

A RED LETTER NIGHT AT COAL CREEK

(Crowded out last week.)

A gathering unprecedented in the annals of Coal Creek, was held last Saturday evening in the Club Hall, on the occasion of a farewell presentation to Mr. Colville, late Superintendent at these mines.

Mr. John McCliment occupied the chair, and when he called the meeting to order at 8 o'clock, a most representative audience had assembled and the hall was taxed to its utmost capacity.

The Chairman said that they all felt intense regret, at the departure of Mr. Colville, after so many years of useful service, and he was sure that their late Superintendent would carry with him the best wishes of all.

Mr. Elliot in an eloquent speech said that it was with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret, that he wished to say a few words on this auspicious occasion.

He expressed the great regret that was felt on all sides, through the severance of Mr. Colville's connection with them, for besides being a good and besides being a good Superintendent, he had at the same time been an ideal citizen, for whatever had been promoted for the advancement of the community of Coal Creek, had always received his fullest support financially and otherwise.

On behalf of the officials and workmen of the Coal Creek Mines, he asked Mr. Colville's acceptance of a gold watch, chain, and locket and a purse of gold, not only on account of their intrinsic value, but as a token of esteem and respect by which he was held by them.

He trusted that he would live long to have the pleasure of wearing the watch and chain, for every time he looked upon the dial it would remind him of the good wishes, the good feelings, the esteem, the respect we all had for you, when you severed your connection with us, on the 14th day of December, 1907.

Mr. Colville, in acknowledging the gifts, thanked them from the bottom of his heart, for their many good wishes, and for the beautiful presents, which would always remind him of his pleasant association with Coal Creek.

He traced the development of these mines, from the time he settled here about six years ago, until the present, when there were just a few wooden shacks scattered here and there, and the mines only in their infancy, while to-day we find the camp at Coal Creek second to none in B.C.

The remainder of the evening was spent in listening to a most excellent programme which had been arranged, to which Misses Frank and Sid Karp, Tom Jenkinson, W. R. Puck-

ey, W. H. Evans and many others contributed and judging by the encora demanded, their efforts were much appreciated.

Mr. Rudnicki was the able accompanist on the pianoforte. A vote of thanks to the chairman and the singing of "God Save The King" brought to a close a gathering that will be long remembered in Coal Creek.

MALICIOUS GOSSIP.

Some busybody whose motives can be surmised, has originated a rumor that the Directors of the Fernie Rank Company receive pecuniary compensation for their services, or for each Director's meeting that they attend. The rumor is false. The Directors are giving their services gratis and some of them are spending a great deal of time on the Company's work. We understand that some of the subscribers were withholding their assessments because they thought that part of the money was going into the pockets of the Directors. It is most regrettable that such a canard should have been circulated to hamper the work of a public spirited body of men whose motives in giving their services gratuitously to the furthering of this enterprise are particularly unselfish.

SWEET LAYE.

Toronto News: With both feet frozen, but otherwise feeling pretty good, Harry Ellis, an Englishman, 31 years of age, is in St. Michael's hospital. He may lose both his feet, but he confesses they stood by him a long time, for he walked on them most of the way from the Crow's Nest Pass to Toronto, encountering many thrilling adventures, which included wolves, bears and starvation, and he has an entertaining way of telling about them. The News had a talk with him this morning. He was an office man in England, and on coming to Canada worked for a couple of years in a Toronto warehouse. Then he went out to the Rockies to rough it. He got what he went for. He started to walk and one day went through the Crow's Nest Pass. It was as black as a pocket and his breath echoed. Dripping waters made noises like a bunch of talkative spirits. A train came along. The noise was deafening. He lay down by the wall as the train roared past him. Coal-gas fumes were suffocating. On a part of his journey he was accompanied by a wolf, and in another part by a bear, which he shook by jumping a passing freight. Crossing the prairies, he was lost for three days without food, until he found a squatter's hut. He thinks his feet were frozen when

he reached Winnipeg for they bothered him ever since. He kept walking to ease the pain. From North Bay to Toronto the suffering was intense. It was on Wednesday he arrived here, and went to a boarding house.

WANT TO USE EDMONTON COAL.

Edmonton, Dec. 20.—M. H. McLeod general manager of the C. N. R., and E. Langham, purchasing agent, were here in the city yesterday. Mr. McLeod stated that his company were experimenting with a new kind of smoke stack, and he hoped soon they would be able to use the lignite coal found at Edmonton in their engines. Some time ago this was prohibited by the railway commission because it threw too many sparks, causing fires.

HUNTERS RETURN.

Captain Bradenwell Murphy, and brother, of Dublin, Ireland, two well known hunters of big game, arrived in Michel on Saturday last after a two month's hunting trip in the Upper Bull River country. They were guided by Norboe Bros. The hunt was most successful and the sportsmen are most enthusiastic about the district. They brought out six trophies, having bagged three sheep and three goats. There is lots of game up there but the Murphys were looking for sport, not a big bag.

They report very cold weather in the Bull Valley, the thermometer having dropped once to 35 degrees below zero. It was only with the greatest difficulty that they were able to get out on account of the deep snow.

When the Fernie Game Protective Association was called to their attention by Game Warden Lewis they promptly joined the Association. In discussing the game laws of the province they favored a gun tax on residents and a close season on bear. They advocated a smaller bag and a shorter season on other game.

They were struck by the evidences of prosperity in Fernie and could scarcely believe that the town is but 10 years old.

MORRISSEY NOTES.

Xmas Day passed off here without one drunk.

Julius Anderson is the proud proprietor of twin calves.

Mrs. Clearer, Mrs. A. J. Illingworth and Mrs. Campbell entertained merry parties to dinner on Xmas Day.

Jos Stevens went to Calgary to spend Xmas.

We Extend to All
New Year
Greetings

Cree & Moffatt.

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