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MEN'S WINTER CLOTHING



- Carr's Mackinaw coats \$3.75
- Carr's Mackinaw pants \$3.75
- H. B. Mackinaw coats \$5.00
- H. B. Mackinaw pants \$4.00
- Irish Frieze Reefers \$5.00
- Irish Frieze pants \$3.75
- Overcoats from \$10.00 to \$25.00
- Stanfield's pure wool underwear \$3.00

Big Horn pure wool underwear \$3.00 suit
 Heavy wool socks, 25c, 35c, and 50c pair.
 Pig skin mitts and gloves \$1.00 and up.
 Horse hide mitts and gloves \$1.25 and up.
 Mule skin mitts and gloves .75 and up.
 Lumbermen's rubbers \$1.65 to \$3.35.
 German socks, 65c to \$1.50 per pair.

AGENTS FOR
Geo. A Slater's shoes
Trites-Wood Co., Ltd.

AT COST OR BELOW COST

We must clear out the remnants of our beautiful Xmas presents. The following list will give you an idea of the sacrifice we are making.

	\$30.00	\$20.00
Dressing Sets	6.00	4.00
Writing Folios	3.00	2.00
Boys and Girls Annuals	.75	.50
Sewing Boxes	6.00	4.00
Shaving Sets	12.50	8.50
Tobacco Set	7.50	5.00
Military Brushes	10.00	7.00
Ladies' Purse	5.00	3.00
Ladies' Purse	1.50	1.00
Collar Case	3.50	2.00
Baby Set	1.50	1.00
Ash Tray	7.00	4.75
Mirrors	4.00	2.75
Mirrors	1.50	1.00
Pocket Flask	4.50	3.15
Morocco Cigar Cases	4.00	2.85
Morocco Cigar Cases	2.75	1.90
Morocco Cigar Cases	4.00	2.75
Candlesticks	2.50	1.50
Candlesticks	9.00	6.50
Gold Clocks	5.00	3.25
Jewel Case	1.50	1.00
Sewing Set	2.00	1.25
Sewing Set	5.00	3.00

All Xmas goods sold without reserve at similar reductions.

N. E. SUDDABY

Get a copy of the Crow's Nest Pass Illustrated at the Free Press Office.

1907 IN FERNIE

Some Features of the City's Progress

Another calendar year has ended. In the history of a growing city it is a good time to take stock of our progress for the past twelve months. While the satisfaction felt by the citizens generally is the best sign of the times yet there are many tangible indications of progress that call for notice.

What The Council of 1907 Has Done.

In municipal matters much has been accomplished for the welfare of the city. Chief of the monuments to the business ability of the City Fathers is the Sewerage. The Sewers have been laid and the septic tank built in record time, without an accident and involving absolutely no legal expense. The Works and Property Committee (Ald. Gates, Chairman) has graded on the city streets more than nine blocks and has made Victoria Ave. a model. The surface drainage on Victoria Ave. has also been improved. The open ditch in the alley between Hanson and McEvoy streets has been closed in. Two blocks in the city were stumped and cleared and about \$400 was spent in this way in the Annex. Much of the work was done by prison labor.

Name signs have been put up on the streets and the houses numbered. Electric lamps were installed on the streets and the juice will be turned on shortly. A street sprinkler was constructed to keep down the dust. The G. N. was compelled to put in two crossings to the Annex.

City weigh scales have been installed and a new jail equipped complete. The fire fighting equipment has been perfected to such an extent that the fire losses this year were practically nil.

City offices were built next the fire hall and furnished with modern equipment.

When the volume of work done is considered it will be admitted that the Council of 1907 has displayed a great deal of energy and zeal for the city's welfare and that the citizens may well feel proud of their choice of representatives for 1907.

The Year In The Building Trade.

Building was quiet in Fernie during the early part of the year but lost time was made up since June. We have a handsome Provincial Government building costing some \$25,000 almost completed. The new brick and stone Post Office which is also an expensive building to construct is closed in and ready for the finishers. The \$820,000 rink of the Fernie Rink Company is well under way.

One septic tank is completed and another requires only a roof to be ready for business. The City Offices have been erected and a foundation put under the jail.

The big block of the Fernie Steam Laundry Co. is ready for the installation of the machinery and right behind it a mammoth boarding house has been erected. The 18 room addition to the Fernie Hotel is receiving the finishing touches.

Fred Handley built a commodious livery barn, L. E. McDonald put up a modern new black smith shop and the C.P.R. built a big water tank here this year. More than 30 residences, some of them fine buildings modernly equipped have been erected during the year.

The Wood-Nab Lumber Co. have practically completed their big mill, and the Elk Lumber Co. built a huge planing factory in West Fernie. The Fernie Lumber Co. and the North American Lumber and Lumber Co. have made extensive additions and improvements at their mills.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. have spent a lot of money in building this year but it was chiefly at and around the Collieries and of course makes no difference to the appearance of the city.

