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

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

T. HESLOP, Prop.

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Just give me a trial on that house of yours. and you will be well satisfied with the results.

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Will shortly open a new store with full equipment of decorative stock.

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Everything directed to the best comfort and convenience of the guests.
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Special inducement to boarders.

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Spences Bridge

Junction point with C.P.R. mainline and Nicola branch.

Good hotel accomodotion.

Porter meets all trains.

Guests receive the very best of attention.

A. Clemes, Proprietor

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One of the finest hotels in the upper country. Excellent accomodation for travellers and tourists. Hot and cold water baths. Best of wines and liquors.

Terms $2.00 a day and upwards.

Jos. Guichon

Proprietor

When in North Bend stop at

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You can get the best satisfaction for your money. Local trains stop thirty minutes for lunch. We have the name of keeping one of the best hostelries along the line.

C. J. Clarence

Manager

We Solicit your patronage

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Good interest on deposits from one dollar upwards.

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What Our Correspondents Have to Say

North Bend

Dances given every Friday evening in the rotunda of the C. P. R. hotel have become the attraction of the railroad town. The attendance increases from week to week and the fullest measure of enjoyment is gained. The music is voluntarily given and gives the best of satisfaction.

The new train services makes things lively in and around the Bend. The local trains coming in about noon hour stop here for lunch.

John Abrey proprietor of the Mountain hotel is still at the coast whence he went for treatment at one of the local hospitals. While his condition will not yet permit his return still he is on the high road to recovery and his friends hope to have him back in the course of a few days. Mrs. Abrey came back this week.

Ashcroft

John McGillivary one of the proprietors of the Ashcroft hotel has gone to the coast for a week. He will spend most of his time with his parents in New Westminster.

Mark Dumond who for many years has been in the hardware business in Ashcroft has joined the firm of Jas. Main & Co., Vancouver. He still retains his local business leaving it in charge of John Richards. Mrs. Dumond went down to Vancouver on Wednesday to join her husband.

Never in the history of Ashcroft has there been a larger traffic into the Cariboo country than there is at the present time and indications point to a year of unprecedented activities. The hotel accomodation is taxed almost daily and business generally is good.

Lytton

W. J. Keeble was in Ashcroft the other day.

A number from here attended the masquerade ball in Ashcroft.

Road Superintendent Sutherland is planing for a big season. The government appropriations for the year promise to be larger than ever. A number of roads in the district will be improved.

Many new settlers are going ng into the Lilloett country and here promise to be a very actiev season not alone in the mining sphere but in agriculture as well.

Dances are the order of the day in Lytton and many pleasant evenings are being spent by the young folk.

Provincial Constable Fitzgerald reports things a little quiet at present.

It is reported on good authority that a bridge will be thrown across the Fraser near Earl's landing this year. It will open up a big tract of good fruit lands.

Spences Bridge

Conductor William Freskin is preparing to move his family to Kamloops.

The weather in this district is more severe than it has been previously this winter.

The new coal bunkers are almost ready for use. All west bound engines will be coaled here in future.

The improved service on the main line is much appreciated.

Miss Ross has received a positeon in Kamloops and has gone there to live.

Miss Bruce, the local school teacher, is meeting with splendid success in her work. The school attendadce is larger than it ever was before.

Mr. and Mrs. Clemes have been planning another trip abroad and they may leave in the Spring for Fngland pnd the Continent.

Coutlee

H. S. Cleasby returned a few days ago from a trip to Vancouver and Victoria.

Gus Groat who for some time has been associated with the Coutlee hotel is seveaing his connection. Mr. Soloman will conduct the business.

Dan McInnes of Victoria spent several days last week with friends in thif vicinity.

The new train service gives good satisfaction locally.

General satisfaction exists as a result of the probability that the government road through Coutlee district will be improved and that a more direct line to Aspen Grove will be provided.

C. P. R. TRAIN SERVICE

Nicola Branch

Southbound

Lv. Spences Bridge	16.45	Lv.	Coyle	18.50
Clapperton	17.25		Coutlee	19.05
Dot	18.05	Arr.	Merritt	19.11
Canford	18.35		Nicola	19.45

Northbound

Lv. Nicola	7.30	Lv.	Canford	8.31
Merritt	8.00		Dot	9.10
Coutlee	8.06		Clapperton	9.55
Coyle	8.16	Arr.	Spences Bdge	10.30

Mainline

Leave Spences Bridge

Going West: No. 13 (Vancouver Local) 11.02 arriving Vancouver 18.55 o'clock; No. 97 at 4.50 o'clock reach Vancouver 12.20 o'clock.

