

IT'S A GARDEN SPOT

A Fruitful Valley That Contains 200,000 Acres.

THE FARMERS' PARADISE

Though the Grand Forks Country Will Yield Much to the Husbandmen, Its Great Source of Wealth Is the Mines—Smelters and Railways.

The following letter, dated Grand Forks, B. C., was written by P. A. O'Farrell to his syndicate of papers: Grand Forks is 45 miles from Marcus and about 15 miles from Greenwood City. As the name indicates, it is located at a point where the two main branches of the Kettle river meet. The branch rising to the north, and called the North Fork, flows through rolling mountainous country good only for logging and mining, while the main branch, or the Kettle river proper, is remarkable for the number of fertile prairies which it flows through. Here at Grand Forks is a valley which they call Grand Prairie. This valley is about 200,000 acres in extent. The greater part of this prairie is located the best and most profitable farms in British Columbia. This valley of Grand Forks is a paradise for the farmer. The climate is mild and agreeable, the land is fruitful, and the mining camps pay fancy prices for all the produce of the farm. Up at the western end of the fine ranch owned by a settler named Covert. He has 400 acres in a high state of cultivation, and his orchards and gardens are enough to excite the envy of the best fruit growers of California. He has built a palatial residence and evidently enjoys unwonted prosperity. Covert has none of the marks of the pioneer about him, except a bushy grey beard and a rather careless make-up. Pioneers who bew the forest and transform the savage wilds into lands overflowing with milk and honey are usually a melancholy race. He is a jolly farmer and an exceedingly good one. Rumor has it that he was once on the Chicago board of trade, that the wolves skinned him and that he fled thither to repair his ruined fortunes. Happy man for him! His hands are fruitful as a mother's love, his home is built in sight of the loveliest and grandest scenery, and his days are spent not amid the juggling of jobbers and brokers, but watching the corn sprout and the fruit trees bud, and the leaves fall, watching the sunrise over those eastern hills capped with the rosy-tinted clouds of the dawn. The man's fall has been a rise, for he dwells like a patriarch in a veritable arcadia.

Irrigation Is Necessary. Mr. Covert's ranch is a type of others. Irrigation will have to be used to a considerable extent to bring all the land around Grand Forks into cultivation, but the time will come when the Grand Forks valley will be the garden spot, not alone of the Kettle river, but of British Columbia itself. I have simply touched the tip of the iceberg in this Kettle river country, both from an agricultural and scenic standpoint. But I want the reader of these letters to get a thorough idea of this country. It is true that its great wealth is in its mines. That wealth is simply fabulous. For a few miles will be enriching themselves and the Dominion and the world at large by mining from these mountains the gold which they contain.

The amazing discoveries in the Klondike are yet insignificant in comparison with the stupendous possibilities of this country. The Republic mine at Eureka will make more millionaires than Bonanza creek, and the Greenwood camp will produce more wealth in the next half century than the whole valley of the Yukon. These are statements which past experience almost demands for truth. They are statements which should turn the attention of statesmen and capital to this country. They have been made again and again by thoroughly competent and perfectly reliable experts. There is employment for 100,000 toilers in mining and extracting the gold and copper out of the mines of the Kettle river country.

Opportunities For Capital. There are opportunities here for capital to grow fat which I believe no other country on the globe affords. But capital must be employed on a large scale. Here are almost mountains of copper ore. Go and look at the Volcanic, a dozen miles up the river from here. It is simply a mountain of copper ore, and its signs indicate that more copper can be extracted from this mine alone than from the Calumet & Hecla. I must not be understood to say that the Volcanic will be a bonanza dividend payer or anything of that sort.

The Volcanic can only be made a dividend payer when worked on a colossal scale, like the Anaconda, and when treatment and refining charges are at a minimum. The same is true of numerous other mines in this country. Hence smelters and railroads are the two things absolutely needed, and the people here want railroads which do not bleed industry to death.

Some kindly critics have hinted that my letters flavored of unkindness to the Canadian Pacific. My intention is not to be inimical to any person or corporation interested in the development of this country. I have simply pointed out that the Canadian Pacific policy is to haul the Kootenay and Boundary ores to eastern and coast points. I have just seen a newspaper clipping that the Trail smelter had to shut down and had let its employees go idle for two days and a half for lack of coke to run the furnaces, and while this was so there were 50 carloads of coke sidetracked along the Canadian Pacific line between Vancouver and Robson.

A NARROW MAJORITY

Both Bylaws Were Carried by a Small Margin.

A VERY QUIET ELECTION

The Current Expense Ordinance Could Have Been Defeated by 2-5ths of a Vote—The Sewer Deficiency Measure Only Had 5 and 1-5th Votes to Spare.

By a narrow majority in each case, both money bylaws were approved at the special election Tuesday. The vote on the current expense ordinance was 136 for and 90 against, while the sewer deficiency ordinance received 142 affirmative and 86 negative ballots.

