

WANTED to hear from owner having A GOOD FARM for sale.

KILLED BY THE DERRICK

BRIDGE INSPECTOR MCKENZIE IS DEAD WAS SUPERINTENDING A WRECKING TRAIN

(From Friday's Daily) D. J. McKenzie, bridge inspector of British Columbia, was killed yesterday near Cascades, in the Boundary country while superintending the operations of a wrecking train.

His body was brought in last night by a special train and taken to the undertaking parlors of the Standard Furniture company.

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Regina, April 3.—The inauguration of a system of government owned telephones for this province, is the proposition which Francis Daggert, provincial telephone expert, submitted to the legislative assembly this evening, as a result of a year of investigation of the conditions and demand.

VICTORIA ALDERMAN

Fined \$100 by Court for Acting Without Proper Qualification

Victoria, April 3.—Mr. Justice Irving, today in the supreme court, awarded \$100 against alderman Meston for having sat at the aldermanic board during 1907 when he was not properly qualified.

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Ottawa, April 1.—Shortly after the meeting of the commons today Sir Wilfrid Laurier made an important statement, outlining the government's policy in regard to the civil service reform.

"In order to have all the facts properly investigated, the premier continued, the administration decided to appoint to this view and Walter Cassels, K. C., judge of the exchequer court has been appointed."

He reminded the House that in appointing a civil service commission the government was aware that the subject was one which engrossed public attention and that the government generally had thought it advisable to appoint men who were absolutely impartial and disinterested and the result was a pretty broad and general report.

The premier replied that the order in council would be brought down in regard to the second question by Mr. Pringle, before he makes any statement, to have the report before him.

IMPROVEMENTS IN CITY

MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL LAST NIGHT

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES INCURRED AT POWER PLANT

(From Tuesday's Daily)

The city council last night was principally occupied with the discussion of certain improvements to the city which led to the enunciation of the principle that in future in order to secure a fair division of the city's patronage that all jobs of a value of over \$25 should be tendered for under seal.

There was a full attendance of the council and after the reading of the reports of the various committees were considered.

the fire department and the giving of the present team to the scavenging department.

The city engineer submitted a long report as to the work around the city, which was considered clause by clause.

Sundry repairs had been made to wooden culverts and catch pits throughout the city. The sewer has been replaced and permanent improvements made in some cases.

A new tool shed had been completed and all the city tools had been stamped. The crane had been replaced and was about to be placed under cover.

A petition was read asking for a sewer on the lane between Baker and Vernon streets, between Hall and Cedar streets.

A telephone was authorized to be placed in the city engineer's residence.

H. C. Cummins asked for a price on a motor in the old power plant. Mayor Taylor said that the late C. E. Miller was in negotiation just before his decease for the purchase of the old site for a 200-barrel flour mill.

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W. Shackleton reported that the completion of the cement draft tube would take another two days.

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HOW LONG SEEDS LIVE

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ITEMS OF INTEREST TO LOCAL RANCHMEN

One of the most interesting things which comes within the observation of the gardener, whether amateur or professional, is the length of time that seeds retain their vitality.

The amateur gardener who demands new seeds each year might well take a lesson from some expert who has devoted long study to this subject.

good a crop, it is greatly to his advantage to do so, and, if he is able to do this without any trouble to himself except purchasing slightly old seeds, he will certainly be glad to have devoted some little time and study to the subject.

It must be remembered, however, that what holds good for one kind of vegetable does not apply at all to some other kind. Some of the root vegetables, like parsnips, must be planted when the seeds are not more than 10 or 12 months old.

It is often remarked that small seeds about three weeks ahead of the time frost is due. This leaves the full energy of the plant to perfect the fruit that has already reached a reasonable size.

There is also the question of latitude to be taken into consideration. Seeds which naturally germinate in a few weeks in one locality will take far longer in some other part of the country.

Tomatoes are pinched to restrict the growth to one or two stems when "fancy" specimens are desired. To do this all branches below the first cluster of blossoms are removed, also all that start out from the two main branches, leaving the first cluster of blossoms on each side branch to ripen fruit.

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Among those present were: Louis Frank, chairman; R. G. Macpherson, toastmaster; Hon. Wm. Templeman, Hon. Frank Oliver, senator Bostock, Mr. Justice Duff, W. A. Gaillier, Wm. Sloan, R. Jardine, Ralph Smith, John Talmie, J. B. Bellack, mayor Kearney, New Westminster; Wm. Mackenzie, Peter Mackenzie, A. B. Currie, R. R. Bruce, and others.

