



## METHODIST CHURCH.

FERNIE, B.C.

### SERVICES:

Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
Sabbath School and Bible Class, 3 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday at 8 p.m.  
Epworth League, Tuesday at 8 p.m.  
Strangers are cordially invited.

REV. R. F. STILLMAN, - - Pastor.

## The Great Giving Season

is once more upon us. "God's great gift to us," we celebrate and commemorate with great joy at this time of the year by making gifts to others. Kershaw's have a large variety of very useful and attractive articles which are really most suitable for this purpose and will please the boys and girls, giving entire satisfaction. However call and see them and get to know prices of same before you buy elsewhere we shall consider it a pleasure to show you our stock at any time. Wishing you all the compliments of the season and that your past best may be your future's worst, I am Yours truly,

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W. H. WHIMSTEN,  
Secretary.

## DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership existing between Wm. Eschwig and A. E. Brown in the Loop Hotel, at the Loop, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. The said A. E. Brown will pay all debts and collect all accounts. Signed  
Wm. Eschwig,  
A. E. BROWN.

Dated at Fernie, Dec. 21, 1901.

## WHAT THE OTHER FELLOWS SAY

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The Fernie, B. C. Free Press has issued a very handsome souvenir edition for Christmas. It is in magazine form, well printed, and is profusely illustrated with mining and other scenes, showing the rapid development of the town and district.—Toronto World.

The Fernie Free Press has issued a souvenir number of the most creditable character. It is handsomely bound in book form, well printed, and embellished with some really excellent photo-engravings. Pictures are shown of the immense coke ovens of the Crow's Nest Company and the coal mines and prominent buildings. From the facts which the Free Press presents to its readers in so attractive a manner it is certain Fernie has a splendid future.—Rossland Miner.

The Fernie Free Press has issued a Christmas number that is a peach. It is in book form, handsomely bound, and full of interesting reading matter and views of Fernie and that section. The publication is a credit to Editor Hacking and Manager Wallace, and should bring them a lot of shekels. What is more the people of Fernie should be proud of a bunch of fellows that can get out such an annual. The Tribune congratulates you, gentlemen.—Marysville Tribune.

The souvenir edition of the Fernie FREE PRESS has been received. The proprietors of the FREE PRESS are to be congratulated upon the very attractive edition they have issued. The work is profusely illustrated, not with views of far away places in which one has no interest, but with scenes and people well known to the Fernie people. This makes the work doubly valuable and interesting. The good people of Fernie no doubt fully appreciate the efforts put forth by the FREE PRESS in their behalf, if they don't, then they must be mighty hard to please, that's all.—McLeod Advance.

The Fernie, B. C., Free Press celebrates the completion of its third year of publication by issuing a special Christmas number that would be credit to any of the large Canadian dailies. It is beautifully illustrated, and printed on heavy book paper and tells in an entertaining way the story of the wonderful growth of the Crow's Nest town from 1897 when there was not a house where the thriving town of Fernie with a population of 3,000 now stands. During the past year over 50 stores and dwellings have been erected and every lot upon the townsite has been sold.—Winnipeg Free Press.

The Fernie Free Press has issued an exceptionally fine souvenir number. It contains a history of the new coal town from 1898, when there were but a few log huts in the place, up to 1902. Fernie is now a bustling, prosperous town of upwards of three thousand people and an excellent example of what may develop in at present unexpected places in British Columbia if the right sort of policy be pursued. The illustrations in this Christmas number are particularly interesting from the miles of coke ovens to the hundred or more of school children lined up in front of a modern school building. Fernie is not destined for a mere ephemeral existence. There is said to be enough coal around it to keep as many miners as can be employed busy for we do not know how many years—in any case for long after the present generation we hope, will be at all interested in heat-producing substances.—Victoria Times.

The FERNIE FREE PRESS has just issued a Christmas number. It contains a history of the town and states among other things that the population of Fernie to-day is 3,000, which equates it to be regarded as the third largest town in the interior of British Columbia, Rossland coming first and Nelson next. Taking the present output of the Fernie mines as 2,000 tons per day and the demand of the Great Northern, as repeatedly stated by its representatives, at 10,000 tons a day, and adding to this the daily demands of the province, which is 2,000 tons it will be seen how rapidly the town is destined to grow. If however the present requirements of traffic are 12,000 tons a day it is not likely long to remain at that figure as the natural development of the west, on both sides of the line, will continue to raise it higher and higher every year, it looks therefore, as if the possibilities for

business in this valley are practically unlimited, and that for some years to come, however rapid our development we shall overtake it, and in saying this we have no desire to create a boom or to suggest a speculative investment. Fernieites claim that they have a genuine foundation for industrial prosperity and that nothing short of chaos can prevent the growth of this district. The growth of Fernie during the present year has been considerable although there has been no undue rush. More than fifty stores and dwellings have been erected and every lot on the townsite has been bought and there is a clamor for more, so that there is no doubt that in the near future the authorities will be forced to extend the townsite in order to make room for the large influx of settlers which may reasonably be expected. This being the present state of affairs we cannot forbear looking backward and contrasting the past with the present; in 1897 there was not a house, not even an inhabited hut, between the Crow's Nest and the Kootenay river; the only means of getting through the country was upon the old Indian trail which had been traversed for so many years by the pioneer namesake of our town; with the advent of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company and its staff all this was altered.

