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NO SKATING AT CSANBROOK ON SUNDAY

(Cranbrook Herald)
The incident at the open air skating rink last Sunday was treated a little incorrectly in an issue of the Nelson News this week. "Police at Cranbrook Take Blue Law View of Sunday Skating," does not reflect at all the rights of the incident. Any decision that was taken in the matter was not arrived at by the police nor in fact by the police commission. At the time the open air rink scheme was advanced the question of allow-

ing its use on Sundays was anticipated by the committee in charge, and if there was no recorded decision on it, there was a tacit understanding that the best thing to do with the vexed question would be to have the rink in operation only six days a week. The police commission, learning that such an understanding undoubtedly existed, were unanimously of the opinion that it should be lived up to.

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BIG SPIEL HUGE SUCCESS

(The results of the play in the five open events up to the time of going to press are shown on Page Four.)

The Annual Bospiel of the Crow's Nest Pass Curling Association brought to Fernie the largest attendance of visiting curlers in this history of the Association. Not only are they the largest in numbers but the best set of sports that Fernie has ever had the honor of entertaining.

Fully one hundred outside players have been in attendance and they all seem to have enjoyed themselves every moment of their stay with us. This beats the record for the Pass and also it can be said that it has been one of the most successful bospiels ever held west of Winnipeg, Calgary not being able to entice as many visiting rinks to her big rink and other winter attractions.

The weather at one time threatened to spoil the nine sheets of ice, but yesterday and today the sheets have greatly improved and the games being played at this writing for positions in the final-semis are the best of the series.

Th scores have been so evenly divided as to keep nearly all the rinks in the running until last night, thus keeping the interest alive all along the line. Olivier, of Blairmore, dropped out on Tuesday, and McPhee, of Cranbrook, also followed the same night. The withdrawal of Prentice's rink on Wednesday through the bereavement suffered by their skip in the loss of his child, made the third vacancy in the list of rinks. Rhodes, of Pincher Creek, came in on Thursday to take part in the International competition but was defeated and so was out of the game.

Many exhibitions of splendid curling skill were displayed during the week, and many games were so closely contested as to be in the balance until the last rock was thrown.

From Coleman came three rinks: J. Paulson, Rev. D. K. Allen, G. Powell, A. Beck, skip.

George Kellock, Alex. Morrison, Sam Moore and McBurney, skip.

J. O'Neil, J. Wilson, Dr. Lillie, and Olivier, skip.

Lthbridge sent us six rinks: Yates, Freeman, Shepherd and Duff, skip.

M. E. Collins, C. D. Steves, H. R. Miles and C. Carberry, skip.

Muir, R. Anderson, G. Marnoch, D. McNab, skip.

R. A. Smith, W. L. McKenzie, W. Scott and L. W. Clarke, skip.

J. T. Graham, H. Pilling, Dr. Leech and Kirkham, skip.

From Carmangay came a gay crowd of sports, two rinks: C. H. Mesinger, A. E. Quayle, C. W. Cochlan and Crumley, skip.

B. D. Husamore, E. Stitt, R. B. Snider and J. F. Snider, skip.

McLeod had but one rink in the game but it was a rustler: F. Perkins, J. Baird, A. Dunn and W. Russell, skip.

Taber was well represented with four rinks, amongst whom old Fernie acquaintances were glad to see two old Fernieites, Ed. Wildman and Neil McKellar.

The rinks were: Clarence Hall, John Robinson, E. Wildman and J. A. Ross, skip.

W. Porteous, Ed. Sparks, J. J. Billigniere and H. A. Beard, skip.

E. Veneville, W. Lane, Malson and R. Patterson, skip.

Clareholm sent two good rinks: R. Brock, T. Dodds, C. D. Walker and E. Moffatt, skip.

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LIQUOR SALE REGULATIONS

The curtain has been raised just a trifle and the public given a glimpse of the regulations under which the sale and consumption of liquors, including beer of a certain strength, will be legal within the bounds of the Province of British Columbia. The order of bygone days is to be completely reversed. Then the manufacturers and the vendors, from wholesalers down, were licensed and axed in the prosecution of their trade; now it is the consumer who will be licensed and taxed. It hardly could be expected that this or any government would overlook an opportunity of the kind for turning an honest penny. Hotels will be permitted to sell beer of a given standard of strength within their dining rooms as a beverage. Presumably a

license will be exacted for such privilege, and doubtless none but reputable houses will be accorded it.