Going East: No. 14 (Revelstoke Local) 16.25 o'clock reach Kamloops 19.20 and Revelstoke 1.20; No. 96 at 23.13 o'clock leaving Vancouver 8.25 and 15.15 respectively.

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In all departments we excel and our stock is complete and well assorted.

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Kamloops, British Columbia

If you want the best service for your money when in Kamloops you should stop ot the

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W. R. GRAHAM, Proprietor

Kamloops, B.C.

Land Act Notice

NICOLA LAND DISTRICT

District of Yale.

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Dated 30th. December, 1909.

EDWARD MORGAN

E. Todd, Agent.

Merritt Athletic Association Outlines Progressive Policy

Completion of Club House, the Establishment of Recreation Grounds and Other Items on Season's Programme ---Generous Offer of T. J. Smith

It begins to look as though the Merritt Athletic Association would soon be housed in a beautiful new home. Plans for the completion of a magnificent club house designed along the lines of the K.M. & A.A. hall hall in the city of Kamloops are now being considered by the executive of the association. The matter of financing is receiving special attention and it is understood that most satisfactory arrangements can be made.

The plan of the club house will provide for a large auditorium which can also be used for gymnasium purposes. The walls of this auditorium will be twenty-two feet high thus giving splendid possibilities for entertainments and particularly singing. A large gallery will be hung in the rear of the hall and will be so designed as to provide for a reading room and committee chambers. A commodious stage may also be installed. The cost will be in the neighborhood of $2,000 using the present foundation which is 80 feet long and 40 feet wide.

The question of recreation grounds is also under consideration. Mr. T. J. Smith has generously agreed to donate sufficient land for recreation park purposes and will also contribute largely towards the construction of a modern race course. The exact location of the grounds has not yet been determined. Mr. Smith in a desire to liquidate the deficit incurred by last year's opeaations of the club kindly wiped off the occount of the Diamond Vale Supply Co. which has one of the largest obligations amounting to $157.51. It is thought that this magnanimous move may be emulated by others holding accounts against the association.

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NICOLA LAND DISTRICT
District of Yale.

Take notice that Hilda M. King, of Montreal, Quebec, spinster, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted one mile West from the North-east corner post of Emily L. McVittie's application to purchase, thence running 80 chains South, thence West 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence East 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated December 28th. 1909.
HILDA M. KING.
E. Todd, Agent

Land Act Notice
NICOLA DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Assistant Commissioner of Lands for a licence to prospect for coal and petroleum on and under the following described lands:—

No. 3. Commencing at a point two miles West of E. Todd's No. 2 location post, being "E. T., S.W. corner"; thence East 80 chains, North 80 chains, West 80 chains, South 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated 1st. December, 1909.
EMMETT TODD, Locator.

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No.1. Commencing at a point one mile West of M.L. Grimmett's No. 1 location post, being "G.R.B., N.E. corner"; thence West 80 chains, South 80 chains, East 80 chains, North 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated 1st. December, 1909.
G. R. BATES.
E. Todd, Agent.

Land Act Notice
NICOLA DISTRICT

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No. 1. Commencing at a point about one mile South of G.R. Bates' No. 1 location post, being "E. T., N.E. corner"; thence West 80 chains, South 80 chains, East 80 chains, North 80 chains, to point of commencement.

Dated 1st. December, 1909.
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No. 3. Commencing at a point two miles North of E. Todd's No. 3 location post, being "M.L.G., S.W. corner"; thence East 80 chains, North 80 chains, West 80 chains, South 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated 1st. December, 1909.
M. L. GRIMMETT.
A.B. Roberts, Agent.

Land Act Notice
NICOLA DISTRICT

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No. 2. Commencing at a point two miles West of E. Todd's No. 2 location post, being "A.B.R., N.W. corner"; thence East 80 chains, South 80 chains, West 80 chains, North 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated 1st. December, 1909.
A. B. ROBERTS, Locator.

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Dated 1st December, 1909.
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E. Todd, Agent.

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Dated 1st. December, 1909.
A. B. ROBERTS, Locator

Land Act Notice
KAMLOOPS DIVISION OF YALE LAND DISTRICT
District of Nicola.

Take notice that I, R.C. Lowry, of Vancouver, engineer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing about two miles Easterly of Lot 1,484; thence East 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence South 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated 10th. December, 1909.
R. C. LOWRY
W. E. Green, Agent

Land Act Notice
NICOLA LAND DISTRICT
District of Yale.

