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The City Council of 1910 held their last meeting for the year on Thursday night. Their term was shorter than the regular term of the municipal governing body, but in the nine months during which they held office many things have happened. Revela-tions in the accounting department of the city office turned the lime light on civic affairs as never

before in the history of the city. The council stood in the white glare of public scrutiny and stood it well. The council of 1910 gave their

time unstintedly to the service of the city. They have accomplished a great deal that must be recorded in the history of the progress of this municipality. They have had to endure considerable unjust censure through misplacing their confidence. They worked with-out hope of reward and in the certainty of unfavorable criticism from those who could not see eye to eye with them. They finish their labors with nobody's thanks and no satisfaction but the consciousness of having performed an arduous public duty. They stepped into the breach

when no one else would assume the responsibilities of municipal much

The writer has attended practically every meeting of the Coun-cil of 1910. With the exception of a few closed meetings of committees, closed so far- as discussion only was concerned, he had had opportunity to familiarize himself intimately with the work of the municipal council and offers no affairs, and energetic executive action constitute part of the duties of a city council, the retiring Mayor and Aldermen are entitled to all praise for the way they have performed their duties. If mistakes have been made it was not because the council were careless or incompetent, but be-

the seventeen years from 1800 to CIRI I The Free Press wishes to con-Prices will Rise in the near future. It is for ratulate the Mayor and 1008. 25.065 men were killed in ing of a arge of dynamite in UUILLINU Then bituminous dust was the United States mines it is apof 1910 on the creditable conclu- to it. you to decide who will get the profit. of a particularly arduous used. An instant after the cannon parent that the time for the conthe and trying year's work. had been fired that portion of servation of miners has arrived. \$10 Secures One Now. Make the other pay-Pittsburg fairly rocked with the force of the roaring disturbance. In the past few years European ROARIN' GAME The management of the Nelson ments to suit vourself. For particulars see Daily News on Tuesday last precountries have made material The safety doors flew back and sented its readers with its annual pounded on the cylinder; sheets of flame and clouds of smoke folgains in this humanitarian work. FRED G. WATERS review of progress in the field which this enterprising daily cov-Get into the Club and The standardization of the safest lowed and from all directions came the tinkling of breaking explosives was first taken up and "play the game." Then ers. The various articles are entertainingly written and cover the ground well. This issue will be go to Duthie's and get in every country it quickly reglass, for windows nine hundred duced the death rate to an apprethe pick of his stanes. He feet distant, were shattered. Following came tests of various explosives now widely sold and in well nigh general use. Many fyled by hundreds of readers of ciable extent. Belgium worked has a lot of beauties -START THE the News who are interested in the progress of the district and Kay's Red Hone "Excelslowly, but accomplished much, NEW YEAR for the statistics of that frugal litsior Brand" direct from advertised as non-inflammable and non-explosive were shown to desirous of preserving informain the right direction by sethe Haughs of Mavehlan. tle land show the following: tion in that regard in concise and popular form. curing one of our fire insur-Miners killed per 1000 in 1831: You can smell the heathbe exceedingly dangerous. Already good results have fol-lowed from those first explosive ance policies. You are gamber off them still. 2.10 ling with fate unless you Yes, the Old Year has depart-Miners killed per 1000 in 1006: Skates .and .Hockey have ed, never to return. Not in peace tests. Many mine operators and Sticks. SUFFICIENT 0.04 and silence did he pass away mine superintendents have since given orders that only certain specified explosives shall be used In Great Britain the death rate INSURANCE but racked with unforseen dis-Ele ctric Lamps, in all to protect you from loss should you be visited unexaster and tortured by revolution in 1801 was 1.50, but it had been Sizes. Poor old 1910- He laid down his reduced to 1.28 in 1908. and that before a "shot" is fired, grey head in sorrow and dropped into the Great Silence with a the coal dust in the neighborhood pectedly by a destructive fire. In Prussia it was 2.66 in 1861 of the prospective discharge shall THE DUTHIE CO. and but 1.30 in 1904. be wet for a radius of a number groan The best showing of all is made He was a good old year, was 1010. On the whole he brought with him and distributed more of rods. KASTNER, HARDWARE. by France. In 1901 the rate was Realizing, however, that prewith him and distributed more vention is but a percentage of low at 1.03, but in 1905 it had happiness than sorrow, more his task. Dr. Holmes planned been lowered still further to 0.84. Beck Block Fernie, B. C.

ashes!