The apparent majority in each case was considerable, but as each bylaw had to be approved by at least two-thirds of all the votes cast, they were really enacted by a very narrow margin. On the current expense bylaw, the total vote was 226, three-fifths of which is 135 3-5, the affirmative vote on this bylaw was 136, so that it was carried by just 2-5 of a vote.

The total vote on the sewer contract bylaw was 228, three-fifths of which is 136 4-5. The vote for the bylaw in this case was 142, which was carried off through by a margin of 5 and 1-5.

Though considerable interest was manifested in the election, there was no disturbance of any sort. Beyond numerous groups of men discussing the election with much interest, there was nothing on the street to denote that anything out of the ordinary was in progress.

The Balloting. The balloting took place in the city office, near the corner of Columbia avenue and St. Paul street. Major Cooper acted as returning officer, assisted by the Mayor and the city clerk. The polls were opened at 8 o'clock in the morning and remained open until 4 in the afternoon. Two police officers were constantly in attendance.

The first incident of the day occurred at the opening of the polls, when members of the Retirees' association demanded that a scrutineer from their ranks be allowed inside the polling place to challenge voters and to have an oversight of the voting. Though they pushed their claims with considerable persistence, they were met with stubborn refusal, and the balloting was conducted all day long under the supervision merely of Major Cooper and City Clerk McQueen.

The ballot boxes were produced, locked, and some time before the polls were opened, and to this also the oppositionists objected, demanding that they be allowed to investigate the ballot boxes and satisfy themselves that no suspicion attached to them. Again they were met with a refusal, and were forced to retire without receiving any assurance that the voting would be conducted without fraud.

The voters' list, which had been inexplicably missing, was produced from some mysterious source, and proved to be a duplicate of the assessment roll. It contained all 655 names, but many of these were non-residents of the city, and that figure was considerably larger than the actual number of eligible voters. No distinction was made between British and Americans, so long as each was properly qualified as regards property. The owners of assessed shacks were allowed to vote, and were also allowed to vote. The total list of voters aggregated 228. Several applicants who were not included in the assessment rolls, but who swore they were the owners of real property, were also allowed to cast their ballots.

The administration was up bright and early lining up voters in defence of the bylaws, and from the opening to the closing of the polls all possible efforts were made to get every vote that could be drummed up in their favor. The opposition was almost stagnant as regards personal efforts to defeat the measure.

Scrutineers Not Allowed. The refusal of the administration to allow scrutineers in the polling place caused much adverse comment during the day. Aldermen Johnson and Wallace, while personally favoring the enactment of the bylaws, so heartily disapproved this action that each of them cast his vote against the bylaw rather than allow them to be enacted under such a shadow. Subsequently they announced that while deeply regretting the course that had been taken in regard to scrutineers, they would not resign from the council, as their terms of office were so nearly done.

The polls closed promptly at 4 o'clock, and immediately thereafter the task of counting the votes commenced. It was not a lengthy undertaking, and inside of an hour the result was known. A small crowd was present, but the announcement of the election was greeted with no display of any sort.

FIVE BRICKS OF GOLD. Are the Result of the First Run on the Fern. NELSON, Nov. 15.—[Special]—F. C. Innes, manager of the Fern mine, and John A. Beach brought into Nelson today five bricks of gold bullion as a result of the first mill run of the Fern mine on Morning mountain, near the headwaters of Hall creek. The bricks were deposited with the Bank of Montreal. Mr. Innes furnished the following report of the 38 days' run to November 13th: Bullion shipped, \$11,325; bullion on hand, \$670; concentrates shipped, 20 tons; net smelter returns, \$1,500; six tons concentrates on hand, \$450; total product of the mill, \$13,945. Ore shipped, 20 tons; net returns, \$1,200. Making a total of the mine and mill for the 38 days of \$15,145. The total number of tons milled were 965, or an average of 25 4-10 tons per day. The segregation of values recovered is as follows: The first five days, 30 tons per day, making 150 tons at \$8 per ton, \$1,200; succeeding 10 days, 25 tons per day, \$250, at \$8 per ton, \$2,250. The next 10 days, 24 tons per day, 240 tons, at \$14 per ton, \$3,360. The next 13 days, 25 tons per day, 325 tons, at \$12.95, \$4,198. The average duty per 24 hours was 2.54-10 tons. The average free gold per ton milled was \$12.43. The average

A SCIENTIST SAVED.

An Interview With a College President. His Many Duties Caused His Health to Break Down—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Restore Him to Activity.

From the Republican, Columbus, Ind. The Hartsville college, situated at Hartsville, Indiana, was founded years ago in the interest of the United Brethren church, when the state was mostly wildness, and colleges were scarce. The college is well known throughout the country, former students having gone into all parts of the world.

A reporter recently called at this famous seat of learning, and was shown into the room of the president, Prof. Alvin P. Barnaby.

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My physician prescribed for me for some time, and advised me to try a change of climate, I did as he requested and was some improved. Soon after I came here as professor of physics and chemistry, and later was financial agent of this college. The change agreed with me, and for a while my health was better, but my duties were heavy, and again I found my trouble returning. This time it was more severe and in the winter I became completely prostrated. I tried various medicines and different physicians, but none did me any good. Professor Bowman, who is professor of natural science, told me of his experience with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and urged me to give them a trial, because they had benefited him in a similar case, and I concluded to try them.