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CONVENTION DELEGATES

LIBERAL MEETING IN VERNON ON APRIL 14

PLOWING IN PROGRESS IN THE BOUNDARY

(Special to The Daily News)

Grand Forks, April 2.—At a meeting of the Grand Forks Liberal association held here delegates were appointed to attend the liberal convention to be held at Vernon on the 14th inst. The following are the delegates: president of the association, P. T. McCallum, H. W. Gregory, George Rutherford, Neil McCallum, H. C. Henniger, B. Le Quimme, George Murphy and D. D. Munroe.

meat, even-looking trolleys. If they are not trimmed till they are a yard or more too long, there will be a waste of the vines' vitality, as in the case of the tomatoes, and, besides, the overhanging ends will shade and smother the lower portions of the vines. Fine specimens of peppers are procured by pinching off the tips of the branches when the fruit begins to ripen.

For general use there is not much gained in pruning eggplants, but to hasten bearing before frost it is well to pinch off all blossoms and new shoots on sides is now in evidence among the ranches. During the past three weeks probably 100 idle men found employment on these farms.

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CLIFFORD SIFTON TO RETURN TO THE CABINET

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Mr. Sifton has been in the city for several days conferring with his friends.

or they will be found to have very little vitality left. It sometimes happens that an expert flower-grower will be able to produce unusually fine blossoms simply by planting seed at an age which he has determined to be the right one to produce the best results.

Two hints on pruning, useful for the amateur note-book are: early-flowering shrubs generally develop their flower-buds the previous year, so that severe pruning during the dormant stage is likely to damage the bloom.

Following are the shipments for the past week and year to date:

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Novel Dog Race of 450 Miles Starts in Alaska—Thousands Wagered

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CIVIL SERVICE

(Special to The Daily News)

Ottawa, April 1.—The civil service commission has today received the report of the committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the civil service.

The committee has found that the civil service is in a state of confusion and that the government is not doing its duty in this respect.

The committee has recommended that the government should take steps to improve the civil service and that it should be made more efficient.

The committee has also recommended that the government should take steps to improve the salaries of the civil service and that it should be made more attractive.

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The committee has also recommended that the government should take steps to improve the loyalty of the civil service and that it should be made more true.

The committee has also recommended that the government should take steps to improve the patriotism of the civil service and that it should be made more fervent.

The committee has also recommended that the government should take steps to improve the courage of the civil service and that it should be made more dauntless.

The committee has also recommended that the government should take steps to improve the justice of the civil service and that it should be made more impartial.

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A meeting of those actively identified with the work of the 20,000 club was held last evening at the court house at 10 p.m. G. Procter in the chair. There was a good gathering and complete unanimity as to the necessity of continuing in existence some kind of a publicity organization.

The special committee appointed to canvass the business men for monthly subscriptions, reported promises secured to monthly subscriptions amounting to \$151.50, made up as follows: Imperial bank, \$10; Hume hotel, \$10; Strathcona hotel, \$10; Grand Central hotel, \$5; Queen's hotel, \$5; Tremont hotel, \$5; Klondyke hotel, \$5; Tross, Madden, \$5; W. K. Butcher, Co., \$5; Ink and Card, \$5; Office saloon, \$5; P. Burns and Co., \$5; Standard Furniture Co., \$5; Hudson's Bay Co., \$5; W. Walde, \$5; W. G. Gillett, \$5; J. A. Irving, \$5; W. H. Jones, \$5; W. Thomson, \$5; A. G. Lambart, \$5; Kootenay Ice and Fuel Co., \$5; Geo. Motion, \$5; J. J. Campbell, \$5; Starkey and Co., \$5; J. O. Patenaude, \$5; Ashdown Hardware Co., \$5; Nelson Hardware Co., \$5; Wood-Yallan, \$5; H. and M. Bird, \$5; J. A. Gilker, \$5; E. W. Widdowson, \$5; Canada Drug and Book Co., \$5; Taylor and O'Shea, \$5; Lennie and Wrages, \$5; E. A. Crease, \$5; Toye and Co., \$5; Procter and Blackwood, \$5; H. and M. Bird, \$5; Kootenay Orchard Assn., \$5; Wolverson and Co., \$5; Kootenay Land Investment Co., \$5; The Daily News, \$5.50.

In addition to the foregoing they reported cash subscriptions to the amount of \$128.20, made up as follows: Bank of Commerce, \$5; Bank of Montreal \$5; W. J. Astley, \$5; J. J. Walker, \$5; A. A. Ringrose, \$3.50; J. H. Wallace, \$5; W. T. Tierney, \$5; P. L. Lyle, \$5; Outcliffe, \$5; W. W. Bear, \$5; H. Bullis, \$5. J. M. Lay, seconded by A. J. Irving, then moved that in the opinion of this meeting the objects of the Publicity Bureau would be best attained by the work being undertaken as a special department of the board of trade and that a committee be appointed by the chairman to wait upon the board of trade with a view to making the necessary arrangements.

