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The Race

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Miss Millie Shorthouse	345150
Mrs. W. Ramsay	258900
Miss M. W. Daniels	255600
Miss Minnie Turner	249700
Miss Winnie Morley	225800
Mrs. S. Phillips	198700
Miss Phillis Hughes	194300
Miss Jessie Sharples	188900
Miss Sarah Lancaster	186250
Miss D. Smith	179000
Mrs. W. Ireland	174700
Miss Edith Langdon	167700
Miss Sadie Clapp	159250
Miss Susie Bella	157450
Miss Agnes Patterson	156100
Mrs. R. J. Brown	149700
Miss Crissie Bunch	147600
Miss Jennie Joyce	140350
Miss Audrey Mills	126650
Miss Edna Grundy	114250
Miss Ruth Knowles	111200
Mrs. Demore	111150
Mrs. R. Adamson	109600
Miss Mabel Finn	105350
Miss Hilda Young	104550
Mrs. H. C. Smith	99650
Miss Beatrice Hirst	97900
Miss Mary Armstrong	96450
Miss Emeline Ihas	72000
Mrs. Crabb	70600
Miss Jean Linn	59050
Miss Cas Butala	50200
Mrs. W. Allen	48950
Miss Fay Gordon	48450
Mrs. Dewsbury	16650
Miss N. Piola	14400
Miss Lillian Eschwig	92700
Mrs. Jas. Mitchell	92500
Miss Hilda Minton	89300
Miss Ivy Johnston	87550
Miss Emma Williams	85800
Miss Minnie Gallamore	83100
Miss Nan Allen	72350

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Nelson Daily News Special Mining Number is fully up to the high standard set by this paper in its Annual Mining Review of other years. The year 1913 proved to be most satisfactory and profitable in the mining business of Kootenay and Boundary, and from reliable data the News is able to forecast a very bright future for the industry.

As usual in Fernie, municipal campaigning takes form and front only at the very last minute and the ratepayers are treated to a whirlwind campaign, with confusion as the outstanding feature.

The office of mayor, carrying most, if not all of the authority of civic government, the fight centres about this office. Mayor Gates is seeking re-election. Ald. Morrison announces himself as "The People's Friend." If there is a dark horse in the field he is still under a blanket.

Mayor Gates goes to the elections on his record for the year. This is not hard to get at for those who are willing to take the pains. The general features of his administration appeared from time to time during the year, as different situations came up. The financial aspect of the year's business will be apparent to those who are capable of interpreting the balance sheet for the year, and of comparing it with that of previous years.

The tax sale was necessitated by pressure from the bank, which had already done more for the city than in fairness could be expected. It was carried out in accordance with the Municipal Act. Those who were crowded must remember that other people paid their taxes when they were due. The bank could not be expected to pay the people's taxes any longer.

The city was financing with difficulty at the end of the year 1912. Civic salaries were held up for the first time since the year of incorporation. This condition was not repeated this year.

The tax rate has been increased. The city council has no control over school expenditure, the authorized levy for which was two mills more this year than it was last year. The levy for general expenditure during 1912 did not meet the outlay and the additional burden fell on the year

1913. When we spend the money we have to pay, even if we get credit for a year. If we have learned the lesson to pay as we go it will have been cheaply learned.

Ald. Morrison takes the field with the slogan "Equitable Treatment for All." This infers that there has been unfair treatment somewhere. Mr. Morrison did not favor us with his views on this matter, preferring to give them publicity from the platform on Monday night. This is politics.

Regarding the program for next year, the candidates will announce theirs, in all probability, on Monday night. There will be some money available for electric light extension next year, since the money has been obtained for the debentures. Economy is always a safe watchword.

In the Aldermanic field we shall probably see four of the council of 1913 running, viz., Aldermen Uphill, Graham, Robichaud and Rizzuto. Ald. Robichaud is "the man who made the park." He wants to make better streets now. Ald. Rizzuto went to the people with one promise for the year. "If elected," said he, "I will see that these houses are numbered. They are numbered. Ald. Graham is the dean of the council board and seems always to retain the confidence of the people. Ald. Uphill polled the high vote last year and no one has been sorry he voted for Tom. Wm. Jackson is again a candidate. A. A. McBean, who has served the city as school trustee, is also running. It is reported that Aubrey Snow was in the field.

There is talk of a complete Socialist ticket to be in the running. Various names are mentioned but no announcements have been made public.

There are three vacancies on the school board. A. A. McBean is in the aldermanic race. J. L. McIntyre is retiring and Jas. Lancaster resigned when he left the city. Jas. Brooks is a candidate. Wm. Dicken is a running. J. S. Irvine is being urged to be a candidate.

It seems strange that there should be so little interest in the personnel of the School Board, when that body spends such an enormous chunk of the ratepayers' money. There is some little consideration being given to the coming elections for Mayor and City

Council, but, outside of those who hold office at present and thus have the matter thrust upon them, no one seems to care a Gatun dam who is entrusted with the management of school affairs here. Wait till the School Board asks the city for a new school, about next summer.

There were 700 pupils attending the Fernie schools in December. The city has 20 school rooms under cover. That makes 35 pupils per teacher. When it is remembered that the High School class falls considerably below this average and that the Principal, with his other duties, can handle but a limited number of pupils, it will be seen that this city is now doing capacity business in its present school buildings.

A glance at the young stock that is coming up, and at the records of the registry office for the past six years, will convince the family men of this city that the need of additional school accommodation will be insistent in the near future. It should convince all ratepayers, who will have to foot the bill.

It is probable that the schools of Fernie are conducted as economically as those of any other municipality in the Province. The big item, the salary list of the teaching staff, is certainly not extravagant. The school board have considerable difficulty in obtaining competent teachers at the salaries paid.

Thirty per cent of the taxes you pay into the city treasury goes into the maintenance of your public schools. The percentage is going to go higher.

Discovers Scarlet Fever Germ

Montreal, Jan. 3.—Details of his discovery of a germ which is believed to be the cause of scarlet fever, were told to the Society of American Bacteriologists by Dr. Newell S. Ferry, of Detroit, at the closing session of the society's convention at McGill University Friday. Dr. Ferry's discovery is considered of the greatest importance, for should it prove satisfactory, it is expected, the result will be the practical elimination of the disease. In the course of his paper on the "study of the bacteriology of the posterior nasopharynx in scarlatina," Dr. Ferry stated that he found a germ which he believed to be the cause of the disease.

In the contagious diseases hospital in Detroit, Dr. Ferry had tried immunizing the nurses and for three years there was not a case of the disease among those so treated. The immunizing was then discontinued for a space of three months, when several nurses contracted scarlet fever. Dr. Ferry, before closing, offered his discovery to the members of the conference for further tests.

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2. To change the Head Office of the Company from "Fernie, in the Province of British Columbia" to "Calgary, in the Province of Alberta."

3. To empower the Company to issue securities not to exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) per mile of the Railway to be issued in proportion to the length of Railway constructed or under contract to be constructed.

4. Subject to the provisions of Sections 281, 282 and 283 of The Railway Act 1903, to empower the Company to enter into agreements with all or any of the Companies hereinafter named for any of the purposes specified in the said Section 281, such companies being: "High River and Hudson's Bay Railway Company"; High River Saskatchewan and Hudson's Bay Railway Company"; "Canadian Western Railway Company"; Canadian Northern Railway Company"; Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company"; "Hudson's Bay Railway Company." Dated at Winnipeg this 12th day of December, A.D. 1913.

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