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J. R. WALLACE, Manager.
Geo. L. PEDLAR, Editor.

Editorial Comments.

We have no quarrel with the man, or woman, who wrote "Beautiful Snow." We only wish we could adjust our mental attitude to an analogous view of the situation. Snow is all right in its place. Its proper place is in a musical comedy like "The Alaskans," where it is made out of paper and cotton and can be enjoyed by proxy. The author who invented the expression "white as the driven snow" had a poor eye for the leading feature. Driven snow may be white all right, all right, but you don't contemplate the whiteness at any length nor with much emotional uplift. The driven snow makes itself conspicuous by its fine detective work. It searches out the crevices in your outer integuments and cuddles up against your wrists and the inside of your shirtband. It drifts into your ears and melts in the slack of your boot tops. The "shorn lamb" had better huddle under the lee wall of the fold when the driven snow gets out for a drive.

And snow isn't "light and feathery." Not by a long-handled shovel!

Snow is useful for thawing out frozen ears and giving an excuse for the Snowshoe Club to see how it looks in costume. It enables railway engineers to get in considerable overtime on easy terms. In the cities it furnishes a meal ticket for many who would otherwise lick up the emaciated soup of charity.

Snow is not evenly distributed over the surface of the earth. Down in the Canal Zone where the heat is so intense that a flurry of snow would be enjoyable, they are lucky to get a peep at it through a telescope. Up in Greenland, where it is cold enough anyway, there is no end of snow.

School teachers, and other scientists, tell us that snow is frozen water vapor. That is not what the milkman called it this morning.

The frost is on the pumpkin and on every other darn thing in the country.

If we couldn't get any letters or papers through the mails, there was one consolation, there were no drafts arriving.

"The British News of Canada" is the name of a new weekly which will commence publication from Montreal on the 21st inst.

Aesop told the story of the futile effort of a viper to eat a file. The office dog here ate the file of 1908 without sharpening a tooth.

Jim Grier, of the Slokan Record says that Local Option is now a dead issue and that further contributions on the subject, intended for publication, must be accompanied by currency figured on a basis of 15 cents per line.

A ratepayer suggested that the returning officer for the municipal elections take his poll clerk, paraphernalia, and the various scrutineers, bundle all into a closed carryall, and make the rounds of the city with a ten-horse team, calling at the doors of the snow-bound electorate to receive their votes.

Allow for the "extras." If you are taking a trip in the winter time allow a few days for luck. No man can calculate the size of a snowdrift on a reverse curve with a snowy Northeaster blowing. If you are ordering coal allow a day or so for slow delivery. Circumstances may make delivery an impossibility for a short time. Allow for the "extrys" on your building contract and take along a little extra grub when you go fishing. You may be out longer than you expect. If you are hanging yourself, use lots of rope so that in case you change your mind after you kick back the chair you have enough slack to bring your toes down to the tamarac.

Due to the Premier.

It is very evident that British Columbia has entered upon a career of unexampled prosperity, which is really not surprising because it is the last great area in North America, fit for colonization and development in a large way, remaining open to exploitation.

In making his very optimistic forecasts, Mr. McBride was silent as to the part which he has played in making possible such a feature as he anticipates. There is no question at all that the initial step was taken towards enabling British Columbia to come into her own when he adopted the policy, which filled the provincial treasury to overflowing and placed his administration in a position to enter upon those public works which the increasing population and the enlarged sphere of settlement demand. He followed up this policy by inaugurating a period of railway construction. When he made a contract with the Canadian Northern to enter British Columbia with a transcontinental railway, he gave a tremendous stimulus to railway construction in all directions. He also concentrated the attention of capital upon the resources of the province. The fact that the province, with a great surplus revenue, stood prepared to endorse the bonds of the Canadian Northern to a large amount, so far from affecting the public credit, as some timid people feared, had exactly the contrary effect. It placed British Columbia before the world in the character of a province that felt sure of itself, that appreciated its great potentialities and had the courage of its convictions. We do not claim for Mr. McBride that to him alone is due the most excellent outlook of which he has spoken so forcibly, but we do claim that he has contributed in no small degree to making it possible.—Victoria Colonist.

