PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS

Creston is now shipping cut flowers to Calgary.

Nelson has organized a harriers' club.

The population of Fort George now exceeds five hundred.

Experienced miners are in great demand in the Boundary camp.

Dog poisoners are active at Cranbrook.

The quarantine against scarlet fever has been raised at Boundry Flls.

Moyie Lake is bidding for fame as one of the especially attractive summer resorts of the Kootenay.

It is expected that Prince Rupert's licensed hotels will come into existence as from the 15th instant.

The decision of Port Alberni's street ends question has been left with Mr. Marpole of the C. P. R.

Two lepers are held at Kamloops awaiting orders for their disposition from the Dominion government.

No purchase has yet been made by the Dominion Government of the site for Greenwood's new post office.

Pillar River, Porcher Island greatly desires a post office. At present there are about fifty settlers at that point.

The Dominion Day race meet at Penticton goes into history as the most successful sport event the district has ever known.

In order to cope snuccessfully with the demand for ore trains the C. P. R. is building new roadway from Ebolt to Phoenix.

A moving picture theatre is being opened at Port Alberni, to be operated in conjunction with the Majestic in this city.

New Westminster citizens have been alternately annoyed and amused at the graft charges against members of the city council preferred by the Vancouver Sunday Mail.

The Bank of Toronto is investigating the prospects in Port Alberni with a view to the early establishment of a branch there.

A mountain of copper ore is reported to have been discovered on Porcher Island by Henry Foote and Edward Parsons.

The box factory of the Arrow Lake Lumber Co. is working night and day to keep pace with the demand for fruit boxes.

The Dominion meteorological station heretofore maintained at Port Simpson has been transferred to Prince Rupert.

Cigary buyers express the greatest satisfaction with the quality and condition of the Kootenay strawberries reaching the Alberta market.

Prince Rupert has paid $300 to Mr. Arthur Cuthbert as honorarium in connection with his services as returning officer at the city's first election.

Fred. Brand, of Alberni, was the victim of a serious accident last week, through the breaking of a steam pipe connected with the boiler, at his sawmill on the Cherry Creek road.

A well-to-do young Vancouverite was a few evenings ago, held up, robbed of his watch and money, and thrown into False Creek, where he narrowly escaped death.

The "Penticton Herald" is the latest addition to the journals of British Columbia. H. M. Blake is managing editor, and the paper "looks well and reads well."

Kaslo Dominion Day picknickers were compelled to make a night of it under difficulties, rough weather on the lake preventing their return when evening's shades had fallen.

John Wootton, the forger wanted in Nelson who fell into the toils of the law at Detroit, Mich., has been in that American city sentenced to a variable term of from four to six years.

Clad in aboriginal finery the native chiefs of British Columbia headed by Chief Matthias of the Squamish tribe are preparing to extend a special welcome to Sir Wilfrid Lurier.

Rev. Father Tavernier, upon his transfer from Fernie to another parish, was honored with an appreciative address and a fine gold watch presented by numerous friends, both in and out of his congregation.

The Prince Rupert Typographical Union has elected for its first officers the following well known members of the craft: President, S. D. Macdonald; vice-president, Frank Cullin; sergeant-at-arms, G. Griffin; executive committee—R. Todd, M. L. Hicks and W. G. Dennis.

A special committee of the New Westminster city council will endeavor to amicably adjust with Mrs. Mabel Dodds her grievance over the removal of the body of her baby from one grave to another in the Church of England cemetery last March.

Vancouver's police have apprehended a young woman whom they believe to be one of the cleverset shoplifters operating on the Pacific coast. She gives at present the name of Mrs. C. Colpus. Upwards of $700 worth of allegedly stolen property was recovered in her apartments.

Enderby has thirty cases of measles.

The hop crop at Chilliwack promises to be a record one.

A new Presbyterian church has been established at Albion.

Work on Nanaimo's new sewer system has begun.

Active prospecting for coal is in progress on Galiano island.

Canyon City is becoming a prosperous ranching centre.

Fort George is now a postal money order station.

Bush fires near Moyie have destroyed two hundred cords of wood.

Organization has been perfected of the Chilliwack Dramatic Society.

Kelowna was last week visited by a severe hail storm.

Wardner, East Kootenay, shows signs of another boom.

