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Very little news of any interest during the month of February, 1896. The winter has been exceptionally mild, and at Kamloops, especially, it has been spring-like weather nearly all the time. At North Bend and Spuzzum there was a very heavy fall of snow at the end of January, but it went down gradually under the effect of the soft weather that followed.

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Charley Fry, of North Bend, received a post card in Chinook and Shorthand, from Liege, Belgium. One week later he received another post card in shorthand, and very fair Chinook, from Rome. Over thirty Ecclesiastical Students at the Scholasticate of the Oblates of M. I., Liege, and a half dozen more in their college at Rome, have become acquainted with the Chinook, which they have very quickly learned through the medium of the shorthand, and now they delight in reading the "Kamloops Wawa," every word of which they can understand, and they have, moreover, entered into lively correspondence with our Indians, to the great satisfaction of both parties.

Last New Year's Day, over 130 letters in Chinook and shorthand were sent from Kamloops to Rome, and an equal number to Liege. The Scholastics at Liege went to the trouble of

comparing the copies which were sent to them, and found that the women's letters were better written than the men's; Adelina Andrew, from the Upper Shushwap Camp, was deemed the first, and deserving a prize for correctness of writing.

The North Bend Indians did not want to remain behind in the way of corresponding, so they also sent a collection of some 45 letters to Rome, and an equal number to Liege. Some of the letters were written in fine blue ink, and embellished with flowery designs. It might be interesting to hear at a later period if the North Bend compositions have succeeded in surpassing the ones written at Kamloops on January 1st.

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At Spuzzum, a contest was opened for speed in writing Chinook: a boy of 15 came first, and as it was his first trial, he only wrote down 35 Chinook words a minute. A second one came, and put down 36 words. Another fellow, about 16 years old, pretty hard of hearing, came in and beat the others with 40 Chinook words a minute. There were a great many hesitations in each of their writings, it being the first time they were put to such a trial, and with a little practice they will easily write 60, and even 75 Chinook words a minute. Mind this is writing full style, without any abbreviations, and consider that the Chinook words are double and treble the size of common English words, so that the young Indian who wrote 40 Chinook words a