Perhaps the most important work that has been undertaken in this vicinity during the year just ended is the construction of the G. N. extension to Michel. About four miles of steel are already laid but most of the road bed is in shape for the rails. Nearly \$180,000 has been paid by A. Guthrie & Co. in wages alone since the commencement of work.

A preliminary survey has been made for a G. N. line up the Elk and through the mountains to the prairie and the C.P. completed their location survey to Aldrich Cree last summer.

The waggon road to Hosmer has been put into good shape and will no doubt be extended next year.

SMOKER AT THE CLUB

Our Fire Department does Effective Work.

At about half past two on Monday afternoon an alarm of fire was sent to the Department from the Fernie Club. The brigade made a prompt run to the building from which the smoke was issuing in clouds. Fire from a defective flue had communicated to one of the walls and was just getting properly started when the firemen arrived.

It was difficult at first to locate the blaze but when an opening was made so that the water could be turned on short work was made of the fire. The loss, which will amount to less than \$200 is fully covered by insurance.

The members of the Club speak in terms of highest praise of the fire department which not only turned out promptly and did effective work but by careful handling of the hose and the water did no damage whatever to the building or furniture by this means. Too often a small blaze means comparatively heavy loss by water.

MINE OWNERS MEMORIAL

The owners of mines producing lead have prepared and will submit to the government the following memorial asking that the dominion lead bounty be extended:

We the undersigned, who have been producers of lead ore since the inception of the lead bounty act, respectfully address you, as representing the mining industry of the dominion, and request your favorable consideration of the following memorial, and further, that you favor us by bringing the same to the attention of the right honorable the premier and your colleagues of the cabinet:

1. That said lead bounty has, by insuring a stable a minimum price, been most effective and beneficial to the lead mining industry, with it to the smelting and manufacturing industries, and consequently to the general commerce of the dominion.

2. That such results have been produced by a relatively small expenditure, as was anticipated, and as was represented when the original request for consideration was made to the government. Out of \$2,500,000 originally voted to be expended in the period of bounty terminating 30th June next but \$616,976.02 have been expended up to 1st December, 1907.

3. That on account of the high tariff on lead ore and its produce, still imposed by the United States government (which was an impediment might have been reduced ere this) of the recent imposition by said government of a prohibitory duty on our zinc ore, a product of our lead bearing veins, thus depriving us of a source of revenue and of the fact that the lead consuming capacity of Canada has not increased proportionately to our output, since the inception of the bounty, we shall at the expiration of the said bounty period, be still unable to rely on a stable minimum price for our lead, sufficient to justify its production in the form of ore and the large expenditures on exploration and development work necessary to maintain our mines and with them the entire lead industry of Canada.

That without such a stable minimum price we cannot produce our ores during periods of low prices in the world's market, which governs the market of Canada, and with such intermittent production the inducement to expend the necessary large sums in exploration and development will cease to exist, consequently the present ore reserves in our mines will be exhausted, and with them the leading mining industry.

4. That with the United States tariff and the consuming capacity of Canada as at present, the necessary stable minimum price can only be assured by a continuance of the present lead bounty or by an extraordinary increase in the existing Canadian tariff on lead and its products.

The undersigned therefore respectfully request that the lead bounty be extended for a further period of five years, with an expenditure not to exceed \$500,000 in any one year.

Hosmer will soon have a first class Hardware Store. The building is to be started the first of the year.

A BANNER YEAR

Fernie's Fire Loss Lowest in the West

Fires and fire alarms responded to during the year 1907:

March 11th. Telephone alarm. Fire at A. Cameron's residence on McEvoy Street. Loss \$230. Insurance \$600. Insurance over loss \$370.

April 29th. Telephone Alarm. Fire at William Charters' residence on Victoria Avenue. Cause of fire, burning sulphur in fumigating house. No loss.

May 8th. Telephone Alarm. Fire on Macpherson and McEvoy Streets. Brush burning on vacant lot. No loss.

August 6th. Telephone alarm. Logs burning under the Grand Stand on recreation ground. No loss.

August 7th. Telephone alarm. Fire at residence of Charles Richards. Cause of fire, clothes in clothes closet accidentally catching on fire. Loss \$81. Insurance \$2,800. Insurance over loss \$2,719.

August 23rd. Telephone alarm. Fire at residence of William Dicken. Started by children playing with matches in bed room. No loss.

October 18th. Alarm Archie McLean. Burning rubbish on vacant lot in the vicinity of Pellatt Avenue. No loss.

Nov. 13th. Alarm given by Chief of Police. Fire in the furnace room at the school house. Cause of fire kindling igniting and setting fire to the building. Loss \$100. Insurance \$600. Insurance over loss \$500.

December 1st. Telephone alarm. Fire at Robert Kerr's residence on Victoria Avenue. Cause of fire lamp exploding. No loss.

December 30th. Telephone alarm. Fire at the Fernie Club rooms. Cause of fire defective furnace. Loss \$200. Insurance \$2,500. Insurance over loss \$2,300.