The tax rate at Grand Forks has been struck at 25 mills.

Prince Rupert spent $2,000 in its Dominion Day celebration.

Rev. W. Scott has entered upon his new pastorate at Quesnel.

An electric railway from Kamloops to Vernon is proposed.

North Vancouver has decided to erect a new city hall.

Greenwood townsite lots are being sold in Chicago by Chicago methods.

Grand Prairie's gypsum deposits are attracting English capital.

Board is now but $25 a month at Michel.

The C. P. R. has re-christened New Michel "Natal."

The Nugget Gold Mine has produced its twenty-fifth gold brick.

The salmon run in the Fraser is improving.

$30,000 in taxes was collected at New Westminster during June.

Vancouver machinists are striking 50c longer pay and shorter houds.

Plans for the new hospital at the Royal City have been finally accepted.

Measles have broken out at Fort George. The disease is not epidemic, being confined to spots.

Bat killing days at Prince Rupert is reported to have been an unqualified success.

The new telephone line from Blackwater to Fort George will be completed this month.

Port Moody now has a population of 1,200—which is just about what it was twenty years ago.

W. J. Sanders, sergeant-at-arms of the Provincial House, is building a hotel at Copper City.

Both the Diamond Vale collieries and the Coal Hill Syndicate's mines are now shipping.

The Hedley Gold Mining Company paid a three per cent dividend on the 1st instant.

His Honor Judge Swanson last week held court for the first time at Kelowna.

Lewis Campbell, the just deceased Cariboo pioneer, left an estate worth upwards of $300,000.

The telephone line instaled betwleen Malkwa and Revelstoke by the C.P.R. is proving a great public convenience.

New lights and stronger are to be established by the Marine Department at Cowichan Gap.

W. C. Cowell has been appointed Dominion Lands Agent for the Kamloops district.

Trail's smelter has just closed the best year in its history, the output totalling in value $5,420,737.

R. Smillie, formerly science master at Regina, is the new principal of Nelson high school.

Merritt now has a telephone exchange and connection with the Dominion Government system.

Unskilled labor is in active demand in the north—both for the canneries and by the railway contractors.

Through mail service between Nicola and Kamloops has been granted.

The epidemic of blackleg among the cttle of the Quilchena district has been stamped out.

Track laying on the Alberni extension has reached Whisky Creek, from which point to Alberni is less than nineteen miles.

The Merritt-Tulameen stage no longer goes farther north than Tulameen from which point daily stage connection with Princeton is made.

Plans for the proposed horse show building at the New Westminster exhibition park have been received by the Minister of Agriculture from the Fair management, for his approval; so soon as the plans are returned to the Royal City, tenders for the erection of the building will be invited.

The summit of Mount Baker, 11,000 feet above sea level and easily visible from either Victoria or Vancouver on clear days, was last Saturday reached by a party of Vancouver climbers (members of the Canadian Alpine Club) who were the first to negotiate the peak this season, and claim the record for the earliest summer climb by about three weeks. The party consisted of Messrs A. F. Armistead, J. J. Trorey, B. S. Darling, R. Gutsell and Dr. A. L. Kendall.

J. R. Wren, one of the pioneer residents of Mission City, is dead.

A Baptist congregation has been formed at Prince Rupert.

Hazleton has bought two chemical fire engines.

Principal E. H. Murphy of the Provincial Normal School has resigned.

The Arbuthnot Sash and Door Factory at Vancouver has been destroyed by fire.

A band of wapiti (American Elk) are reported in the mountains back of Cheam.

New Westminster has now a private hospital conducted by Mrs. Nelson and Miss Hill.

Kamloops will be the scene of the annual foregathering of the Orangemen on the 12th instant.

A contract has been awarded by the B. C. E. R. Co. for an extension of the North Vancouver lines.

Roche Point has been selected as the site of the works of the Swan & Hunter Shipbuilding Co.

A young son of Major Harris of Vancouver sustained painful burns and other injuries last Friday through playing with powder.

Announcement is made that construction of the new Coal Harbor bridge at Vancouver will not begin this season.

Bears are plentiful around and about Stewart. One lucky hunter bagged three in a single Sunday recently.

William Herron was killed last week at Grand Forks through being thrown from his wagon by an unmanageable team.

