



ELK RIVER LODGE NO. 35

A. F. A. M.
Regular meetings held first Friday in each month. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
W. J. TIMLICK, Secretary.

FERNIE AERIE, No. 561,

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

Meets on the Second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m.

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Estimates cheerfully given.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days

after date I intend to apply to the Chief

Commissioner of Lands and Works for a License to

prospect for coal and petroleum on the following

described lands: Situate on the West side of

Elk River and adjoining C. Waldie's coal and

petroleum location on the North side, commencing

at a post marked "William Senkbeil's coal and

petroleum location" and running East 80

chains; thence North chains; thence West 80

chains; thence South 80 chains to place of com-

mencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

Located Sept. the 19th, 1904.

William Senkbeil, Locator.

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INGRAM & MCINTYRE

THE CITY BARBERS.

Shop opposite the Northern

E. R. WOOD IN CITY.

IS PLEASED WITH DEVELOPMENT OF OUR MINES.

The G. T. R. one of Canada's Greatest Enterprises. The Director Speaks of The Trip to Inspect the Proposed Terminal Point.

Mr. E. R. Wood, of Toronto, Director

of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, and of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway

Co., was in the city visiting his brother R. W. Wood, of the Trites-Wood Co.,

from Friday last till Tuesday of this week. The visiting director inspected

the mines at the three collieries and to a FREE PRESS man he expressed much

satisfaction at the manner in which these mines had been developed since

he was last here four years ago. "Our mines and oven plants are now in ex-

cellent shape to produce a largely in-

creased output. Our output as you know has been greatly curtailed in the past

owing to the lack of markets. The extension of the Crow's Nest Southern to

Ferne now in the course of construction will put us in touch with smelting

centres to the south of us and will doubtless open up extensive markets,

which in turn will cause greater development of our mines." Mr. Wood also

spoke enthusiastically of the permanent and rapid manner in which the city of

Ferne was building up since the fire.

Speaking of his mission to the Coast

with the other directors of the Grand Trunk Pacific, Mr. Wood stated that

they had gleaned all possible information of all the harbors on the Alaskan

boundary south by a personal inspection. This information would be large-

ly supplemented by exhaustive reports from engineers on the harbor conditions

and the land conditions leading to the harbors. "The selection of the termi-

nus," said Mr. Wood, "is of such vital importance that it will not be made until every detail is looked into. In fact the

same care will be taken all along the line of the new transcontinental railway

even though an extra year may be required to locate it. The main object

will be to make the route as direct and short as possible. A zig-zag course to

strike rich tracts of country will not be followed but numerous branch lines

will be added to tap these sections."

"Yes," concluded the genial director, "The Grand Trunk Pacific will doubtless

be made a political issue in the approaching elections for of course it is the business of the opposition to find

fault with the work of the government. Mr. Borden has nothing practical to

offer in its place nor can his party offer any reasonable criticism of the G. T. P. contract effected by the government.

The Grand Trunk Pacific, next to the Canadian Pacific, is the greatest under-

taking this country has ever seen and from an economic point of view its terms

of contract are much more satisfactory to the people of Canada."

PAY YOUR DOG TAX.

Pound and Dog Tax By-Law Now in

Force in the City.

By-Law No. 4 cited as "The Pound

and Dog Tax By-Law" was considered and passed by the city council at its

meeting on Tuesday, and since that time it has received the official seal and

has been registered with the registrar of the county court. The by-law is therefore

now in force.

The principle features of the by-law are the following:—All owners of male dogs

are required to pay a tax of \$3 each per year, and females, \$5 per year. The

tax collectable now is good only till Jan. 15th of next year when the tags will

be required to be renewed. Dogs not carrying tags may be taken by the dog

catcher and impounded, and if not redeemed within the space of 72 hours by

the payment of the tax, a one dollar fine each and the sum of 25 cents each per

day for expenses the dog will be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the dog-

catcher.

All other animals including fowls, may be impounded by the pound keeper

or any person finding the animals running at large within the city limits.

Fowls may be redeemed by the payment of a fine of 25 cents each and 15 cents

each per day for their keep. Other animals may be redeemed by the pay-

ment of a fine of one dollar each and 50 cents per day for its keep. After five

days' notice animals impounded may be sold.