There does not seem to be any question that an enormous revenue will be derived under the operation of such a measure. Money will pour into administrative coffers from several sources, two of them of great potential power — from the persons licensed to consume and from profits on the articles consumed. In the days before prohibition swept all bars out of existence the municipalities controlled the liquor business and derived considerable profit from the sale of licenses to purvey. But they had, as they have today, to shoulder the responsibility and meet the expense of enforcing the law. Their duties will remain the same under government license and sale. Consequently it is fair to assume that municipalities under the new system will be restored to their former status and given, if not the whole, at least a considerable part of the profits derived from the sale of liquor within their boundaries. This suggestion is surely eminently fair and reasonable. Indeed, it is a matter of justice. The government has given an undertaking to restore at least a portion of the revenue it has been taking from the municipalities. It should avail itself of this most excellent opportunity.

Having made such ample provision for revenue-raising in the bill itself, the government ought to be in a position to sell wholesome liquor to consumers at very reasonable prices. There should be no suspicion of profiteering connected with the business. As to the matter of allotting a limited amount to the individual, that will prove a very difficult undertaking. Anyone who indulges to excess easily can be reached and regulated through his permit or license.—Colonist.

INFORMATION BUREAU

Report of Information Bureau for season of 1920:

Letters received between 500 and 600 each asking for literature and information, 240 of which required written answers in addition to literature.

Addressed and mailed out about 6000 Fernie Board of Trade pamphlets.

Addressed and mailed out singly 6000 Associated Boards booklets.

Parcelled in lots of 6 to 25 about 150 parcels of booklets which went to the leading Auto Clubs and Chambers of commerce throughout the States and Canada.

Number of tourists who registered 212, whose combined parties numbered 641. This does not represent the total number of callers at the bureau as there were many others who would not register. There is no doubt that if our banner had been in a more conspicuous place the number of visitors would have been considerably in excess of this. Most of them expressed their appreciation of the services of this office.

Placed signs along the road denoting names of the mountains and streams which also caused very favorable comment.

Located five camping sites between Crow's Nest and Morrissey, which the Forestry Department cleared, built fire places in and put up signs.

Took up the matter of trails with the Forestry Department, who cleared the trails up Mount Fernie, Trinity Mountain and Mount Hosmer. They have also promised that during 1921 they will clear trails up to the Lizard Range and also make additional camping sites and still further beautify the existing ones.

Suggested to the President of the Theodore Roosevelt Highway Association that an effort be made to connect up that highway with the Canadian highway at Portal and then come on through here and go south via Gateway to Columbia Falls and again join the Roosevelt highway.

He took this up with their directors, who were very much in favor of it. An organization was formed to attend to this—in connection with the U.S. interests—and it was suggested that it be called "The North Star Trail—Chicago to Fernie," and that the Canadian end be left to me to organize. This is now being considered by the communities interested. Correspondence about this at the end of this report.

Took up the matter of the conservation of the timber around Island Lake with the directors of the Elk

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NEW COUNCIL HOLD SESSION

The first regular meeting of the city council for 1921 took place on Monday, Jan. 17, with all the members present but Aldermen Douglas and Currie.

Chief Lawson reported that he objected to the renewal of licenses for the Royal Hotel and the Imperial Hotel.

Applications were received from Samuel Whitehouse and Angelo Rizzuto for licenses for the Queen's Hotel and Imperial Hotel respectively.

The Department of Labor wrote stating that the Dominion government would be responsible for one-third of the relief granted in connection with unemployment.

The minutes of the meeting held on Jan. 11 were adopted.

Currie-Irvine—That Chief Lawson be authorized to collect hotel licenses forthwith.

The regular meeting of the council for 1921 will take place on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.

The following committees were appointed for 1921:

Finance—Aldermen Irvine and Douglas.

Fire and Water—Aldermen Corrie and Currie.

Park—Aldermen Robichaud and Bean.

Assessment—Ald. Currie and Irvine.

Health—Aldermen Douglas and Irvine.

Public Works—Aldermen Currie, Douglas and Robichaud.

The first named in each case to be chairman and the Mayor to be ex-officio a member of all committees.

The following were also appointed as members of the Court of Revision: Chairman, Mayor G. G. Henderson; Aldermen J. Ben, W. Robichaud, W. Currie, H. E. Douglas, A. Corrie and J. S. Irvine.

A rebate of 50c will be allowed all persons who pay dog tax not later than April 30.

Ald. J. S. Irvine was appointed acting mayor in the absence of Mayor Henderson.