Take notict that Emily L. McVittie wife of A. W. McVittie, of Victoria, B. C., land surveyor, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commenc- at a post planted on the South bank of Bates Creek, 40 chains from the Nicola-Princeton Waggon Road; thence running South 80 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence East 80 chains to point of commencement, and contain ing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated 28th. December, 1909.
EMILY L. McVITTIE
E. Todd, Agent.

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Dated 1st. December, 1909.
M. L. GRIMMETT.
A. B. Roberts, Agent.

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Dated 1st. December, 1909.
G. R. BATES
Emmett Todd, Agent.

Land Act Notice
KAMLOOPS DIVISION OF YALE LAND DISTRICT
District of Nicola.

Take notice that I, Stanley Kirby, of Nicola, hotel-keeper, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at the South-east corner of Lot 1,484; thence East 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence South 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated 10th. December, 1909.
STANLEY KIRBY
W. E. Green, Agent.

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Dated 1st December, 1909.
EMMETT TODD, Locator.

Land Act Notice
YALE DIVISION OF YALE LAND DISTRICT
District of Yale.

Take notice that I, T. V. Curtin, of Merritt, B. C., physician, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 40 chains in a Northerly direction from the North-west corner post of Lot 306; thence North 40 chains, thence West 40 chains, thence South 40 chains, thence East 40 chains to point of commencement.

Dated December 22nd. 1909.
THOMAS VANSTON CURTIN

Land Act Notice
NICOLA LAND DISTRICT
District of Yale.

Take notice that Mildred Green, wife of William E. Green, of Vancouver, contractor, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted one mile South from the North-east corner post of Ethel M. King's application to purchase; thence running South 80 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence East 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated 28th. December, 1909.
MILDRED GREEN
E. Todd, Agent.

Land Act Notice
NICOLA LAND DISTRICT
District of Yale.

Take notice that William A. Ward, of Vancouver, commission agent, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted one mile South from the North-east corner post of Mildred Green's application to purchase, thence running South 80 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence East 80 chains to the point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated 28th. December, 1909.
WILLIAM A. WARD.
E. Todd, Agent

Land Act Notice
NICOLA LAND DISTRICT
District of Yale.

Take notice that Charles C. McVittie, of Toronto, Ontario, clerk intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the North-east corner of Emily L. McVittie's application to purchase; thence running West 80 chains thence North 80 chains, thence East 80 chains, thence South 80 chains to the point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated December 28th. 1909.
CHARLES C. McVITTIE
E. Todd, Agent.

Land Act Notice
NICOLA LAND DISTRICT
District of Yale.

Take notice that Kate Morgan, wife of James C. Morgan, of Toronto, Ontario, inspector of schools, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted on the North bank of Tulie Lake, and being about 80 chains East of the One-mile Trail from Aspen Grove to Princeton; thence running 80 chains East, thence North 80 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence South 80 chains to point of commencement and containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated 30th. December, 1909.
KATE MORGAN
E. Todd, Agent.

Land Act Notice
KAMLOOPS DIVISION OF YALE
Nicola District

Take notice that Hilda M. King, spinster of Montreal, intends to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for permission to purchase the following described lands:— Commencing at a post planted one mile South of Leroy S. Cokely's location post, on the Nicola Princeton Road, thence South 80 chains, West 80 chains, North 80 chains, and East 80 chains to point of commencement containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated December 7th. 1909.
HILDA M. KING.
E. Todd, Agent.

Land Act Notice
NICOLA LAND DISTRICT
District of Yale.

Take notice that Edward Morgan, of Toronto, Ontario, doctor of medicine, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted one mile North from the South-west corner post of Kate Morgan's application to purchase, thence running 80 chains East, thence North 80 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence South 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres more or less.

Dated 30th. December, 1909.
EDWARD MORGAN
E. Todd, Agent.

Land Act Notice
KAMLOOPS DIVISION OF YALE DISTRICT
District of Nicola.

Take notice that I, James Stewart, of Vancouver, gentleman, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about 20 chains North of the South-east corner of Pre. 776; thence running 60 chains East thence 60 chains North, thence 60 chains West, thence 60 chains South to point of commencement, and containing 320 acres, more or less.

Dated December 21st. 1909.
JAMES STEWART.
J. S. Morgan, Agent.

Land Act Notice
NICOLA LAND DISTRICT
District of Yale.

Take notice that Margaret Leslie of Prescott, Ontario, widow, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted one mile North from the South-west corner of Gladys Morgan's application to purchase, thence running East 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence South 80 chains to point of commencement and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated 30th. December, 1909.
MARGARET LESLIE.
E. Todd, Agent.

