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PROVINCIAL INVENTOR.

Frame for Exhibiting Samples of Biscuits Has Been Patented.

To G. P. Cathrea, of Vancouver, a United States patent was issued recently on a display frame for the exhibit of samples of biscuits and the like, which frame is designed to form a removable attachment to the box in which the goods are packed.

At present the exhibit of the contents of the biscuit box is attained by providing a glass front to the box against which the contents are packed in a manner to properly display them.

While this practice may be satisfactory for a home trade, where shipment is made to any distance, the glass fronts are liable to be broken in transit or the packing intended to display the contents is disarranged.

The inventor overcomes this objection by providing a light metal frame within which is a glass front and a removable adjustable back between which and the glass the articles for exhibit are placed and this frame is furnished with means for attachment of it to the box.

These frames can be packed within the box, and when it is opened for use the display frame is attached to the front.

The patent was obtained through the agency of Rowland Brittain, Patent Attorney of Vancouver.

BEANS AS VOTING "PAPERS."

A ballot on novel lines has been taken at Glenford, B.C., where the workers in a mat factory had all received three months' notice. The employers were approached, and a deputation of the men suggested a 10 per cent. reduction in wages in order to keep the works going. To ascertain if this would be accepted by all a ballot was taken. Each man was given an original "voting paper" in the form of a bean and a pen, and the voting urn was a plain jar. The bean was a vote for the reduced pay, the pea against. Seventy-five beans were placed in the jar and only nineteen peas. Work will, therefore, continue as usual.



AN EXQUISITE NEGLIGEE.

There is something about a dainty negligee that is quite irresistible to the woman who loves pretty things, as every refined woman does. Perhaps it is the pleasant consciousness that she cannot be other than charming in one of the little confections in silk and lace that seem to exude elegance and comfort. In the dainty dressing sack here sketched elegance and simplicity are seen in rare combination. The reverse collar, rolling away from the throat in V-shaped outline, is especially becoming to the woman with the little shoulder-cape. Silk was selected for making the sack, lace and silk braid being used for trimming; but the sack could be made up very prettily in crepon, challis or cashmere, 4 1/2 yards 36 inches wide being needed for the medium size.

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THE BUILDING OF A NEW RAILWAY TOWN

Edward Angus, special writer for the Canada Newspaper Syndicate, thus describes the activity in a new railway town in the west:

Once upon a time a writer man was staging into Cripple Creek to write up the town. Opposite the writer in the Concord sat a man from Texas.

"Pretty swift camp?" he asked of the man with the slouch hat and the horseshoe moustache hanging over his mouth.

"Well—I reckon, Su. Time locks on the dinin' rum do's, waitas on rollas skates, an' head waitas on hoss back—I reckon we ah goin' some."

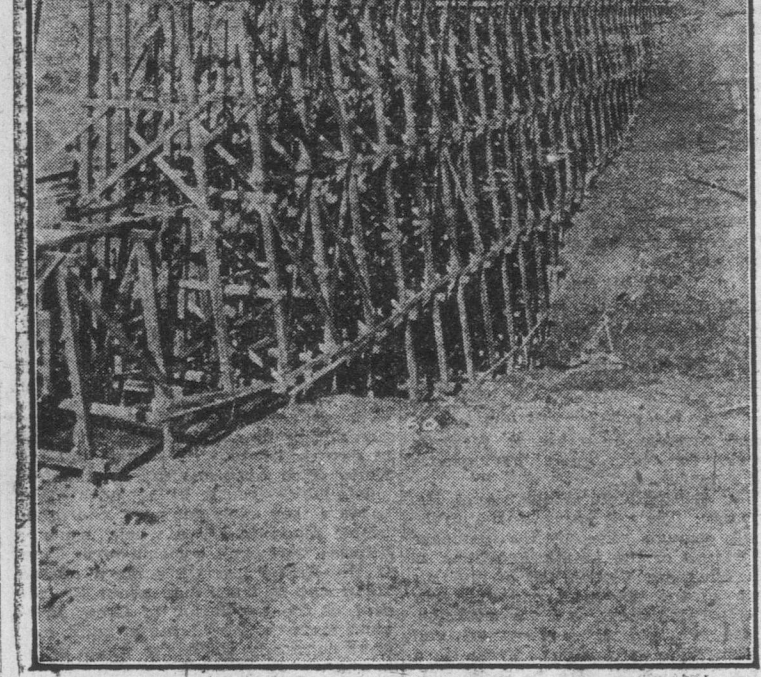
This description would not be much of a misfit if applied to the new town "Nokomis."

