

PRARIE PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED

Anticipated Increase in Realty Activity—Lumber Company Buys Waterfront

Within the next few days a large number of people from the prairie provinces will arrive in the city and with their advent a further impetus will be given to the realty market.

The demand for local property continues to grow. Agents report a brisk business in realty here while numerous pieces of inside property are being sold during the next few days.

Day & Boggs sold two blocks of acreage at Gordon Head. One of these pieces was purchased by a prairie man who will build houses on his new property.

Under the title of the National Realty Company, which has been known resident of the city, has opened in the real estate business.

The new firm has secured offices with those occupied by Messrs. Hall & Goepel, at 132 Government street.

LEAPED TO DEATH

Fire Panic in Philadelphia Building Kills Five and Injures Many Workers

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19.—Four girls and one man leaped to their deaths in a panic caused by a fire in the four-story factory building on Chancery-st.

Nearly all the men in the factory were seriously injured. In a shift-waiting factory which occupied part of the fourth floor of the building, Joseph Chalkin, proprietor of the factory, was injured, one of his daughters is dead and another is dying.

The flames belated in the elevator shaft on the fourth floor and spread rapidly. The girls and men in Chalkin's factory became panic-stricken and jumped from the windows.

GREENHORN NEWS FROM KOOTENAYS

Editor of Nelson News in City for Opening of the Session

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TURKEY'S HEAVY LOSS

Building in Which Parliament Has Destroyed by Fire—Documents Are Burned

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 19.—The parliament building for the site of the parliament met here was entirely destroyed by fire today. The loss is estimated as the building alone cost about \$16,000,000.

"UNCLE JOE" STILL IN RACING BUSINESS

Veteran Horseman Has String of Horses in Preparation for Spring Racing

SEATTLE, Jan. 19.—J. W. Hollinshead, of Ladner, B.C., better known as "Uncle Joe" Hollinshead, who claims to be the oldest harness driver in the world, was in Seattle yesterday on a brief visit to a nephew who was here on the way East.

BETTING QUESTION

Evidence in Regard to Race Track Gambling Given Before Commons Committee

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—When considering the Anti-Gambling Bill, the Commons committee this morning, Dr. McEachran, of Ottawa, testified that he saw no harm in betting at a race track, but was strongly opposed to the bill.

LOCAL OPTION RECOUNT GOES ON

Percentage of Gain Disappointing to Advocates of Measure—Alleged Humor

Excellent progress was made yesterday with the official count before the Deputy Provincial Secretary, Mr. Campbell-Beddie, of the ballots cast for and against Local Option.

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The good crop of the past year has not only increased the demand for lumber but has also made collections exceptionally good. The result is that the lumber industry of the Kootenays is never in more prosperous condition.

FORT GEORGE COMPLAINS

Petition for Better Mail Service Ignored at Ottawa—Private Means Used

FORT GEORGE, B. C., Jan. 9, via Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 12.—People here petitioned the postmaster-general for a more frequent mail service.

REFUSE ADVANCE

Central Pennsylvania Soft Coal Operators Say No Increase in Mine Wages

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19.—Any demand for an increase in wages that would mean the miners in central Pennsylvania will be refused today by the central committee of the bituminous coal operators' association for central Pennsylvania.

R. N. W. M. P. TOO FEW

Settlement Increasing so Fast That Force Would be Doubled

MAGNETS GO EAST AGAIN

Mackenzie and Mann Leave Vancouver Homeward Bound by Different Routes

Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann, president and vice-president of the Canadian Northern, have left Vancouver on their eastward way, the former going by the C. P. R., accompanied by Messrs. Philip and Hiam, intending to call at Edmonton and Calgary.

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LONGBOAT AND SMALLWOOD TO COMPETE

PITTSBURG, Jan. 19.—Tom Longboat, the first footed Indian, and Percy Smallwood, the Canadian, who holds the world's middle distance championship title, have been matched for a race here in the Exposition rink on January 25.

Schooner in Distress

ABERDEEN, Jan. 19.—Captain Norberg, of the steamer Newburg, reports seeing a three-mast schooner in distress off this port, but as nothing has been heard of the vessel, it is believed she succeeded in getting out on her own.

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WOMEN OF 'VARSITY CAN'T USE SHELLS

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