Land Act Notice
NICOLA LAND DISTRICT
District of Yale.

Take notice that Sarah E. Roberts, of Nicola, widow, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted one mile South from the North-east corner post of William E. Green's application to purchase, thence running South 80 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence East 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated 28th. December 1909.
SARAH E. ROBERTS.
E. Todd, Agent.

Land Act Notice
NICOLA LAND DISTRICT
District of Yale.

Take notice that Gladys Morgan, of Toronto, Ontario, spinster, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted one mile North from the South-west corner post of Edward Morgan's application to purchase, thence running East 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence West 80 chains thence South 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated 30th. December, 1909.
GLADYS MORGAN
E. Todd, Agent.

Land Act Notice
KAMLOOPS DIVISION OF YALE LAND DISTRICT
District of Nicola

Take notice that I, William Ogilvie of Vancouver, solicitor, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the South-east corner of Lot 776; thence running South 40 chains, thence 40 chains East, thence 40 chains North, thence 40 chains West to point of commencement, and containing 160 acres more or less.

Dated December 21st. 1909.
WILLIAM OGILVIE
J. S. Morgan, Agent

Land Act Notice
KAMLOOPS DIVISION OF YALE.
Nicola District.

Take notice that Leroy S. Cokely, of Medicine Hat, Alberta, surveyor's apprentice, intends to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted one mile South of EmilyL. McVittie's location post on Nicola-Princeton road; thence running South 80 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence North 80 chains thence East 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated December 7th. 1909.
LEROY S. COKELY.
E. Todd, Agent

Land Act Notice
NICOLA LAND DISTRICT
District of Yale.

Take notice that James C. Morgan, of Toronto, Ontario, inspector of schools, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the North-east corner of Ethel M. King's application to purchase, thence running West 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence East 80 chains, thence South 80 chains to point of commencement and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated 28th. December, 1909.
JAMES C. MORGAN
E. Todd, Agent.

Land Act Notice
NICOLA LAND DISTRICT
District of Yale.

Take notice that Ethel M. King, of Montreal, Quebec, spinster, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted one mile West from the North-east corner post of Hilda M. King's application to purchase, thence running South 80 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence East 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated 28th. December, 1909.
ETHEL M. KING.
E. Todd, Agent.

Land Act Notice
KAMLOOPS DIVISION OF YALE LAND DISTRICT
District of Nicola.

Tahe notice that I, Fred Raspberry of Nicola, farmer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing about one mile Easterly of the South-east corner of Lot 1,484, thence East 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence South 80 chains to point of commencement.

Dated 10th. December, 1909.
FRED RASPBERRY.
W. E. Green, Agent.

Land Act Notice
NICOLA LAND DISTRICT
District of Yale.

Take notice that William E. Green of Vancouver, contractor, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted one mile South from the North-east corner post of Hilda M. King's application to purchase; thence running South 80 chains, thence West 80 chains, thence North 80 chains, thence East 80 chains to point of commencement and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated 28th. December, 1909.
WILLIAM E. GREEN.
E. Todd, Agent.

LandAct Notice
KAMLOOPS YALE LAND DISTRICT.
District of Nicola.

Take notice that I, J. S. Morgan, of Merritt, engineer, intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the North-west corner, known as Lot 151; thence

running 40 chains East, thence 40 chains South, thence 40 chains West, thence 40 chains North to point of commencement, and containing 160 acres more or less.

Dated January 12th. 1910.

J. S. MORGAN.

Land Act Notice

NICOLA LAND DISTRICT

District of Yale.

Take notice that Leroy S. Cokely, of Medicine Hat, Alberta, surveyor's apprentice, intends to apply for per mission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at post planted one mile South from the North-east corner post of Emily L. McVittie's application to pur chase; thence running 80 chains, South, thence 80 chains West, thence North 80 chains, thence East 80 chains to point of commencement and containing 640 acres, more or less.

Dated 28th. December, 1909.

LEROY S. COKELY.

E. Todd, Agent.

Orange Lodge Adopts Platform

New Policy Adopted at Sessions in Kamloops

The Grand Lodge of the Orange Association has been in session at Kamloops this week. Opening in the black on Monday morning the scarlet followed on Tuesday Morning ofter which the convention was conducted in the Orange degree. Upwards of one hundred delegates were in attendance and the sessions were fraught with a lively interest. The reports reflected conditions of the healthiest character throughout the order and a progressive policy was outlined for the ensuing year. The delegates from the Merritt lodge were Worshipful Master Phil Mc Lean, Chris. Main and William Rodgers.

