

CLOSER UNION

The fourth annual convention of the Alberta and eastern British Columbia press association terminated with a long session on the steamer Kuskanoek yesterday afternoon, the delegates being en route from Cranbrook to Calgary. Much was taken up with the discussion of questions affecting the business interests of publishers, and steps were taken looking to the formulation of plans that will unite the publishers of the west. In mutual efforts for the protection of their business interests, in particular attention was paid to the foreign advertising question and the best methods of protecting publishers from the agency "graffy." An important progressive move was made in arranging that the secretary of the association should hereafter act on behalf of all publishers, members of the association in cases of fraud and non-payment of accounts by advertising agencies. It is hoped that hereafter the frauds too frequently worked upon the unsuspecting publishers by mushroom agencies will be prevented. Among other resolutions of interest to publishers the following of special moment were adopted:

"Whereas the press of Alberta and eastern British Columbia covers a territory in which it is daily becoming more necessary that there be efficient dissemination of views and thoughts loyal to the dominion and empire, a necessity occasioned more particularly by the immigration of persons of all nationalities; and whereas such views and thoughts properly disseminated must assist most powerfully in the rapid development of such territory on lines tending to promote a fit and proper national spirit;

Therefore, be it resolved that the newspapers of this territory, being the factor in creating and moulding public sentiment, here as elsewhere throughout the civilized world, and the hearty cooperation of the C. P. R. telegraphic service.

And be it further resolved, that the C. P. R. telegraphic service, being a factor in this development and to a very large extent controlling the news service of the west, should supply at reasonable figures a more adequate and efficient telegraphic service, facilitating the circulation of Canadian and British news in particular, the present service being unanimously considered both prohibitive in price and lacking in the aforesaid essentials."

"Be it resolved by the Alberta and Eastern British Columbia Press Association, in annual convention assembled at Cranbrook, this 19th and 21st days of September, A. D. 1907:

"That this convention place on record its appreciation and gratefulness for the spontaneous reception and hearty cooperation accorded by the civic authorities, and the good people of Cranbrook;

"That we most heartily commend those having the same in charge for the splendid arrangements and the most successful reception committee given words of special commendation for the excellent services rendered by them;

"That the decoration of the stores and the display of flags in this most beautiful district be most highly complimented;

"That this resolution be printed and that copies of the same be given to the mayor, the council and the president of the board of trade and the editors of the Prospector and the Cranbrook Herald;

"That the names of the visiting brethren and their wives be attached to the same."

The foregoing resolution was duly printed on handsome cards and signed by all in attendance at the convention, forming a very pleasant souvenir of the most enjoyable and profitable gathering.

The steamer Kuskanoek with the visiting newspapermen on board arrived at Nelson just in time to catch the train for Robson, so that the visitors from Alberta were unable to see anything of the city. However, they will all be here next year for the fifth annual convention, which is to be held in this city, which will likely coincide with the date of the fruit fair. The Albertan editors were delighted with what they saw of British Columbia, and certainly carried away with them the kindest feelings for the Cranbrook section of the province. The hospitality of the citizens of Cranbrook was something to be remembered at. Apparently the whole town was out to do honor to the visitors and make them feel at home. "Old Man" Simpson, the retiring president of the association, had aroused an interest and enthusiasm over the press convention that seemed to have affected every resident of the town. It did not require the kindly assurances of alderman Fink, that the press men owned the town during their stay within its limits, that fact was made obvious immediately upon alighting from the train, where large reception committees welcomed the visitors and at once set about giving them a good time. A very noteworthy and commendable feature of the arrangements was the care taken to entertain the ladies, many of the editors being accompanied by their wives. Some of the lady visitors, who were attracted by the fine up-to-date stores Cranbrook possesses, started out on a little shopping and were pleasantly embarrassed by the refusal of storekeepers to accept payment for goods selected. It appeared to be the order of the day that the visiting pressmen and their wives could not be permitted to spend any money.

"You are our guests while you are here, and your money is no good in this town," was the response that they met with on every hand when they offered to pay for anything.