Having written this much con

wasn't never no such critter, per se. He was a creature of the imto do on that score is over the ashes of a dead year in my own The year is gone, the relife.

no "1010" to accept the reward or make their way to the side of shoulder the penalty. It comes to their unconscious co-workers; me ,"whatever."

The enormous loss of life in bear them out. There is dash, coal mine disasters in the United danger and heroism in the demon The enormous loss of life in States, averaging 3,135 every year,, representing at a money value of \$10,000 per life, an annual loss of \$31,250,000, has caus-ed Dr. Joseph Holmes, chief of the technological branch of the which the operators and scient-United States Geological Survey, to take steps to see if this prodigious human and economic waste cannot be materially less-ened. The United States government has made appropriations for

the establishment of experiment-al stations, where demonstrations of life saving devices, and of the safety or non-safety of various servation chamber. With great explosives used in mining may be care a section of a crushed-in witnessed. The first of these stations has been established on the constructed. Into this scene of At this station mining scientists will seek to prove to mine opera- in various portions of the minia-

their men and that the loss of life though proper precautions would rid the mines of that deadly gas, that rescue parties, if equipped with oxygen helmets could safely enter mine chambers wherein the fatal gas was smothering their unconscious comrades and drag tained beliefs of many mine owners, coal dust under certain con-

ditions is as explosive as dyna-

ななななななない がいかかい mite. the responsibilities of municipal directorship, to the detriment of their p-rivate business and at the expense of many hours which they might have employed with supply point for a splendid mix-ed farming, mineral, timber and coal area of millions of acres their helmets on their heads in case they might have to dash in simply can't help it. Smokers Of Our Cigars and rescue the demonstrators. made accessible by 1100 miles of never get tired of our watched the work. All conceded brands. The tobacco in them has been so carefully greater satisfaction to of the principal features of the that if such men, so equipped. had been on hand at mine catasnavigable waterways. Pittsburg experimental station is had been on hand at mine catas-the so-called explosive tube -a trophies the mortuary records themselves. Splendid openings for business selected that a perfect flavor and fragrance are and investment. boiler plate cylinder 100 feet in would not form such a startling assured. Try a few for a starter. If you don't be-Let us send you a free copy of "British Columbia Bulletin of Inlength and six feet in diameter. Along the top of the contrivance, condemnation of United States mining methods as they do tocome a regular caller here to all intents is a mine formation," containing up-to-date news of the great Inland Empire vhich day we miss our guess tunnel, are a set of safety valves or hinged doors. The force of It is the hope of Dr. Holmes of Canada. that all mine operators will co- Write or call at once. ARMSTRONG C. any explosion in the cylinder F. forces these up so that the vio-lence of the detonation loses ieoperate to the extent of detailing apology for assuming to spear of the work of that body as one in-formed. If regular attendance, of the tube a cannon has been installed and from it charges of installed and from it charges of NK WE N Natural Resources Security Co., men to take these lessons and, when they have become expert, to Limited. hold them as rescue squads at the **They Are Going Fast!** Paid Up Capital, \$250,000. mines. If that is done beneficial Joint Owners and Sole Agents Fort George Townsite. directly into the great tube; the firing being done by an electrical results will follow, for the statistics of other lands prove that device operated from the observa-Those desirable Home-sites in West Fernie. deaths in coal mines are largely Head Office, 697 Bower Building tion house, 60 feet away. On the day of the first demonstration a preventable. In fact, in every Why don't you get in on a good thing? Vancouver, B.C. country but the United States the quantity of anthracite coal dust was pumped into the cylinder number of fatalities have been re-and the assembled mine operators duced materially in the past few Buy a Lot and be a landed proprietor. Prices duced materially in the past few who had maintained that it was range from \$50 to \$125. years. When one learns that in cause they were only human. non-explosive smiled sardonically when no explosion followed the