There are a number of illustrations which are of much interest, including the coke ovens, Fernie in 1898, group of Fernie school children, scene on Elk river, etc. It is a most interesting and neat publication.—Nelson Miner.

One of the gems among the holiday productions is the Christmas Souvenir Edition of the Fernie Free Press. Besides containing a great deal of interesting descriptive matter it is handsomely illustrated. The printing, both as regards letter press and cuts, is done in the best style of the art. The publication gives one a splendid idea of the town of Fernie, the mines that are its backbone, and the surrounding district.—Vancouver World.

## LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of License Commissioners for South East Kootenay, held a special meeting in the Court House, Fernie, Dec. 31st. There were ten applicants before the Board all of which were granted. The application of John McDonald for license was opposed by W. R. Ross on the ground that the petition did not comply with the Act but the objection was overruled. The following licenses were granted.

- David Griffith, Wildhorse, for renewal, granted.
- Charles Early, Marysville, for renewal, granted.
- J. M. Carroll, Kimberley, for renewal, granted.
- A. Campbell, Kimberley, for renewal, granted.
- L. B. Vandicar, Cranbrook, for renewal, granted.
- Jones & McIntosh, Elko, for renewal, granted.
- C. M. Edwards, Elko, new license, granted, subject to inspection.
- Jno. McDonald, Marysville, new license, granted.
- Robert Schram, Morrissey, new license, granted, subject to completion according to plans.
- Frank McCabe, Wardner, for renewal, granted, subject to inspection.

## QUEEN ALEXANDRA ILL.

An associated press despatch says that the condition of Queen Alexandra is more serious than has been given out, and that it causes some anxiety. Doctors are in constant attendance upon her Majesty. A bulletin issued at noon today says the Queen is progressing favorably, but that the extensive arrangements made for Christmas festivities at Sandringham, including large shooting parties, have all been upset and that their majesties will spend Christmas at Marlborough House. The court circular of London last night announced that the journey of the King and Queen Alexandra to Sandringham, where they were to spend Christmas, has been postponed in consequence of a slight indisposition of her majesty. It was then understood that the state of the Queen's health was not serious.

It was announced later in the day that the Queen was suffering from a chill, but that her chill is not considered to be dangerous. It is expected her majesty will be able to leave her room in a few days.

## CROW'S NEST HOCKEY ASS'N.

A meeting of delegates to form a Crow's Nest Hockey Association was held in Fernie, on Saturday, Dec. 28th. Representatives were present from Pincher Creek, Moyie, Fernie and Cranbrook. The delegates met in Levasseur's Hotel, at 8 p.m. Mr. A. C. Liphardt, of Fernie, took the chair, while W. A. Ross was elected secretary pro tem.

A constitution was then framed, as also rules for games and rules for meetings. As these will all be published in book form in a very short time it is needless to detail them here.

The following officers of the Association were elected:

- Patrons—Mr. Bury, C.P.R. superintendent; Dr. Green, Moyie; W. D. Hill, Cranbrook; C. Kettles, Pincher Creek; G. Levasseur, Fernie.
- Hon. President—S. W. Gebo, Frank.
- Hon. Vice-President—Mr. Purdy, Fernie.
- President—A. C. Liphardt, Fernie.
- 1st Vice-President—J. H. Schofield, Pincher Creek.
- 2nd Vice-President—R. E. Beattie, Cranbrook.
- Secretary-Treasurer—W. A. Ross, Pincher Creek.

Committee of three—F. Beate, Moyie; M. Kastner, Fernie; C. Prest, Cranbrook.

The following schedule of matches was also drawn up:

1. Pincher Creek vs. Fernie, at Fernie, Jan. 10th.
2. Moyie vs. Cranbrook, at Cranbrook, Jan. 10th.
3. Fernie vs. Moyie, at Moyie, Jan. 17th.
4. Cranbrook vs. Pincher Creek at Pincher Creek, Jan. 17th.
5. Cranbrook vs. Fernie, at Fernie, Jan. 21st.
6. Fernie vs. Cranbrook, at Cranbrook, Jan. 25th.
7. Pincher Creek vs. Cranbrook, at Cranbrook, Jan. 31st.
8. Pincher Creek vs. Moyie, at Moyie, Feb. 1st.
9. Cranbrook vs. Moyie, at Moyie, Feb. 4th.
10. Moyie vs. Fernie, at Fernie, Feb. 6th.
11. Moyie vs. Pincher Creek, at Pincher Creek, Feb. 8th.
12. Fernie vs. Pincher Creek, at Pincher Creek, Feb. 10th.