Those who have taken note of the march of empire in the west have expected that the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific and the forward movement of the Canadian Pacific would develop some swift towns, such as Vegreville, on the Canadian Northern, and Lannigan on the Canadian Pacific.

These were lively camps in the springtime of their boom, but Nokomis, the "Junction City," seems to have been the first to feel the real press and push of the frontier, and hear the first roll wash of waves where soon shall roll a human sea.

Nokomis lies some 400 miles west of Winnipeg, 80 miles north of Regina, 40 miles south of Humboldt, and 80 miles east of Saskatoon.

The new city in the rough stands



BRIDGING THE VALLEY—G. T. P. RAILWAY.

where the Canadian Pacific's Saskatoon line crosses the Grand Trunk Pacific, and having the assurance of sharp, healthy, keen competition, the eager pioneer, looking out for his last chance, this Last West, is casting his lot at Nokomis.

Nokomis is ninety days old. And the most remarkable feature about the place is the fact that nearly all the buildings are good, substantial ones. With the exception of half a dozen squatters there are no shack dwellers in Nokomis.

The town, while planned and planned as a symmetrical whole, is in reality owned, or was before any lots were sold, by three interests, the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Canadian Pacific, and the Washington Syndicate, which is composed exclusively of newspaper men, and is under the management of Cy Warman, with Hugo Ross of Winnipeg, as its general agent. The Washington Syndicate were fortunate enough to secure 100 acres of land be-

ginning only two blocks from the centre of the town as it stands, and of course, the centre of the town must move in their direction as it is not likely to build south of the Grand Trunk Pacific or west of the Canadian Pacific.

In addition to the present and assured Canadian Pacific line due north from Lannigan to Prince Albert via Humboldt, the writer has seen many growing towns, but never a livelier community than Nokomis. Standing the other day in the door of Mr. Allison's office—Allison is the pioneer of Nokomis—I saw a city rising from the soil. In the foreground an army of men and teams were grading on every street, for the streets are well defined; teams were drawing stone and lumber and building material and carpenters on the stations of the rival railways, both nearing completion, and almost exactly alike, were hammering with all their might, and each seemed to be watching the other fellow and really striving to see which could finish first. Surely, there can be no carpenters' unions in Nokomis, for these men were working as if they had a real interest in their work. Teams were going in and out of the lumber

yards, and other teams were drawing scrapers, diving into cellars, and coming out and dumping their loads and returning again. The most striking scene in all this activity was the new hotel, square, solid, substantial and three stories high. The carpenters had moved their scaffolding down to the second story, and the painters had begun painting from the top, so that when the last board is battened on the man with the paint pot will be ready to cover the wall.

Speaking of paint reminds me that nearly all the houses in Nokomis are painted, even the lumber yards have imposing fronts with heavy cornices all painted and decorated. At nearly all these lumber yards there is a bank or shop on one side of the arch driveway and the lumber company's office on the other.

The men who are making Nokomis seem to have confidence in the camp. They believe their story. They believe that Nokomis is the coming town and

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It is understood here that the King Solomon mine, which has been acquired by a syndicate of American capitalists, other claims in the same neighborhood are said to be promising well.

Salmon fishing is very good on the bay just now, several boats having been reported lately.

"LAWLESS" COURT.