Moved by Corrie and Irvine:

Whereas it is a fact that cattle condemned for tuberculosis have up to the present been sold for human consumption,

And, whereas, it is the unanimous opinion of the medical and veterinary associations that such a condition should not exist in the public interest,

And, whereas, there seems to be a conflict of authority between the Federal and Provincial governments in respect thereof,

Be it resolved, that the Provincial Secretary be urged to take up the question without delay with the Federal authorities to make it impossible to have cattle which have been condemned for tuberculosis sold for human consumption.—Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

HOCKEY GIRLS DEFEATED

(Calgary Albertan)

Before the largest crowd that ever witnessed a ladies' hockey game in this city the Fernie ladies went down to defeat before the fast travelling Regents, in a hockey fixture played at the Arena in connection with the winter carnival. The game was not as one-sided as the score indicates, but lack of practice showed up greatly on the Fernie team. These ladies from the west put up a stiff argument and with a little more practice will take some beating. The Regents showed great team play and were in better condition than the visitors.

The game started off at a great speed, much to the surprise of the fans. The goal tender of the Fernie team, Miss B. Hilling, put up a good exhibition considering it was the first time she had ever played goal in her life, and it was only on a pretty individual piece of work by Mabel Shortt that the Regents managed to score in the first period. In the second period the game was very even, both teams missing a few nice chances to score. The third period proved to be the fatal period for the Fernie aggregation as they fell down while the Regents tucked the game away by scoring two more.

These last two tallies were scored by Ethel Loucks who was playing a wonderful game at centre for the Regents. There would not be much choice of stars from the winners line-up all of the team playing an exceptionally good game.

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For the losers Florence Miles, the speed demon of the Fernie lineup, played a wonderful game and received round after round of applause from the grand stand for her clever stick handling and hookchecking often bordering on the sensational. This young lady along with M. Dragon proved the greatest obstacle the Regents had to overcome. The rest of the team put up a game fight and lack of condition and team play showed up on them greatly.

After the game the Regents entertained their guests at supper in the board of trade rooms, where a merry time was had by all until the Fernie team departed for home.

The lineup:

Regents	Fernie
M. Claven	goal
U. McClutchie	defence
L. Ure	defence
E. Moore	rover
E. Loucks	centre
M. Shortt	wing
T. Babbie	wing
	subs.
	F. Hammil
	E. Fenwick

Referee, J. Mitchell; Judge of play, J. Anderson.

PUBLIC LIBRARY OPEN SATURDAY

The Fernie Public Library will open until further notice on Saturdays from 4 to 6 and Wednesdays from 7.30 to 9.00 p.m., commencing with tomorrow, Saturday, Jan. 22. Subscribers will please use the rear door of the High School (Old Methodist Church). Subscription \$2.00. The committee will be pleased to receive lists of books which any member may desire to read, and every effort will be made to obtain books of which the names are submitted. Books may be kept two weeks and each member is entitled to borrow two books at a time, provided one is non-fiction. A fine of 2c a day will be charged for books kept over two weeks.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Crow's Nest Pass Curling Association took place on Tuesday evening at the Fernie Club, with over one hundred members present.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Arthur Ward, Cranbrook.

Vice-President—Jack Ross, Taber.

Sec.-Treas.—S. Herchmer, Fernie.

Chaplain—Rev. Burns, Fernie.

Executive—Messrs. Clarke, Lethbridge; E. K. Stewart, Fernie; W. Cameron, Cranbrook; J. H. Robinson, Taber; Moffatt, Claresholm; Russell, Macleod; Rhodes, Pincher Creek; McBurney, Coleman; F. Kiever, Stavely; C. H. Messenger, Carmangay; D. Olivier, Blairmore; G. Cruickshanks, Hillcrest; and Dr. Layden, Granum.

The next annual bospiel will be held at Taber, the time to be fixed by that club.

REPORTS ON CONDITIONS
IN THE KOOTENAYS

Walter Drinnan, provincial secretary of the G.W.V.A., who has recently returned to the coast from a trip through the Kootenays and on through Southern Alberta, reported that he did not find anywhere, except perhaps at Nelson, a really serious unemployment problem. At Nelson, he said, there is some need for relief, a number of returned men finding themselves in straitened circumstances. The demand for help is limited everywhere, he says, and what does exist is quickly satisfied, but there is not a serious problem in the Kootenays in this regard as the coast and other places.

The provincial secretary was much impressed with the provincial convention of the Alberta G. W. V. A., which was held at Medicine Hat and which he attended. The provincial members co-operate in a splendid manner with the association in that province, and a number of members were present at the sessions.

Contrary to the general impression Mr. Drinnan points out that the new president of the Alberta provincial command is not in favor of the 2000 bonus scheme, but does favor the issuing of further gratuities as outlined in the plan submitted at the G.W.V.A. Dominion convention at Montreal.

Mr. Drinnan reports the different locals of the G.W.V.A. to be in a flourishing condition.