The famous Highland mine near Ainsworth, at one time the heaviest shipper in the Dominion, has been bought by Vancouverites, and will reopen at once.

Mr. W. F. Cooke, postmaster at Fort George, has been advised that new arangements will be made by the Government for the handling of mails for that point.

The Hardy Mountain wagon road has been completed, and the construction gang transferred to the Deep Creek district, eight miles from Cascade.

Arrivals from Stewart report Jasper Kaegler in hospital there as a result of a recent terrible experience when he fell and slid no less than 1,500 feet down the mountain side.

Basil Dick, a young clerk in the employ of the Trites-Wood Company at Fernie, has been trapped by marked money, systematically robbing the firm.

Preparations are advancing at Kamloops for the fourth annual convention of the Western Canada Irrigation Association, to be held next month.

Dominion engineer William Henderlong visited Grand Forks last week in connection with the promised erection of a new post office building.

A new variety of thistle with a stem of such size that it can only be cut with an axe is reported from Cottonwood island, in the Fraser.

Chilliwack ratepayers have sanctioned an expenditure of $15,000 on a new city hall, and $5,000 on road machinery.

Many fruit trees in the Malkwa district are reported suffering from an uncommon and not understood disease.

The combined choirs of the Nanaimo Ladies' Chorus and the Orpheus Glee Club have decided to present Elgar's "Banner of St. George."

During the summer months the C. P. R. will operate a local train between Calgary and Field each Saturday and Sunday.

William Keeser, a young employee of the Fraser River Lumber Company at Courtenay dropped dead, supposedly of heart disease, on Friday last.

W. J. Brandrith, assistant Provincial Exhibition Commissioner, is collecting early fruits of the Kootenay for display purposes.

The B. C. Telephone Company is greatly improving its Vancouver Island trunk line, and will lay a second cable across the Gulf.

Two men, named Bryce and Woodburn, were killed by an explosion at Green lake, Pemberton valley, on Monday night last. The accident occurred while dynamite was being thawed indoors.

Marie Portman, a seventeen years old girl of Lumby, has eloped with an English rancher named Endall, according to Okanagan reports. Endall deserted a wife and numerous family.

The Appellate Court has reversed the verdict awarding T. A. Guthrie $1,250 damages from the Hunting Lumber Co. in consequence of injuries received by Guthrie by an accident while in the company's employ.

A mass meeting of the underground employees of the Western Fuel Co. was held Saturday evening to take into consideration the proposed amendments to the Coal Mines Regulation Act.

The Kettle River Valley Railway Company is asking a right to cross the streets at Penticton, a flat rate of taxation for twenty years, and a grant of foreshore on Okanagan lake from Winnipeg street to Penticton creek, in return for which they will make Penticton their divisional point.

General Manager Sperling of the B. C. E. R. Co. states that the newly executed wage agreement for the ensuing three years covers all classes of employees save linemen, with whom a special agreement will be made in a few days. The general conditions as to hours and privileges are the same as in the old agreement. As to the wages the new agreement provides a rate of 22 cents per hour for new conductors or motormen, increasing to 25 cents per hour for five-year men. The profit-sharing plan has been eliminated at the request of the employees, who prefer the certainty of an advanced wage.

Fruit packers are in great demand in the Okanagan.

Stewart will have a population of 5,000 before the close of summer.

Prince Rupert expects to have a sugar refinery in the near future.

The "Prince Rupert Optimist" has just celebrated its first anniversary.

The Great Northern has not yet redeemed its promise to re-open the Kaslo & Slocan for through traffic.

The C. P. R. is considering the extension of the N. & S. branch from Three Forks to Kaslo.

George R. Naden, late of Greenwood, has won his seat as an alderman of Prince Rupert on the recount.

Mr. Curtis, of Victoria, has established a moving picture theatre circuit on the lower Fraser.

Princeton very much desires a resident representative of the Provincial police.

J. J. McCavall has been appointed permanent chief of the Prince Rupert Police.

Ernest A. Woods has been appointed city clerk, treasurer and purchasing agent of the city of Prince Rupert.

W. J. Sanders is installing a cable ferry across the Skeena from Copper City to the railway line.

Rich returns have been made by a trio of Swedes working copper properties three miles up Copper river.

