

**TO SMOKE OR NOT TO SMOKE**

Following the doom of the skirt pronounced in Paris comes the announcement from Montreal that the leading hotel has removed the disparity in regard to smoking. And over these definite changes looms the prospective triumph of the suffragettes in Britain. Whether are we drifting? In the world of industry, commerce, and professional service appearances indicate that we are returning to a development of the original and primitive state in which all the work was done by the woman, man lazily alternating between fighting and boasting about it. This can be regarded by the sterner sex with complacency, but when women seek to wield political power, to wear bifurcate clothing, and even participate in the consumption of alcohol and the absorption of nicotine, the whirl of time becomes bewildering. Bernard Shaw thinks that it is a great joke to pretend that those who face without flinching the sublime tragedy of nature can be dissuaded from their purposes by weak, masculine conventions regarding what is proper for young ladies. Most women think that men are merely grown-up babies, to be cared for and managed judiciously—that it is seldom or never safe to tell them the truth, and that they must be guided by working upon the delusion that they are directing and ruling. Man has ceased to argue against the participation of woman in his ambitious projects of political activity, and now restricts her "just because." But when she seeks to participate in his vices he conducts an opposition on solid ground. Every waste of energy, every dissipation of nerve force, every violation of propriety, and every disregard of feminine sanctity and reserve demand a price no woman can afford to pay.

The fact must be squarely faced that drinking, smoking, swearing, and the "gentlemanly old-age vice" of avarice are no longer exclusively masculine prerogatives. In all these man is dismayed by the aggressive and persistent imitation of woman. An Englishman's home has been called the mother's workhouse and the daughter's prison. No wonder man revolts at innovations. The daughter is no longer a prisoner, for she can go out any day to earn her own living and tell the once all-powerful papa that she will probably call and see him on Christmas. It is now the man and not the woman that is sold into captivity. The "He'll-have-to-keep-me-anyway" matrimonial prospect may be at any time awaiting his optimistic youth. A local Chinaman innocent of western ways has found himself condemned for life to turn over a share of the proceeds of his laundry. If wife-desertion is made an extraditable offence he will not be able to escape by going back to China. Man will also stand this new social adjustment with complacency, but the glass and the cigarette are such demoralizing influences that woman's addiction to them gives him a shudder. A correspondent, alive to a growing evil, has suggested an amendment to the liquor law prohibiting the sale of liquor to a wife or child without the written consent of husband or father. The change would have a good effect, and might be supplemented by a clause prohibiting sale to a husband without the written consent of his wife.

So far smoking and drinking amongst women in Canada are confined to those who have grown weary of their laziness and are seeking the mental stimulants of innovations. But as these are the "best people" they are certain to have many imitators. The world has never yet succeeded in preventing the unfit from doing away with themselves, and the smoking and drinking habits of women may be one of their methods of circumventing restraints. The day of coercion in the household is past. If men give up smoking and drinking and cease to smile with approval on such practices by women they will do all that is possible to prevent a deleterious innovation. Should men then continue in their wayward courses the country must depend on the slow corrective influence of nature's process of elimination.—Globe.

Wanted: Position by young man, 23, as junior clerk, copyist or in any capacity. Address, Clerical, Free Press.

**LYNCHING IS ON THE DECREASE**

Chicago, Jan. 1. — Only fifty-seven lynchings were recorded in the United States in 1910, a much smaller number than in almost any previous year in the last sixteen. In 1909 the total was 70, and in 1908 it was 65.

All but five of the 57 cases of lynching in 1910 were of negroes, and ten of these cases were those in which the charge against the victim was assault on white women or girls. In eleven of the remaining number the charge was attempted criminal assault. In the five cases of white men, four were for murder and the other for aiding and abetting in a jail delivery. Several of the cases in which negroes were lynched were based upon the murder, or alleged murder, of white women in which the question of assault is implied.