A "whispering" or "lawless" court, imposed in early times on the manner holders for midday at night. Messrs. Rochester, Kent. The court assembled on King's Hill at midnight, and was held until daybreak. All business was done in whispers, and the transactions were recorded with a piece of coal.

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INTERESTING TALK ON FRUIT CULTURE

Thomas Brydon Tells Salt Spring Islanders the Best Methods--Athletic Movements.

(Special Correspondence of the Times).

Salt Spring Island, Oct. 20.—A series of lectures given annually under the auspices of the Island Farmers' Institute by experienced officials of the department of agriculture was held last week on Salt Spring.

The lecturer this year was Mr. Brydon, a well known fruit grower of Victoria, and a prominent man in institute matters. T. C. Brydon held a meeting in the public hall, Central Settlement, on the 15th inst., taking for his subject, "Fruit Culture."

Mr. Brydon, in the course of his lecture, said that he was very pleased to have the privilege accorded him of addressing a Salt Spring audience, not because of the natural beauty of the island, but because of the excellence of the fruit and vegetables it produced. He then dwelt on the advisability of the farmer sowing a cover crop on land with potatoes lifted. "Oats," said the speaker, "are very good for a cover crop on this kind of land."

Speaking of the irrigation question, Mr. Brydon said that this was a very important item for the farmer to consider. Many prominent fruit men held the opinion that fruit grown by the irrigation system is the best fruit grown. Questioned as to the best age for planting trees, Mr. Brydon said that two year old trees are the best, though a great deal depended on the situation of the orchard and the soil. An important thing is to get the trees put in the ground as soon as possible.

In answer to a question as to the best time for pruning, Mr. Brydon said that the best time should be pruned in the summer, while it would be most advisable to do this work on an old orchard in the fall or winter.

"I hear," said the speaker, "that the people here do not sort the apples on the trees. Now that is one of the most essential things for a good crop. I was in an orchard in Sannich some time ago where the proprietor employed several Chinamen and white men in sorting his fruit. I am positive that if you will take off about one-third of your apples when they get to be a good handling size, you will reap greater benefits each and every year."

Asked as to the best apples to grow, Mr. Brydon said that he should always be in favor of Wealthy, King of Tompkins and Wallow Bell flower.

Mr. H. Caldwell proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the speaker of the evening for his interesting and instructive address.

This was put to the house and carried amidst loud applause.

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night. The principal matter of discussion was the game question, it being understood that the club has made several recommendations to the provincial government, setting forth their opinion on the subject.

An Interesting Find. Mr. J. T. Collins made a very important find the other day. While engaged in fishing at Veauvius bay he found a large-sized lobster.

Miss L. Belyea is the new school teacher at the Burgoyne Bay school, while Miss M. Somerville, of Victoria, has been appointed to the Beaver Point school.

Scientific Apple Packing. A demonstration of apple packing was given on the Ganges wharf on Monday by the Farmers' Institute. Interest was very keen as the farmers have found that it is essential to have the fruit properly packed for shipment.

Social Notes. Mr. J. Harrison, secretary of the football club, has returned from an extended visit to Spokane, Wash. Speaking of the Spokane fair, Mr. Harrison gave it as his opinion that the Victoria one was greatly superior to it.

Mr. J. C. Scovell, a prominent resident of the island, is expected to return from a visit to Ireland shortly.

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other gentlemen, secured two deer and several brace of pheasants.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cundell have left for the Old Country, where they will sojourn for some time. Mr. Armstrong succeeds Mr. Cundell as secretary of the Salt Spring Creamery Association.

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SURVIVED ELEVEN WIVES.

There is now living in Wurttemberg a landed proprietor named Kottman, who has had no fewer than eleven lawful wives, all of whom have predeceased him. The first died when quite young, the next two were killed in accidents, the sixth and seventh committed suicide, the eighth and ninth died natural deaths.

After being married only a few months, the tenth was gored to death by a bull, and the eleventh hanged herself. The