Labor is exceedingly scarce in the North, especially along the line of the B. T. P. construction.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Welsh, of New Westminster, yesterday celebrated thir golden wedding.

An outport of customs has been established at Stewart, with William Miller in charge. The Stewart office is under the supervision of Collector McDonald of Prince Rupert.

A forest fire has already occasioned loss of upwards of $10,000, chiefly in saw logs, in the vicinity of Creston. The fire is now in hand.

It is predicted that within two years three stamp mills will be operating between Stanley and Barkerville.

A fourteen-year-old lad named Seely, at Vancouver, has been proven to have attended school but thirty-seven days in his life.

Diver Jack Moore has gone to the Kootenay to ascertain what can be done towards saving the wrecked steamer Kaslo.

Mr. Thomas Kiddie, M.E., who has just returned from Atlin, reports that the season's clean-up for that district will be most satisfactory.

The Carloo road has had its first serious auto accident—due to a broken axle. Three passengers received minor injuries.

Six miles of road have been built from Burton City, opening up the tributary valley and providing connection with Naksup.

The upper Fraser steamer Charlotte has met with a second accident and will again be out of commission for a fortnight—and in the extra busy season.

Lorne McIsaacs, a popular local jockey, was thrown from his mount at at close of Nelson's Dominion day races and received injuries which it is feared will prove fatal.

The last chapter in the celebrated Coal Creek hold-up case has been written in the sentencing of the Bolanger brothers to two years' and six months' imprisonmnt respectively.

After its earlier experiences with no licenses, Prince Rupert has adopted the high license plan and will permit liquor selling after the 15th instant in all hotels of thirty-five rooms and over.

Little Gwendoline Shaw, of Hedley, sustained serious injuries last week by pulling over upon herself a vessel of boiling water. She is now under Dr. McEwen's care.

E. J. Paisley, a brakeman on the Cranbrook-Kimberley branch of the C. P. R., had a narrow escape from death near Wycliffe recently, when he fell sixty feet from a trestle to the flat below. The car went too—and to the fact that it was a steel one, Paisley owes his life. As it chanced, he escaped with a few bruises.

Much work is proceeding on the C. P. R. main line. Large crews are at work raising, embankmenting, reducing cuts, relaying heavy steel and installing concrete and steel bridges and new railway building and equipment. No such vigorous and extensive improvements of roadbed have been made in the mountains, and all with one object, that of reducing grades and rendering more safe for heavy traffic the permanent way. A fine steel bridge now spans the Eagle river at Three Valley. Work trains and steam shovels are digging out mountain sides and piling the earth and stone so removed under the rails and ties of the low places on the track, raising it up to as near a permanent level as possible. In fact, the line between Three Valley and Sicamous looks as if it were being almost rebuilt and relaid.

FRUIT MARKET LETTER

The fifth detailed report from Provincial Markets Commissioner J. C. Metcalfe has just reached the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. W. E. Scott, bearing the Moose Jaw date of the 27th ultimo and reading as follows:

Moose Jaw, Sask.
June 27, 1910.

W. E. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir—I have the honor to report as follows: I have been asked to give the size of apple box used by Wenatchee and North Yakima growers and shippers. The cubical contents of their box is much the same as the B. C. You will find on comparison: Length, 18 in., depth 10½ in., width, 11⅞ in., inside measurement, but I am quite correct in stating they use a smaller apple box much approaching our pear box in size, particularly for early varieties from the American side. The attention of the Dominion government and their inspectors should be drawn to this matter.

The carload freight rate on mixed fruits, North Yakima to Regina, is $1.27 per hundred pounds, from Spokane, $1.12½, minimum 24,000 pounds. California peaches are selling to retailers today (29th) at $2.75 per case; California plums are selling to retailers at $2.50 per case, variety early Climan. I saw 200 cases of strawberries from the Victoria Fruit Growers association here today. Arrived in good condition, they should have been. They sold to the trade at $3.75 per case. This was part of a car for the McPherson Fruit com pany. 200 cases were taken out this point and balance of car went forward to the McPherson Fruit company at Brandon. Were highly pleased with the same.

I also have 40 cases from Hammond and Mission, were a little soft, otherwise alright. Prices $3.75 today.