As in previous years, nearly all the lynchings were in Southern States, Florida and Georgia having ten each, Alabama and Arkansas eight each and Texas six. The only lynching in the north occurred in Ohio, the victim being Carl Etherington, an agent of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League, who met death at the hands of a mob in Newark, following his imprisonment in jail on a charge of having murdered a saloonkeeper, while making a raid on an alleged blind tiger.

Of the five whites lynched two were Italians, who were lynched in Florida. They were charged with murder and with inciting the riots during the strike of cigarmakers in Tampa. Another of the white victims was a Mexican who was shot and burned at the stake near the Texas border, following his confession that he had murdered a white woman. Of the 52 negro victims, two were women.

In many of the cases the lynchings followed the arrest or conviction of the victims on the charges made against them. In other cases the victims met death while endeavoring to escape from pursuing posses. In two cases the negro victims were lynched by mobs composed of members of their own race. In almost every case the victim was summarily hanged or shot without burning at the stake, such as accompanied these acts of summary vengeance in former years.

**New Use For the Beehive Hat.**

Two smartly dressed Parisian ladies, wearing large beehive hats arrived at Bellegarde the other Saturday night in the Geneva-Paris express. They declared nothing, and ostentatiously opened their baggage at the depot. An official, however, noticed that they seemed to experience much difficulty in balancing their large hats on their heads, and the ladies were requested to pass into a private room, where their headgear was examined. The roofs of the beehives contained not honey, but saccharine packed in an airtight box fitted ingeniously into the hat. On the ladies paying a heavy fine they were allowed to continue the journey minus the saccharine, but retaining their hats, which might have been confiscated too.

**Christ Church.**

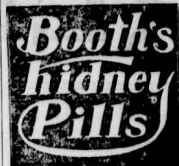
The annual congregational meeting of the above church will be held on Sunday next immediately after the evening service. The meeting is for the purpose of presenting the Treasurer's report and for the election of Wardens and Vestrymen for the ensuing year. Delegates to the Diocesan Synod, which meets at Revelstoke on Feb. 15 and 16, will also be elected. As this is a very important meeting it is earnestly requested that every member, and any interested in the welfare of the parish, will make it a point to be present.

The services next Sunday will be, matins and sermon and Holy Communion at 11 a.m.; evensong and sermon at 7.30 p.m.

**SIX YEAR OLD GIRL**

**Cured of Kidney Trouble**

Mrs. Alex. Moore, of James St., N.S., says: "Booth's Kidney Pills cured our little daughter, Christian, age six years, of many symptoms of Kidney weakness. She complained of a sore back, the kidney secretions were frequent and uncontrollable, especially at night. Her stomach was weak and her appetite poor. This caused her to have frequent head-



aches, and the least exertion would tire her. We had tried many remedies, but she did not improve. Finally we learned of Booth's Kid-

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Booth's Kidney Pills carry a guarantee that if you derive no benefit your money will be refunded. Booth's Kidney Pills are a specific for all diseases of the kidneys and bladder. Sold by all druggists, 50c box, or postpaid from the R. T. Booth Co., Ltd., Fort Erie, Ont. Sold and guaranteed by N. E. Suddaby.

**Official Administrators Act.**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of December, 1910, it was ordered by P. E. Wilson, Esq., Judge of the County Court of East Kootenay, that James Ferguson Armstrong, Official Administrator for that portion of the County of Kootenay included in the Electoral Districts of Cranbrook and Fernie, be Administrator of all and singular the estate of Paul Singer, alias Paul Chingara, deceased.

Every person indebted to the said deceased is required to make payment forthwith to the undersigned.

Every person having in possession effects belonging to the deceased is required forthwith to notify the undersigned.

Every creditor or other person having any claim upon or interest in the distribution of the estate of the said deceased is required to send before the 30th day of January next, by registered mail addressed to the undersigned, his name and address and the full particulars of his claim or interest, and a statement of his account and the nature of the security (if any) held by him.

After the said last mentioned date the Administrator will proceed with the distribution of the estate having regard to those claims only of which he shall have had notice.