Undoubtedly the Albertan editors were most favorably impressed with British Columbia, and particularly with the experience in Cranbrook and what they appreciated most of all was the spontaneous, whole hearted manner in which everyone joined in entertaining them.

The smoker on Friday evening, given by the business men of the city was unique in its way and assuredly none

of the editors had ever before attended any affair of the kind half so enjoyable. All of Cranbrook's leading citizens were present and John H. By the way, the proceedings with a seat that quite overwhelmed their guests. Cranbrook did itself proud and in so doing not only served itself well but rendered a very valuable service to the whole province. British Columbia will hereafter have no warmer friends and advocates than the A.B.C.A. members of this rapidly growing press association.

MINING RECORDS
Certificates of work have been issued on the Columbia to W. Barbour and H. Jackson, for A. B. Irwin, on the Golden Prawn, Mint, Empress and Mountain View for work done on the Prawn, to E. P. Drummond for the recorded owners; on the Peggy to F. P. Drummond for the recorded owner; on the Minnehaha and 80 x to N. N. Nattestad; on the Crumlin to H. Rippin; on the Red Rock and Red Rock mine, to the recorded owner; on the Last Chance and Twin to C. P. Peck for the recorded owner.

Record has been made of the location of the Bunker Hill on Donaldson mountain, north fork of Salmon river, by E. L. Macfarlane; of the Spokane on Sheep mountain, a quarter of a mile north of Sheep creek, by S. Riddick; of the Helena No. 2 on Coon creek, being partly a relocation of the Ida, by Dr. G. E. Eitel; of the Elk on the north fork of Wild Horse creek, a quarter of a mile northeast of the Ymir mine, by C. Desrochers; of the Skookum, about 11 miles from Salmon and on the trail from the mouth of Prawn creek, by T. H. Aiken and P. Johnson; of the Blue Groove on Wilson creek, a relocation of the Silver Cliff, by J. Campbell; of the Rawhide at the head of the west fork of Kootenai creek, by F. Nolan.

Record has been made of the transfer of a whole interest in the G.P.T., on Duck creek, from G. P. Towne, to the Elsie Home company of Bonanza Ferry; of a whole interest in the Elsie Holmes on Duck creek, from L. J. Hunter to the Elsie Home company; of a whole interest in the Mertice, on Duck creek, from H. A. Piser, to the Elsie Home company.

Certificates of improvements have been granted upon the Halton, on Toad mountain, to G. A. Campbell of Victoria.

SECOND MILL

After talk for years as to the McGooldick mill, the site for which was bought many months ago just beyond Fairview, a new mill is to go up in Nelson which is not to be built at Fairview nor is it to be erected by Mr. McGooldick, who talks of building in the spring of 1908. The new mill is to be three miles right in the city. The new mill is to be erected on the C.P.R. flats, between the C.P.R. wharf and the launch club, and is to be built by John Dewar for the P. R. Co. The matter has been talked of for some time and negotiations have been going on all through the summer, and even now, although everything is practically settled, yet there are one or two small points which will require adjustment.

The new mill will have a capacity of about 40,000 feet daily and has a future before it of several years. This is easily seen when it is stated that the mill is to be owned by the mill owners are conservatively estimated at 100 million feet. These limits are situated up E.M. Le, Grey and La France creeks. Just now there is nothing doing on the site of the mill, but on E.M. Le camp has been established and the logs will be brought down during the winter to the lake and floated into Nelson. The other timber limits are being held in reserve for the present. There is quite a bunch of timber up E.M. Le creek, which will keep the mill pretty busy for some time to come.

It is imperative that work shall start at once and A. McPherson has been arranged with to drive some 20 piles at once on the site. It is proposed that the mill itself shall be built on piles. The new mill means something to the city inasmuch as there will be a payroll of a considerable amount connected with the mill. About 40 men will be employed in Nelson and about 20 more will be necessary in the outside camps.

On learning of the impending building of the mill, Daily News men called on Mr. Dewar, who at once admitted that the project was in the air and that he had seen Mr. McPherson as to the pile driving but was reticent, claiming that some parts of the deal had not as yet been put through.