I saw a lot of cherries, variety, May Duke, from Vernon, today, selling retailers at $3 per case of four baskets in plum box; gooseberries from B. C. selling in same case at $2.50. Jobbers here claim price is too high for cherries to sell freely. Could sell much larger quantities if they could be sold at $2.50 per case, but prices asked by our growers and shippers prevents selling lower than $3.00.

Arcola, June 22.

Agent here reports nearly all small fruit coming in from B. C. and have arrived generally in good condition this season. Jamieson & Rothwell, retailers here, report small fruit as arriving in good condition from British Columbia. Obtain all their supply from there. R. L. Clark, J. R. Hallman, and Francis & Co., retailers here, report strawberries coming in good condition from B. C., with few exceptions. Draw their supply mainly from B. C.

I saw some Vashon Island strawberries with J. R. Hallman; were all mould and in bad condition, had arrived so. Retailers here pay $4.25 per case. Brandon: Exp. rate from Brandon to Arcola, $1.20 per 100 pounds; from Winnipeg to Arcola, $1.60 per 100 pounds; from Regina to Arcola, $1.20 per 100 pounds. These points all have jobbing houses and distribute from them.

All small fruits coming in from B. C. to this and other points on this line come in altogether by express. The rate from B. C. is $2.80 per 100 pounds.

Regina, June 23.

Before leaving town this morning I saw some Salmon Arm strawberries; arrived in excellent condition, and also some from Hammond and Mission. Price today, $4 per case, markets bare. I also saw some May Duke cherries from Vernon, stock in perfect condition. Jobbers are going to try at $2 per case, they cost over $2.50 laid down here. Hold about 16 pounds net of fruit. Jobbers state here they can buy Oregon and Washington cherries at 65c to 75c per case of 10 pounds, f. o. b. there. California apricots selling today at $2.50 per case. Poor stock. Claim they are not holding up well.

Wolseley, June 23.

Agent here reports that no large quantity of strawberries have arrived here this season, but what came in mainly from British Columbia. Did not arrive generally in the best condition. All coming by express. Express from B. C., $2.65 per 100 pounds. In conversation with dealers here, they report as not being able to obtain a sufficient supply this season. Latterly market has been practically bare of strawberries. They further report that in the making up and bringing in of mixed carloads of fruit, which they have done at this point, that prices asked by B. C. growers and shippers was so high that they were obliged to look to the American side for them. They could pay the higher freight rate and duty and lay down cheaper than from B. C. in the past seasons. It will be necessary for our growers and shippers to look into this matter. The advantage for duty and freight rate should make it possible for our people to sell these dealers at prices remunerative to them; more particularly now, with our good crop.

Indian Head, June 24.

Agent here reports strawberries as coming in good condition this season. Dealers here report strawberries from B. C. arriving in splendid condition this year, but supply has been very limited, and market very bare generally. They would draw all their supply of small fruits from B. C. if obtainable. Prices are being well maintained, not only at this point but everywhere generally, where fruit has arrived in good condition.

Express rate from B. C., $2.55 per 100 pounds. The following are the rates from the distributing points where jobbing are situtaed. Express rate from Brandon to Indian Head, $1.40 per 100 pounds. Express rate from Regina to Indian Head, 70c per 100 pounds. Local freight rate, Brandon to Indian Head, 60c per 100 pounds. Local freight rate, Winnipeg to Indian Head, 85c per 100 pounds.

Regina, June 25.

The following is the express rate on carload from Ontario: Ontario to Winnipeg, $2.25 per 100 pounds; Ontario to Regina, $2.65 per 100 pounds. Less than carloads—

Ontario to Regina, $3.05 per 100 pounds; Winnipeg to Regina, $2 per 100 pounds. There are not many strawberries coming in here now from B. C. Dealers are rather disappointed that more did not come in. Market is bare and prices good.

The handling of strawberries on the part of the express company's officials could be much improved. They handle too roughly, and carry crates on edge, which is disastrous to small fruits after a long trop to this point. I saw 50 cases of Montmorency and May Duke cherries from Vernon. Came off this morning's express for jobbing houses here. McPherson Fruit company, Stockton & Mallinson and the Vernon Fruit company, good stock packed in plum cases. Were trying to sell at $3 but afterwards put price down to $2.50 per case. Were not moving at the higher price.