Even Millions Dwindle.

Walsh, the Western millionaire, who died recently, turned out to have left but a paltry six millions or so, instead of the hundred million with which the enthusiastic Rockies credited him. And now Evans, the sublimated dentist of the Third Empire, who was supposed to have drawn numerous millions from the gums of the great, proves to have died possessed of a mere million and a quarter, the very vanishing point of millionairessdom. Uneasy lies the tooth that wears a crown. The dentistry of Evans, whether or not it brought comfort to dynastic dentals, was a disappointment in its rewards to Evans himself. It led also to the disappointment of the University of Pennsylvania, which anticipated the erection of a great museum out of the proceeds. But more striking than the mere case of Evans is the coincidence of two such post-humous fiascos of fortune within a week.

Perhaps Walsh with his millions and Evans with his were both dragged by the modern pace of living beyond their incomes. Once their fortunes would have been considered big enough for decency. Nowadays even millionaires, to go the proper pace, no doubt have to dissipate their capital. Or perhaps these two deliberately allowed the public to think them well off instead of just in humble circumstances. At any rate, we take the coincidence of their cases as a sad sign of the decrease in the purchasing power of the million.

Wanted: Position by young man, 23, as junior clerk, copyist or in any capacity. Address, Clerical, Free Press.

THE STITCH IN TIME.

Yuletide Gifts One Can Make at Her Leisure.

EMBROIDERY SILK CASE.

A Comfortable Possession For the Woman Careless With Her Skeins of Silk—Couch Cushion That Is a Little Out of the Ordinary.

The case shown here is an ideal receptacle for embroidery silks.

In it they remain smooth, straight and clean. In the book are sheets of plain paper. Each skein is laid between them.

Cut two pieces of linen 11 by 4 inches. Place the design in the center of one of the pieces, with a piece of carbon paper under it. Draw around the design. The embroidery is done in a plain, solid Kensington stitch. Next cut two pieces of pasteboard, 8 by 2½ inches. Cover these with the pieces of linen, turning the material back over the edges, and sew it back and forth from side to side. In the center of the long edge of each piece sew a piece of half inch satin ribbon for the fastening. Cut two pieces of plain white paper 7 by 1½ inches. Paste these pieces firmly over the wrong side of the covers for a finish. Lay the covers wrong sides together and overband them neatly down the back.

To make the inside of the case, cut three pieces of plain white paper, 7½



CASE FOR EMBROIDERY SILKS.

by 14½ inches. Fold one sheet of the paper exactly in the middle, the fold being of the seven and a half inch length. Fold each half over again, bringing the outside edge of each half over until it touches the center fold. Repeat this folding on the other two sheets, and put the center fold of each sheet together, one over the other. Put these folds against the overbanding down the center of the case and sew through all. This forms six little pockets in which to put the skeins of silk.

It would be a pleasing idea to put a skein of silk in each pocket before sending it to a friend as a Christmas gift.

Applique Couch Cushion. A method of work which produces the same bold effects as those of the stencil, but with greater richness and effectiveness, is that of applique. The use of one fabric upon another, with outlines and small details of design brought out by embroidery, is peculiarly pleasing in its results and a method which has heretofore not been thoroughly appreciated by art needle workers. The principal object in these simple designs is the obtaining of good restful lines with broad effects in color and mass which are not handicapped with too much detail. Applique is well suited to this purpose and is very easily done. All that is necessary is to cut out the design and after carefully basting it in place make it secure by a couching stitch about the edge. The outlines of the design are then worked in outline stitch and the small details in satin stitch as required. The seed pod design illustrated



IN SEED POD DESIGN.

ed is so simple that almost any woman accustomed to art needlework could cut her own pattern, but craftsman shops, however, sell these designs for those who cannot make their own for the seed pod cushion. A gray green canvas could be chosen, and the pods could be cut from golden linen with the seeds done in a brilliant peacock blue. This would give a sharp color contrast to the pillow. The couching and outlining are done in rich golden brown floss.