Ton fires and alarms. Loss \$611. Insurance on Buildings \$11,000. Insurance over losses \$11,289.

D. McDOUGALL, Chief.

DR. JEKYLL & MR. HYDE

True Weatherby, of Springhill, N. S., has been sentenced in a Boston Court to die in the electric chair on Jan. 26, 1908. The crime for which he will pay the extreme penalty of the law was the murder of his step-child. His wife, the mother of the child, will remain in prison the remainder of her days.

If this is the True Weatherby, formerly of Springhill, N. S., who was the hero of the big mine explosion of '93 at Coal Creek, the news of his approaching end will be learned with genuine regret by the old timers of Fernie. At the time of the explosion he jumped into fame as the heroic leader of rescue parties who penetrated the tunnel before the poisonous gases had cleared away, in the desperate hope of saving life. The gas seemed to have no effect upon his iron constitution. Time and again he carried out the unconscious forms of his fellow heroes when they had succumbed to the deadly after-damp.

At one time when R. G. Drinnan had collapsed and Dr. Bennett was struggling to carry him out the Doctor was overcome and True had to carry them both to the open air.

He was known in the camp as a big, good-natured fellow whom no one would suspect of anything discreditable, and it will be difficult for his Fernie and Michel friends to believe this report.

An impromptu dance was given on Thursday night in the dining room of the Waldorf Hotel by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Moore, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Campbell, (nee) Rosie Know who were married in the city on Christmas afternoon and have just returned from their honeymoon. Dancing commenced at 10 o'clock and was carried on into the early hours of the morning.

The bride wore her wedding costume which was greatly admired and the costumes of the other ladies were exceedingly graceful and befitting the occasion. Light refreshments were served, during the evening, Mr. Broley acted as master of ceremonies. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Whelan, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Pluck, Miss Clara Morriss, Mr. Chas. Lyke, Mr. William Stewart, Miss Leskie, Mr. and Mrs. Broley, J. Marshall and many others.

The music was provided by Mr. R. H. Strang who presided at the piano. Bates at the violin.

FREIGHT WRECK

Vandals Enjoy a Peanut Feast.

Seven cars of a westbound freight train left the rails about a mile and a half west of Fernie on Thursday morning. No one was hurt. It took about 8 hours to clear the track and meantime the Soo-Spokane and the Westbound Express were held up in the yards here.

Half of Fernie went down to see the wreck. A car of peanuts was smashed up and the contents made a noise like a free lunch to the most of the kids. One youngster filled his tongue and put it on his head and then, removing his shoes, he took off his stockings, filled them with peanuts, and tramped back stockless to town through the snow. Sweaters, blouses, aprons, skirts, hats and other wearing apparel were used by the vultures to carry away the spoils. It is to be feared that some genius will spread a rail the next time a car of peanuts is passing through Fernie.

CUSTOMS RETURNS

The Customs collections at the port of Fernie for the month of December were as follows:

Free Goods—\$23,400.00
 Dutiable Goods—\$74,511.00
 Duty Collected—\$18,187.47

G. G. HENDERSON,
 Collector.

This is a record month in the Customs Office and is a reliable index of our steady development.

HOSMER NEWS NOTES.

The police gave sixteen undesirable eight hours to leave town or get work. One stayed and he rests peacefully in the coop.

A basket ball team will be organized in the near future. Nothing slow in Hosmer.

J. E. Tierney is leaving next week for Spokane and Rossland. It is rumored that he may not return alone.

Supt. Drinnan, of the Hosmer Mines is spending his Xmas holidays at the Coast.

A. B. Campbell spent Xmas in Fernie.

F. E. Rough our genial station agent here has placed two lamps on the platform. It shows that he is here to assist the public and which is being appreciated by the people of Hosmer.

Watch the great dance on New Year's eve.

It's cold going up the hill isn't it boys

Fred Ritchie is spending a few days at Frank. Say has Fred got a girl there?

Jones has found his dog. Have not seen that small bottle yet. Did Constable Bulger find the dog? If not call on Tierney & Rough. They will give you the secret.

Considerable building seems to be the whole move now, especially near the depot.

No one was placed in jail on Xmas Day.

The Anderson, of the firm Chessman, Barrett & Chessman, of Vancouver, who has been in town for the past fifteen days spent Xmas at Olson.

What's the matter Jack? The Mojie girl not come?

The Menu of the Royal Hotel was very much up-to-date.

L. D. Chessman of the firm Chessman, Barrett & Chessman, Real Estate Agents, Vancouver is spending Xmas at his home.

Wedding bells soon. Get your ears ready boys.

ANDREWS-WHALES

On Dec. 18 Mrs. Mary J. Whales and Mr. Charles Andrews were united in holy matrimony by Rev. W. L. Hall in the presence of a few friends. Mrs. Whales is a well known resident and pioneer of Fernie. Mr. Andrews is of Norwegian descent but has spent many years in the States and Canada. Among the friends present were Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Terry. After the ceremony the party sat down to a supper and a pleasant evening was passed in honor of the occasion.