Dated at Cranbrook this 21st day of December, 1910.  
J. F. Armstrong,  
Official Administrator

**WATER NOTICE.**

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made under Part V. of the "Water Act, 1909," to obtain a license in the Cranbrook Water District.

(a) The name, address and occupation of the applicant is Alfred Cummings, Civil Engineer, Fernie, B.C.

(b) The name of the lake, stream or source is Linklater Creek, sometimes called Meadow Creek.

(c) The point of diversion is on Sub-division 13, Lot 326 G. 1, East Kootenay District.

(d) The quantity of water applied for is Twelve (12) cubic feet per second.

(e) The character of the proposed works is a dam, ditch and flume to be constructed on sub-division 13 and sub-division 14 of Lot 326.

(f) The premises on which the water is to be used are sub-divisions 15 and 16 of Lot 326 G. 1, and sub-divisions 1 and 2 Lot 327 G. 1, East Kootenay District.

(g) The purpose for which the water is to be used is irrigation.

(h) If for irrigation describe the land intended to be irrigated, giving acreage: Such part of said sub-divisions 15 and 16, Lot 326 G. 1, and sub-divisions 1 and 2 Lot 327 G. 1, as lies west of the Kootenay River, namely 550 acres.

(j) Area of Crown land intended to be occupied by the proposed works: None.

(k) This notice was posted on the 13th day of December, 1910, and application will be made to the Commissioner on the 20th day of January, 1911, at two o'clock in the afternoon, railway time.

(l) Give the names and addresses of any riparian proprietors or licensees or whose lands are likely to be affected by the proposed works, either above or below the outlet: Sub-division 13, Lot 326, owned by Mr. Murphy and Sub-division 14, Lot 326, owned by Mr. Gardner.

Alfred Cummings,  
Fernie, B.C.  
Dec. 16-51

**Hotel Directory**

**Fernie, British Columbia**

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**HOTEL FERNIE**

THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL, FERNIE, B. C.

Rates \$3.00 per Day.

S. F. Wallace, Proprietor

Steam Heated Throughout

Hot and Cold Baths

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Tourists' and Travellers' Home.

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Rates \$2.50 per Day and Upwards.

J. L. Gates, Prop.

**The Imperial Hotel**

Rizzuto Bros., Props.

The Imperial is now under new management and although not presenting a very artistic appearance from the outside, puts up first class accommodation to the traveling public. New building is already under construction and will be Fernie's Leading Hotel when it is completed.

**The Royal Hotel**

John Podbettancik, Prop.

Light and well heated rooms. First-class board.

Bar stocked with the best Liquors and Cigars

**THE KING'S HOTEL**

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The new King's hotel is now open and offers the very best of accommodation and service in the dining room and the bed rooms.

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**The Roma Hotel**

Handsome new fire-proof building now complete, being entirely modern in every respect. Located just across the road from the C. P. R. Depot on Baker Ave.

Rates \$1 a day.

P. Carosella, Prop.

Billie Ross

Billie McKay

**THE CENTRAL HOTEL**

Corner Victoria Ave. and Gemmil St.

Comfortable Home for Workingmen. Bar Equipped with the Best

**The Fernie Livery Dray & Transfer Co.**

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**Everything Strictly Cash.**

Our Prices are Moderate and we Guarantee Satisfaction.

RIZZUTO BROS., PROPS.

F. G. WHITE, MANAGER.

**Notice of Dissolution of Partnership.**

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, as General Blacksmiths and Wheelwrights, in the City of Fernie, under the firm name of McDonald Bros., has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to L. E. McDonald at Fernie aforesaid, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said L. E. McDonald, by whom the same will be paid.

Dated at Fernie, B.C., this 17th day of December, A.D. 1910.  
L. E. McDonald  
A. G. McDonald

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A reliable French regulator; never fails. These pills are exceedingly powerful in regulating the generative portion of the female system. Refuse all cheap imitations. Dr. de Van's are sold at 25c a box, or three for \$1.00. Mailed to any address. The Scofield Drug Co., St. Catharines, Ont. Or at Bleasdel's Drug Store.

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