"Did you say you were a month in your last place?"

"Yes, madam; a week with the family on the top floor, a week with a lady on the third floor, a week on the second, and a week on the ground floor."

"Would you like a fine family cow?"

"That thing? She can't give more than four quarts."

"Tain't the milk. She'll git right in front of an automobile and she's good for \$200 damages a season to any family."

"Coal Mines Regulation Act."

Coal Creek Colliery.

Notice is hereby given that the following constitute the Board of Examiners for the Coal Creek Colliery during the year 1911:

Appointed by the Owners — David Martin.

Alternates — William Wilson, Bernard Caufield.

Appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council—James M. Stewart.

Elected by the Miners — John William Gray.

Alternates — Thomas Uphill, Evan Thomas.

Note—Alternates act as Members of the Board in the absence of those regularly appointed or elected to act thereon.

All persons interested may obtain full information by applying to the Secretary of the Board, Mr. James M. Stewart, Fernie, B.C.

Dated this 24th day of December, 1910.

Richard McBride,
Minister of Mines.

FORT GEORGE

at the junction of the Fraser and Nechaco Rivers, will be the largest city on the Grand Trunk Pacific Transcontinental Railway west of Winnipeg.

Fort George is the geographical and strategic commercial centre of British Columbia—the natural supply point for a splendid mixed farming, mineral, timber and coal area of millions of acres made accessible by 1100 miles of navigable waterways.

Splendid openings for business and investment.

Let us send you a free copy of "British Columbia Bulletin of Information," containing up-to-date news of the great Inland Empire of Canada.

Write or call at once.

Natural Resources Security Co.,
Limited.

Paid Up Capital, \$250,000.

Joint Owners and Sole Agents
Fort George Townsite.

Head Office, 697 Bower Building
Vancouver, B.C.

CURLING

the

ROARIN' GAME

Get into the Club and "play the game." Then go to Duthie's and get the pick of his stanes. He has a lot of beauties — Kay's Red Hone "Excelsior Brand" direct from the Haughs of Mavehan. You can smell the heather off them still.

Skates and Hockey Sticks.

Electric Lamps, in all Sizes.

THE DUTHIE CO.
HARDWARE.

The Home Bank of Canada

Quarterly Dividend Notice

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of Six per cent. per annum has been declared upon the paid-up capital stock of the Home Bank of Canada for the three months ending the 30th day of November, 1910, and the same will be payable at the Head Office or any branches of the Home Bank on and after Thursday, the First day of December next.

The transfer books will be closed from the 16th to the 30th of November, 1910, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.

Toronto, Oct. 26th.

JAMES MASON,
General Manager.

John Adair,

Manager

Fernie, B. C.

The Fernie Auction Room
2nd Hand & Variety Store.

Has removed from the Todd Block to larger and more central quarters in the K. P. Building, opposite the Fernie Livery, and is now open for business with a larger and better stock of goods than ever before.

You are cordially invited to call and look over the stock. Come before buying elsewhere. You will not regret it.

T. B. Struthers, Prop.
K. P. Block, Fernie, B. C.

You'll Smile As You Smoke



one of the cigars we are anxious to have you try. It will put you in such good humor that you simply can't help it.

Smokers Of Our Cigars

never get tired of our brands. The tobacco in them has been so carefully selected that a perfect flavor and fragrance are assured. Try a few for a starter. If you don't become a regular caller here we miss our guess.

F. C. ARMSTRONG

They Are Going Fast!

Those desirable Home-sites in West Fernie.
Why don't you get in on a good thing?

Buy a Lot and be a landed proprietor. Prices range from \$50 to \$125.

Prices will Rise in the near future. It is for you to decide who will get the profit.

\$10 Secures One Now. Make the other payments to suit yourself. For particulars see

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in the right direction by securing one of our fire insurance policies. You are gambling with fate unless you have

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M. A. KASTNER,

Alex Beck Block, Fernie, B. C.