A platform wos adopred and wlll be published shortly. Chilliwack was selected as the place of meeting for next year. Rev. R. J. McIntyre of Summerland is the new Grand Master end W. Brett, of Vancouver is secretary.

Mine Officials Hare

Preparatory to the work of the annual meeting of shareholders a number of the directors of the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Co. visited the collieries at Middlesboro this week. They were accompanied by W. H. Armstrong and the property of the Company was fully inspected. Plans towards an immepiate increase in the coal output were considered and it is understood from an authentic source that the company hope to reach the 1000 ton per day mark before long. The installation of coke ovens will likely be deferred until the Kettle Valley railway completes its line to the boundary. Superintendent Graham of the C, P. R. was with the party which included F. R. Stewart, R. P. McLennau and H. D. Wright of Vancouver. "The C. P. R. will take all the coal we can supply so it is ud to us,, remarked President Armstrong in conversation with the News.

Land Act Notice

KAMLOOPS DIVISION OF YALE LAND DISTRICT

NICOLA DISTRICT

Take notice that I. Adolphus Fyall, of Merritt, B. C., occupation salesman, intend 60 days from date to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Work for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Lot 537, thence running west 60 chains, thence north 12 chains to southern boundary of Indian Reserve, thence east along boundary of Indian Reserve to the Nicola River, thence following the Nicola River in a southery direction to the north-west corner of Lot 534, thence south three chains to point of commencement containing 75 acres more or less and described as Lot 177.

Kamloops Division of Yale, Nicola

ADOLPHUS FYALL

Dated February 7th, 1910.

Land Act Notice

NICOLA LAND DISTRICT

District of Yale.

Take notice that I, Emmet Todd, of Tulameen, occupation miner, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted 3-4 mile above Rabbet's lower ranch, on the west bank of Tulameen River, thence 60 chains north, 20 chains west, 60 chains south, 20 chains east to commencement.

EMMETT TODD

Dated Jan. 26, 1910

Land Act Notice

NICOLA LAND DISTRICT

District of Yale.

Tak notice fhat I, Mary Ethel Thynne, of Otter Valley, rancher, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following descrided lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the south-west corner of Lot 68; thence north 40 chains; thence west five chains; thence south 40 chains; thence east five chains to point of commencement.

MARY ETHEL THYNNE

Dated 22nd November, 1909.

Land Act Notice

KAMLOOPS DIVISION OF YALE LAND DISTRICT

District of Nicola.

Take notice that I, Laura R. Marshak, of Vancouver, married woman, intends to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about one-half mile southwest of Lot 776; thence running 40 chains south; thence 40 chains east; thence 40 chains north; thence 40 chains west to point of commencement, and containing 160 acres more or less.

LAURA R. MARSHALL

J. S. MORGAN, Agent

Dated December 21st, 1909

Land Act Notice

KAMLOOPS DIVISION OF YALE DISTRICT

District of Nicola.

Take notice that I, Edgar Newton Brown, of Vancouver, lawyer, intends to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner and one half mile distance in a southerly direction of pre-emption 776, in Newkirks Vought Valley; thence running east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

EDGAR NEWTON BROWN

WM. F. GIBSON, Agent

Dated December 21th, 1909.

Land Act Notice

KAMLOOPS YALE LAND DISTRICT.

District of Nicola.

Take notice that I, Edgar Newton Brown, of Vancouver, lawyer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—Commencing at a post planted about haif a mile south-west of Newkirk's Pre-emption No. 776; thence running 40 chains east, 160 chains south, 40 chains west, 160 chains north to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

EDGAR NEWTON BROWN

J. S. MORGAN, Agent

Dated 9th November, 1910.

Land Act Notice

Take notice that I, Thomas A. Flynn, of Merritt, B.C., occupation farmer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands.

Commencing at a post at the south-east corner of lot 122, thence south 24 chains to the Coldwater river, thence north 24 chains to the southwest corner of lot 122. thence east 24 chains to point of commencement, comprising 12 acres more or less.

THOMAS A. FLYNN

Dated Feb. 4th, 1910.

TAX NOTICE

Nicola Assessment District

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax, and all assessed taxes and Income Tax assessed and levied under the "Assessment Act" and amendments thereto, are due and payable for the year 1910.

All taxes collectable for the Nicola Assessment District are due and payable at the Covernment Office at Nicola. This notice in terms of Law, is equivalent to a personal by me upon all persons liable for taxes.

W. N. ROLFE

Deputy Assessor and Collector

Dated at Nicola. B.C. this 7th day of January, A.D. 1910.

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