Infringements of this by-law may be tried summarily before the city police

magistrate and a sentence not exceeding a \$100 fine or two months in jail may be imposed.

A SMALL FIRE.

A fierce blaze occurred on Wednesday

afternoon at 5 o'clock when the frame blacksmith shop opposite the Roma

Hotel was burned down. The building was formerly used as a store

house for oils of different kinds, chiefly kerosene oil, and it was saturated

with inflammable oils. It caught from a cinder and like a flash the building was

in flames, haste having to be used to get the team that was being shod safely out

of the building. The fire brigade with the hose reel arrived in time to

prevent the flames from catching to the tailor shop about 30 feet to the south.

The building belonged to A. B. Trites. The loss of blacksmith tools was slight.

A fire in Ferne is a great drawing card and this was no exception to the rule,

everybody dropping their business to line up on the street.

THE MORRISSEY BRIDGE.

The Provincial Government is calling

for tenders for the erection of a wooden bridge over the Elk River at Morrissey

for highway purposes. Tenders will be received up to Oct. 6. The drawings,

specifications, etc., can be seen at Chief Constable McMullin's office. The suc-

THE COUNCIL MEETING

CITY FIRE BRIGADE ELECT OFFICERS.

The Telephone Franchise Question laid over. Finance Committee passes First Accounts. Shacks to be Moved from MacPherson Avenue.

The Council met on Tuesday evening

and put through considerable business. All the members excepting Alderman

Trites were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

A letter was read from H. W. Herchmer complaining of the shacks on Mac-

Pherson Avenue. On motion of Alderman Cree and MacLean the matter was

referred to the works and property committee, to be taken up by them and acted

on at once, conjointly, if possible, with the C. N. P. Coal Co.

A communication from the Prest Photography Co. asking that they be per-

mitted to continue business in the city without being taxed was read and filed.

Letters were read from the Provincial Secretary's Department notifying the

Council of the appointments for the city. These letters were filed.

The building inspectors and fire ward-

ens reported to the council through their chairman, Ald. Beck.

A meeting was held on Sept. 24th when the three members Mr. Mott and Ald.

Beck and Cree were present. The committee then passed a resolution asking

the council to authorize the publication of By-law No. 2, dealing with the fire lim-

its and the prevention of fires. On motion by Ald. Liphardt and MacLean, the

report was adopted and the fire wardens were authorized to publish the necessary

clauses in the by-law.

Ald. Cree presented the finance com-

mittee's report, as follows:

We, your committee of Finance, beg to

report that we have examined the following accounts, and having found them

correct have issued vouchers to the treasurer for their payment.

J. A. Rennie, for expenses of Re-

turning office in connection with the first election, including

\$127.50 for printing and adver-

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C. D. Warring, chief constable, ex-

penses to Nelson with prisoner on the 13th inst. 25.10

J. S. T. Alexander on behalf of the Board of Trade for monies paid

re incorporation. 59.10

F. J. Watson, for typewriter 60.00

The Trites-Wood Co., for furniture for council room. 24.50

Jas. Wallace for cleaning council room. 3.50

Coal Co. for electric light, August 2.40

A. W. Bleasdel, for office supplies 16.32

C. N. Trading Co. for supplies. 10.70

Total 355.12

On motion by MacLean and Liphardt the report was adopted.

The new chief of the Fire Department reported as follows:

Fire Department, Ferne, Sept. 16, 04

Mr. A. H. Cree

Chairman Fire Committee

Dear Sir

At a meeting of the Fire Department

held in the Fire Hall Tuesday evening, Sept. 13th, the following names were

proposed and were elected members of the fire department of the city. We re-

spectfully submit these names, and the appointments to the different offices, for the approval of the city council

Chief W. A. Letcher

Ass't chief C. R. Lawrence

Foreman C. J. Stephens

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Engineer H. A. Wilkes

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HOSE COMPANY

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Linemen J. E. Covert, Ed Wildman

J. Volume and F. Handley

As new members are appointed the men will be placed somewhat different

than at present.

I have secured the rail for the making

of a triangle and expect to have it placed in a few days. The rail did not cost the

city anything.

Owing to the small working force at present it is the wish of the members of the Department that men who are

interested in the welfare of the city become Honorary members of the Department

and that our officers of President, secretary, Treasurer, etc., may be selected from the Honorary members. Any assistance

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