prosperity than failure. It is nature. His rescue demonstrations howed some partiality in his nature. His rescue demonstrations are worthy of stage presentation for they are melodramatic startling extent. In his de-

monstration room one may see fac simile reproductions of shatstuff we now rise to say that tered and sunken mine levels with there "ain't no dead 1910." There unconscious miners lying sensetered and sunken mine levels with less in the wreck and ruin. with clouds of well nigh impenetrable agination of those who would smoke swirling about them and rather think of phantoms than of with shattered timbers blocking realities. Getting down to brass the paths of safety. Then will be tacks, the only mourning I have seen the arrival of other miners with heads covered with huge oxygen helmets as large and hidelife. The year is gone, the re-cord is made, the account is bal-divers. Into the smoke, over shatanced and the entry has been tered timbers and through narrow made in profit and loss. There is tunnels, these helmeted heroes

place them on stretchers or toss

them over brawny shoulders and bear them out. There is dash, strations, and they form a series of startling pictures when seen through a plate glass wall, for they all take place in an enormous glass room, from the outside of ists may observe the rescue crews at their startling studies.

Into this room by powerful pumps poisonous gases, smoke or fire damp can be forced; or the air can be withdrawn and a vacnum created. At a recent demonstration some interesting scenes were witnessed from the outer obmine filled with fire damp was Arsenal grounds at Pittsburg, Pa. wreckage a rescue crew equipped with the helmets went. Scattered tors that they are wasteful of ture mine dummy figures representing unconscious miners had might with due care be reduced been placed, all being life size to one out of every thousand each and averaging 160 pounds in year. It will then further show weight. The efficiency of the year. It will then further show weight. The efficiency of the them that they kill because mines are not kept free from fire damp, tablished, for some of the men remained in this polluted atmosphere for an hour and worked as well as though in the fresh outer air. They carried the dummies around and around the room on their backs and finally clambered up narrow ladders with them and them to safety that so many so-called safety explosives were, in fact, most dangerous, and that, contrary to the stubbornly main-wiggle through on hands and knees

While these dramatic scenes were taking place mine owners and miners, two of the latter with

The records of the United States are not so flattering. 1895 coal miners were being killed in the United States mines at the rate of 2.67 per 1000. In 1905 the rate had increased to 3.53 and in 1907 it stood at the startling rate of 4.86.

All these things the skilful men of the U. S. Technologic Branch now know, and it is through an amplification and a wider dissemination of their knowledge of preventive measures, that they hope to lessen the enormous wastage of human life.

"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 vear 1911: Appointed by the Owners -

David Martin.

Bernard Caufield. Appointed by the- Lieutenant-Governor in Council-James M.

Stewart.

William Gray. Alternates — Thomas Uphill, Evan Thomas.

bers of the Board in the absence of those regularly appointed or elected to act thereon.

tain full information by applying to the Secretary of the Board, Mr. James M. Stewart, Fernie, B.C.

ber, 1910.

Minister of Mines



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

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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.

Manager

By order of the Board. Toronto, Oct.. 26th. JAMES MASON, General Manager.

Fernie, B. C.

John Adair,

Alternates - William Wilson, The Fernie Auction Room

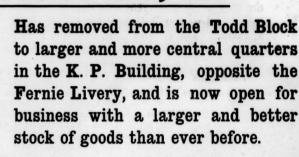
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Note-Alternates act as Mem-

All persons interested may ob-

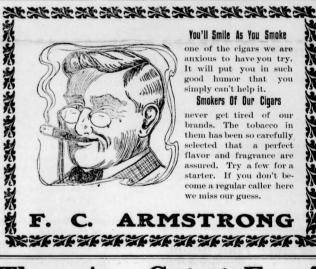
Dated this 24th day of Decem-

Richard McBride,



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

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