The Strathcona hotel has been practically sold for a sum between \$50,000 and \$55,000 by Reginald Webb to J. C. Bonneau of Vancouver and associates. Mr. Bonneau, accompanied by J. W. Prescott, of Vancouver acting as agent for Mr. Webb has been in town for the last two days looking over the premises and examining into the chances which the hotel has for success.

A reporter of The Daily News last night Mr. Bonneau said that he was satisfied with the future of the hotel and deemed that he had a good bargain. He was leaving for the coast immediately and would confer with his associates in the matter and would telegraph immediately on his arrival whether the terms were as satisfactory to them as to himself.

Mr. Prescott said that Mr. Webb was very anxious to get the hotel sold, and was likely to leave for the old country, which was his purpose on leaving Nelson. Mr. Webb is being successfully reared by a Vancouver physician and there is every hope for his ultimate recovery.

Mr. Bonneau stated emphatically that there would be no change in any case at a date to be held in this city, which was well pleased with the manner in which the present manager, R. E. No. 1 had conducted the business.

It is an old newspaper hand and until quite recently was at the head of the mechanical department of the Province newspaper, being, indeed, among the first line men that came from the east introducing these machines to western publishers.

Mr. Turner will open the fair this afternoon and will be given a hearty welcome by his many friends in the Kootenai district.

Mr. Turner is paying one of his all too rare visits to the Kootenai district and will be staying at the Kootenai hotel. Mr. Turner's attention was called to a statement that had appeared recently in the coast press to the effect that the Pacific coast press was to be established in the Kootenai district. The statement was that the revenue from this source would exceed \$500,000. Speaking of the general revenues of the province, Mr. Turner said that he was not at all surprised at a surplus of fully \$1,000,000. This was a very satisfactory state of affairs as the province in the future would be called upon to make heavy expenditures in the Kootenai district.

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COMMERCIAL CONDITIONS

SIR WILLIAM VAN HORNE TAKES OPTIMISTIC VIEW.
GREAT ACTIVITY IN TRADE CAUSE OF TIGHT MONEY.

New York, Sept. 17.—Two prominent capitalists interviewed here as to the present financial and commercial conditions and possible troubles ahead, think alike that there is no cause for uneasiness.

Sir William Van Horne, chairman of the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific railway, said: "The time has come when Wall Street can no longer ignore the great prosperity that prevails throughout North America. Business will go ahead, Wall Street notwithstanding. Of course, it is easy to predict anything. Tight money might be the result of two things: It might come from lack of credit or because of the active conditions the great activity in trade, the present tightness is caused by the latter condition but it is not hurting anybody."

Richard O. Kerns the St. Louis financier said: "A year ago the country was at the flood tide of its greatest industrial prosperity. Then came a scarcity of labor followed by stringent money conditions and depression in building and kindred enterprises. But this year, a slight depression, it is generally believed in the west that the worst has been passed for this season. An all important consideration however, is the fact that the weather is of favorable weather and a bumper crop will be assured. The yield of other cereals has been fair. Ample money is now at the disposal of the farmer. It is stated that the principal of Vancouver high schools get \$175 per month and the principals of the public schools \$135 minimum with an increase up to \$150.

The board decided to appoint Friday, October 18th, the annual field day for the schools.

The trustees agreed to grant a half holiday for the high and public schools on Thursday and Friday mornings so that the pupils may attend Nelson's fifth annual exhibition.

After passing the current pay roll and sundry accounts the meeting adjourned.

HARMONY—MURRAY
Marriage of First White Child Born on Kootenay Lake.

(Special to The Daily News)
Anaworth, Sept. 17.—At a church wedding and a profusion of beautiful flowers, Anna May Harmon, the first white child born on Kootenay lake, was today by Rev. J. H. Murray, of this place, a splendid noon repeat was enjoyed and the couple, accompanied by a genuine giant powder salute, left for a trip to Spokane.

Mr. Murray took on an unusual interest for Anaworth people and the attendance was large. The bride was beautifully gowned in white satin with the conventional veil and orange blossoms. The groom wore a suit of dark material. In connection with the wedding, a collection was taken for the Kootenai district and the bride's dowry was valued at \$1,000.

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