The first box helped me, and the second gave great relief, such as I had never experienced from the treatment of any physician. After using six boxes of the medicine I was entirely cured. Today I am perfectly well. I feel better and stronger than for years. I certainly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to similar sufferers and over-worked people.

FRUIT FOR EUROPE. Toronto, Ont., Nov. 15.—Following is the special cable to the Evening Telegram, dated London, November 15: Mr. Crandall, the Canadian government agent, has given some attention to the manner of packing fruit imported from Canada, and from a close study of the requirements made by some of the countries, he claims he has greatly overcome the defects complained of. This is demonstrated by late shipments which arrived in splendid condition. A trial shipment by the Castle is expected to arrive at Glasgow, and Mr. Crandall will be there to inspect it. It is his purpose also to compare the state of the fruit shipped by cold storage and the ordinary method, there being many shipments of each from Grimby and Montreal. Mr. Starr, the Nova Scotian agent here, says that the apples from his province are the best ever imported and are bringing high prices.

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FEATURES OF THE WEEK.

The principal event of the past week has been the sale of the Tamarack group of mines to local parties for the large sum of \$60,000. The intention of the purchasers it is said is to immediately incorporate the property and place it on the market. There was a general rumor last evening to the effect that the controlling interest in the popular Great Western near town has been sold to a wealthy syndicate, only very meagre details are, however, yet obtainable, but it is reported that the price at which the sale was consummated was 10 cents per share. Salmo Consolidated as usual was a ready seller again last week. With reference to the local market, the stocks most in demand have been Poorman and Monte Cristo, which are held firmly at 10 cents and 20 cents respectively, in fact, there has been an upward tendency in nearly all the best class of mining stocks, notably: Great Western, Deer Park, Poorman, Monte Cristo. The popular favorite has been however, we think, Poorman and several considerable blocks of this stock have changed hands.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Price, Name of Company, Price. Includes entries like Evening Star, Noble Three, Novelty, Fine Ridge, Poorman, Royal Gold, Salmo Consol. Gold, Min. & Dev. Co., Ltd., Silver Bear, Silver Bell, Silvermine, St. Elmo, West Le Roi.

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AN OLD FASHIONED "KID." Willie Glover Leaves for His Home in Vancouver, B. C. Willie Glover, the lad who was injured while coasting a few weeks since, left yesterday for his home in Vancouver. He has fully recovered from the effects of his collision with a telegraph pole. His folks, who reside in Vancouver, heard of his whereabouts through an item that appeared in THE MINER at the time of the accident, and sent for him. Willie traveled via the C. P. E. on a half-fare ticket. He alleges that he is but 19 years of age, although he looks as though he is 14. His face is worldly-wise in appearance and his talk is that of a person of mature years. It has been his custom to leave his home whenever the spirit moved him, and his experience in making his own way has given him an appearance of wisdom far in excess of his years. A half dozen of his girl and boy friends were at the train to see him off, and from the fact that the tears were standing in the eyes of one little miss of nine, when he bade her goodbye and shook her dear little hand warmly, it is evident that Willie had occasionally hums "The Girl I Left Behind Me."

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The Concert Stars. Miss World and Miss La Dell, who appeared in concert at the opera house Tuesday night, were greeted with a fairly large and appreciative audience. Their numbers were well rendered, Miss La Dell being especially good in "The Chariot Race" and the "Dead Kitty," while her posing was very effective. Miss World has a sweet voice of rare purity and her songs gave much pleasure. Miss Stiles of Rossland was accompanist, and also gave two piano solos with excellent effect.

FROM THE RECORDS. Transfers. NOVEMBER 10. Atna, Double Fraction, Big Bend, Helena Fraction, Rednickon Plant Fraction, Jas Lawler to Margaret Murray. NOVEMBER 4. Marguerite, Robert McKay to Wm McKay. NOVEMBER 13. Empress—seized by sheriff. NOVEMBER 16. Moria, Robert Shiell to Wm Hooper. Sea North, Robert Lochhart to Wm Hooper. Mountain Chief, Alex Shary to Walter H Macfarlane. NOVEMBER 15. Blenheim, J A Macra to Lillooet, Fraser River & Cariboo Goldfields. Potter 1/2, C Habig to Jacob Wis, \$50. Marguerite, Thomas McGinnis to Wilson Peyer. Derby, H & Shoreley to J G Houghton. Hilltop, Minnie No. 2, K T Engelskjien to S A Hartman. Black Whale, James Price to J Kloman. St Charles 1-1/2, James Price to J Kloman. Blue Jay, Herman Wolf to A Assimus. Certificates of Work. NOV 10—Glasgow. NOVEMBER 12—Ked Fox, Blue Jay, Venus. NOVEMBER 12—Sunny South. NOVEMBER 13—Midge, Mountain Chief. NOVEMBER 15—Trilliv

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