I notice some Kootenay strawberries on truck, were from Willow Point, B. C. I also noticed another lot from Nelson, B. C., for Cypress River. They apparently had got soaked with rain the night before in transferring from car to truck in thunder storm. Would probably not arrive in good condition at point of destination. Below is a report sent me by the McNaughton Fruit Exchange, Winnipeg, under date of June 23rd: Re strawberries. Have had four carloads of Vashon Island, arrived in excellent condition; sold for an average price of $4 per case. Very few B. C. strawberries coming in now, and what are arrive in poor condition. Our fruit first of Ontario strawberries leaves St. Catherine's tomorrow, the 24th.

I met Mr. Rublee, manager Vipond & company, Winnipeg, here today. He informed me that jobbers in Winnipeg had received to date (25th) 12 carloads of Vashon Island strawberries. Had arrived in good condition and sold to the retail trade at $4 per case. When a car comes in they are distributed among the different jobbing houses, and sold to the trade at once. Strawberries from Salmon Arm, Creston and Kootenay, are arriving in small quantities. Next week will see shipments much increased. The lower mainland supply is falling off. Season must be nearly over. In the province of Saskatchewan the markets have been bare. They wanted more all through the season, with prices well maintained for reasonably good stock.

Vashon Island strawberries are disposed of mainly in Winnipeg, although good stock are not firm enough to distribute out to other points from there.

The more recent reports from the middle states report a short crop of all varieties of fruit, and should have the tendency to draw on the supply of the pacific coast states fruit, relieving these markets to some extent. Although recent reports from Georgia and Delaware indicate large crops of peaches. There seems to me no disposition on the part of American growers and shippers to date to force sales at very low prices.

Apropos of the present fruit harvest season in this westernmost Canadian province, an interesting and instructive circular letter authoritatively summarizing conditions and prospects, has just been sent out to some 1,100 leading retailers of the prairie provinces by the Fruit Growers' Association of British Columbia, over the signatures of the president and the secretary, Mr. R. M. Palmer and Mr. R. M. Winslow.

"The fruit trees of British Columbia are carrying at the present moment," says the letter in question, "a crop three times as large as in any previous year. Your customers can be supplied with British Columbia cherries, plums, prunes, peaches, pears, crab apples, and both fall and winter apples. For preserving purposes, peaches, plums and prunes will be plentiful, and at the right prices. The high quality of British Columbia fruit of all kinds you probably already know. Quality in quantity will be found in it this year.

"The pack will be good. Special effort has been made to follow the recommendations which were made by the retailers to Mr. Metcalfe, market commissioner, last season. The pack you will find to be of full weight, fruit properly graded, clean, well packed and of attractive appearance.

"Our cherries you can get now. Apricots by express will, on your markets commencing about August 1. Peaches will be plentiful starting about August 5, and in full carloads about August 25, and during September. Plums and prunes are in large supply. Pears will be of extra quality and in good supply; apples, a full crop of all kinds.

"The association will be glad to put you in touch with reliable shippers. Information will be promptly and gladly furnished upon request."

The latest report of the secretary of the association, addressed to President Palmer under date of the 28th ultimo, reviews the investigations and instructively fruit conditions at the beginning of the shipping season. This report reads as

Kamloops, June 28, 1910.

R. M. Palmer, Esq.,
President B. C. Fruit Growers' Association, Kamloops.

Dear sir,—I beg to report as follows regarding fruit crops in British Columbia to date.

The promise of generally good crops has been well maintained during the past month. The strawberries of the lower mainland did not yield so heavily as expected, but prices were good to very good. On the island the crop exceeded expectations, and though prices were low locally at first, returns later were very satisfactory.

Cherries, a medium crop everywhere, have been moving now for some time, prices excellent, and most of the fruit of good quality. Forty tons of sweets will be marketed in the prairie markets.

Prospects to date are as follows:

Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands—Plums and Italian prunes generally good crop. Box factories preparing for demand for 50,000 crates, and probably 25 cars will go east, largely Italian prunes. Apples on the island, a good crop, so far of extra quality, and probably 20 cars will go east, mainly fall and early winter kinds.