## MICHEL NEWS.

A goodly number took advantage of the invitations to the social given by the Ladies' of the Presbyterian congregation, on the evening of January 1st.

During the existence of Michel there has been about nine socials each surpassing its predecessors on account of the increasing population. Some of the newcomers think we are having the first of everything.

Next Sabbath Mrs. Dale will be assisted by Rev. T. H. Wright and Rev. T. R. Peacock in special union services which will be held in the hall at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. We hope these services will be productive of much good.

The two boarding houses will soon be ready for occupation. Mr. McDevitt and Mr. Willy have rented them. Commercial travelers and other visitors will now have better accommodation, and the miners will feel that a long felt want is now supplied.

The Christmas special number of "The Fernie Free Press" was very much appreciated by those who were fortunate enough to procure a copy. It was certainly a work of art and literary skill. Regret is expressed by those who failed to purchase copies when in Fernie.

Our second Xmas Tree was a success financially. After paying all expenses a balance of \$14 was left in the treasury. This amount will be expended in purchasing an oak table and a pulpit chair which when purchased will be the joint property of all the ministers and their congregations who worship in Michel.

R. L. Henderson has taken charge of the Government headquarters here. He is highly esteemed by the chief residents for his work as Constable. We hope that there will be little need for his services, which will be a good sign, indicating a sturdy growth in good morals amongst the residents.

A very pleasant social time was spent in the new hall on New Year's night

when the ladies of the Presbyterian mission entertained a gathering of about one hundred people. The hall was well supplied with tables, and the various games were indulged in heartily. About 9:45 a short programme was rendered, after which refreshments were served. There was no charge and the large audience bespoke the appreciation. The ladies are to be congratulated on the success of the event. It is hoped that the different congregations will occasionally relieve the monotony of our hum drum existence, and by repeating these social evenings help us forget life's drudgery. The church in the west has a social function to perform, and where circumstances permit it should avail itself of the opportunity. Anything like rivalry or selfishness in these things is to be deplored, but to provide an evening of pure, wholesome, Christian amusement conducted in an humble way will do much to raise the church in the estimation of the men of the west, remove their prejudices, and lead them into touch with its worship and gospels. It will show them that the church is not the frozen up, hide-bound, or money-grabbing institution they consider it to be, but a force social and spiritual, which has the highest well-being of man as its object.

## GOODERHAM IS BOYCOTTED.

ROSSLAND, December 31.—A strong feeling of indignation is being expressed all over Canada regarding the action of the Gooderham syndicate towards the employees of their mines in Rossland. Vigorous action is being taken to assist the miners in their struggle. The following article taken from the Vancouver World of December 24th, expresses the feeling of the workmen of the west:

"The labor men of the province are asked to drink no more of Gooderham & Worts' whiskies; at least not until such times as the Rossland labor troubles in connection with the mines in which the Gooderham syndicate is interested are finally settled. The Vancouver Trades and Labor Council held its regular meeting last night and after a discussion of the subject resolved to boycott the firm. This, perhaps, is the most aggressive action taken by the labor people against any of the firms who control the mine. Usually they are so situated that they are not gettable, but in this instance the men feel that they can hit one of the owners by another means, Gooderham, the manufacturer of whiskey, is connected with the syndicate of Gooderham & Blackstock, which owns the War Eagle and Centre Star mines at Rossland where the strike is at present in progress. Considerable of the productions of the distillery firm come to this province, and as the labor element forms a large portion of the population, the boycott will mean something. The action taken last night by the Trades and Labor Council was decisive and after the matter had been fully discussed. The other unions in the province will be asked to join in and make the boycott general. Besides inviting all subordinate unions throughout the province to join with them in eschewing any of the products of the Gooderham & Worts' distillery, in consequence of Mr. Gooderham's prominent identification with the Rossland mines, in which owners and employers have been at outs for some time past, it has been decided to extend the proscription to other large concerns in which Gooderham capital is invested, notably the Manufacturers' Life Assurance Company, and the Bank of Toronto.

Among the letters received by the Trades and Labor Council of Rossland, promising aid and support, are many from the extreme east. The universal feeling of indignation is shown by these letters. One from one of the largest unions in Montreal, Quebec, is published in part:

MONTREAL, December 26.—J. McLaren, secretary Rossland Trades and Labor Council—Dear Sir: I wish to let you know that by a regular meeting we took action to boycott the products of the Gooderham & Worts distilleries; also we will not patronize the Manufacturers' Life Assurance Company nor the Bank of Toronto; and we have written to Mr. Gooderham to compel an investigation of the claims of the War Eagle and Centre Star mines. I remain yours fraternally,  
ED. BERTHIAUME,  
Secretary Local Union No. 137, Brotherhood Carpenters and Joiners of America.