Lower Mainland—Reports not definite, but yields will be at least good. Perhaps 500 tons of plums and prunes will go east, mostly by express, also several cars of pears. Apples also good crop.

Lytton—The principal shipment will be that of about 12 cars of apples, also some plums and prunes.

Spence's Bridge—Twenty-five per cent of full crop, about ten cars of apples.

Ashcroft—Will ship about 2,000 crates of prunes and about two cars of apples.

The orchards at Tranquille, Kamloops, Shuswap, and all Thompson River points are all in good crop.

Salmon Arm—Will have 500 or 600 boxes of pears and 25 cars of apples, Northern Spy, in extra good crop.

Armstrong—Some injury by spring frosts is now reported. There will be about 10 cars of apples, mostly on higher levels. Truck crops at Armstrong are reported in extra good shape. About 300 cars of potatoes, cabbage, celery, etc., were shiped last year. This year's estimate is:

Potatoes, 630 acres, 200 cars; cabbage, 44 acres, 20 cars; celery, 41 acres, 10 cars (trimmed); onions, 15 acres, 8 cars; beets, carrots, etc., 33 acres, 16 cars. Early cabbage will be ready for ship starting July 15. Early celery starts August 1.

Penticton—The peaches are developing well, about 10 cars to ship, with some apricots by express. The apple prospect is for five or six cars.

Summerland—Will have about 2,000 crates of apricots, about the same of plums and prunes. Peaches show a prospect of 55 cars, and apples of about 25 cars.

Peachland—The peach crop is good and severe thinning has been necessary. The yield will be about 22 cars. There will be a few cars of plums, prunes and crab apples, with a yield of ten carloads of apples.

Peach prospects have improved in the last month. Thinning has been almost universally practiced and both trees and fruit are in excellent condition. Packing house arrangements are approaching satisfactory completion. First shipments will probably be about the 1st to 10th August. Labor will be scarce and in good demand from August 1st to October 15th in all Okanagan points.

Kelowna—Reports from this point are not complete, but a total of 110 cars of fruit is given by a very reliable authority. There will be several cars of pears and plums, the great bulk of supply being, of course, apples. Cherries are now going forward, showing a medium crop at good prices.

An increased acreage of truck crops, principally onions and potatoes, is noted at Kelowna and Vernon. Early potatoes have started to move but will not be in good supply for the 10 days yet.

The Similkameen Valley—Reports good crop in apples, plums and peaches, but no estimates are to hand.

The Grand Forks district expects to ship six or seven cars of prunes, smaller quantities of pears and crab apples, and also about 30 cars of apples. The association being the principal shipper.

All points on Kootenay and Arrow lakes give definite reports of good crops of apples, plums, pears and crab apples. Cherries are a good yield and have begun to ship. Creston will also have excellent crops. In all these cases on mostly young trees, the total crop of apples being 25 cars.

Associations and large shippers will receive nearly all the crop this year, and at nearly every point are rushing preparations for the largest crop in the history of the province. Canneries and jam factories will take a great deal, not shown in the above estimates, and report a good demand for canned goods at fair prices.

Prices of strawberries have finished higher than expected, and cherries have been very fine with no prospect of lower prices. Association men and shippers generally seem to feel that if the growers and packers are equal to the task of proper packing and handling, there need be no anxiety regarding reported large crops in Washington and Oregon.

THE LOCAL MARKETS

Flour.	
Royal Household, a bag	$ 1.80
Lake of the Woods, a bag	1.80
Royal Standard, a bag	1.80
Wild Rose, per sack	1.75
Robin Hood, per sack	1.80
Calgary, a bag	1.80
Snowflake, a bag	1.85
Drifted Snow, per sack	1.70
Three Star, per sack	1.70
Moffet's Best, per bag	1.80
Feedstuffs.	
Bran, per 100 lbs	1.35
Shorts, per 100 lbs	1.45
Middlings, per 100 lbs	1.70
Oats, per 100 lbs	1.45
Feed Wheat, per 100 lbs	2.10
Crushed Oats, per 100 lbs	1.85
Barley, per 100 lbs	1.50
Crushed Barley, per 100 lbs	1.60
Chop Feed, per 100 lbs	1.50
Whole Corn, per 100 lbs	1.85
Cracked Corn, per 100 lbs	1.90
Feed Cornmeal, per 100 lbs	1.90
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	$2.00@25.00
Hay, prairie	19.00
Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per dozen	.40
Eastern Eggs, per dozen	.30
Cheese—	
Canadian, per lb	.20
Neutchatel, each	.15
Cream, local, each	.30
Butter—	
Alberta, per lb	.35
Best Dairy	.35@.35
Victoria Creamery, per lb	.40
Cowichan Creamery, per lb	.40
Comox Creamery, per lb	.40
Salt Spring Is. Creamery, lb	.35
Meats.	
Beef, per lb	.08@.20
Mutton, per lb	.15@.20
Mutton, Australian	.15@.20
Veal, dressed, per lb	.10@.20
Goat, dressed, per lb	.20@.25
Chicken, per lb	.25@.35
Chickens, per lb., live weight	.12½@.15
Ducks, dressed, per lb	.20@.25
Hams, per lb	.15@.25
Pork	.12@.20
Fruit.	
Figs, table, per lb	.20
Lemons, per dozen	.30
Oranges, Naval	.30@.50
Bananas	.20@.50
Apples, 8 lbs	.25
Rhubarb, per lb	.02
Asparagus, (local)	.12½@.15
Green Peas, 2 lbs	.25
Spinach, 2 lbs	.25
Apples, per box	2.50@3.50
Grape Fruit, (Cal.)	.10@.12½
Grape fruit (Florida)	.15
Strawberries, per box	.10
Vegetables.	
Onions, 8 lbs for	.25
Sweet Potatoes, 3 lbs	.25
Beets, per lb	.02
Carrots, per lb	.02
Onions (Australian) 3 lbs	.25
Tomatoes (Florida), per lb	.25
Artichokes, (Globe), each	.10
Artichokes, Jerusalem, lb	.05
Parsley, per bunch	.05
Celery, per bunch	.10
Cucumbers	.10
Potatoes, local, per sack	1.25
Potatoes, Ashcroft, per sack	2.00
Potatoes, new, per lb	.02
Cauliflower, each	.10
Cabbage, new, per lb	.04
Lettuce, a head	.05
Garlic, per lb	.20

Births Marriages, Deaths

BORN.

BILLINGS—At St. Joseph's hospital, on the 28th inst., to the wife of Mr. J. G. Billings, of Sidney, B. C., a daughter.

HOLLINS—On the 3rd inst., at St. Joseph's Hospital, to the wife of John Moore Hollins of "Del Monte," Third street, a daughter; still born.

MARRIED.

FALLON-RYDER—On June 29th at the Church of the Holy Rosary, at Vancouver, B. C., by the Rev. Father Welch, Anna M. Ryder to Charles M. Fallon.

THOMPSON-POTTINGER—In this city, on the 29th inst., at 634 Battery street, by the Rev. J. E. Roberts, the Rev. Robert Melroy Thompson to Kate Isabel, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Pottinger.

MORTIMER-ROBERSON—In St. Andrew's church at 3 p. m. on June 30, by the Rev. W. L. Clay, Arthur J., only son of John Mortimer, of Victoria, B. C., to Isabel, second daughter of Henry Moncrieff and Rebecca Roberson of Dollis Park, Finchley, London, England.

BURGE-WHITE—On Tuesday, July 5, at Saanichton, B. C., Ena K. White, daughter of Mrs. M. J. G. White of this city, to Montague Burge, son of C. E. Burge, of London, Eng.

DIED.

BECHTEL—At Beaumont, California, on the 21st inst., Rachael, beloved wife of Andrew John Bechtel, of 2833 Douglas street, Victoria, B. C., aged 47 years. A native of Australia.

DRIVER—On June 30, 1910, at the family residence, 1434 Vining street, Sidney, Charles Driver, aged 17 years, a native of Victoria, B. C.

RITNER—On June 17, 1910, at Banning, California, Lillian Elizabeth, beloved wife of Harry M. Ritner and daughter of Mrs. P. K. Turner of Victoria, B. C., aged 33 years and 3 months. Interment at Redondo Beach, California.

TODD—Mrs. Margaret Todd, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Ormiston, 141 Croft street, on Sunday morning, at 8.30, July 3, 1910; funeral private, on Wednesday, at 3 p. m.

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