Fred Starkey, president of the board of trade, in speaking to the motion, heartily endorsed the proposal and promised it his support when the matter came before the board. He referred to the local municipal nature being done in the towns of Alberta, where it was generally in charge of the local board of trade and he pointed out that in those towns, many of them smaller than Nelson, the local municipal councils felt justified in contributing to the cost, sums of from \$300 to \$500 being voted annually for publicity purposes. He deeply regretted that the council of the city of Nelson had not been able to do so, but he felt that the committee should not be unduly influenced by any section of the community. Happily the business men had responded to the appeal of the publicity bureau's canvassing committee and means were available to continue a work essential to the progress and welfare of the city. Still it would remain the case that an element that benefits by the work of the publicity bureau would not contribute a cent to the cost of its maintenance. He felt, doubtless, would be the chief critics. It was still decidedly of the opinion that the funds for the carrying on of the publicity work should have been raised by direct taxation so that everyone would have borne his fair share of the burden.

After some further discussion, Mr. Lay's motion was adopted and the canvassing committee, composed of Messrs. Lay, W. J. Wilson, Gilbert, McQuarrie, E. J. Willis and Lamont, was appointed to wait upon the board of trade at the next regular meeting, Thursday, April 9, the committee being empowered to turn over the assets of the 20,000 club upon the board's agreement to liquidate the club's outstanding liabilities. As in the event of the board of trade adopting the proposal to take over the work of the publicity bureau, the old 20,000 club would go out of existence and a new club would be organized, seconded by P. L. Hatfield, seconded by M. R. McQuarrie, thought the occasion opportune to move a hearty vote of thanks to president Procter for his untiring efforts in behalf of the publicity of the city of Nelson.

In response Mr. Procter expressed his pleasure at the meeting's appreciation of his efforts and said that they would be continued in the future as in the past and further remarked that if there were any other persons who were certainly coming to secretary Ebbutt, who had always given him the readiest assistance and had proved indefatigable in his duties. On motion G. P. Wells a vote of thanks was tendered to secretary Ebbutt and the meeting adjourned.

The special canvassing committee will continue its work throughout the coming week, a large number of business and professional men not having as yet been approached for contributions.

NOME TO CANDLE Novel Dog Race of 450 Miles Starts in Alaska—Thousans Wagered Seattle, April 3.—A special cablegram from Nome, Alaska, says the great four hundred and fifty mile dog race from Nome to Candle and return, started yesterday. Thousands of dollars have been wagered on the outcome. A general holiday was proclaimed and thousands of spectators crowded the streets. There were ten entries.

CIVIL SERVICE

(Special to The Daily News) Ottawa, April 2.—The first shipment of silver coin was made from the Canadian mint today, a total of \$24,000 being sent to various parts of the country. The money was shipped by the Dominion Express company to the receiver generals in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver and other cities, who will deal the coin out as they are applied for. Shipments of silver will be made regularly now accordingly as the supply sent out is exhausted. There will be no hold-ups for some time as the refiners have not yet arrived.

(Special to The Daily News) Ottawa, April 2.—When the house met today R. L. Borden wanted to know whether Mr. Justice Cassels of the exchequer court had accepted the appointment as a royal commissioner to investigate the affairs of the marine department. He also wanted to know why three officers of the department had been suspended, when no one had been directly named in the civil service report.

The premier replied to the first question, that he had received a letter from Mr. Justice Cassels just as he was entering the house and had not time to read it. He would inform the house of its contents later. Hon. L. P. Brodeur answered Borden's second question. Owens, accountant as a royal commissioner to investigate the affairs of the marine department. He also wanted to know why three officers of the department had been suspended, when no one had been directly named in the civil service report.

Mr. Borden wanted to know on what grounds Owens had been suspended. Brodeur replied that it was because of his private conduct. He had written a letter to the minister acknowledging that he had made a mistake. Brodeur did not think it would be fair to make the details public, but he would let Borden see the letter if he desired.

The budget debate was resumed by J. E. Armstrong (East Lambton). The budget debate came to a sudden and unexpected termination shortly before 10 o'clock, after severe criticism from some of the back benches. Martin (Prince Edward Island), being the last. No one was ready to go on, several members who had prepared speeches being cut off the house. They could not be waited for, however, and a motion to go into committee on ways and means was adopted, thereby terminating the debate.

The budget discussion commenced on March 17 and has been continued at intervals since; and has been the most prolonged debate in recent years. It is referred to the house of commons in the report of the department of marine and fisheries and of the civil service commission reflecting upon the integrity of the officers of the department of marine and fisheries, or any of them. These statements refer to the apparent lack of interest in the liberation of dishonesty on the part of the employees of the marine department. The report charges this in a general way and the order in council says that it is in the interest of the department of marine and fisheries and of the country that immediate steps should be taken to determine what officials (if any) deserve condemnation and to give to all an opportunity to meet the charges imposed.

Ralph Smith has given notice that he will propose a resolution declaring it expedient to provide for the registration of the labor union label, and also to provide pecuniary penalties for the unlawful use of such labels. Ames will ask for returns showing what coal lands were granted through the labor union label, and also to what persons. He also will ask for returns showing what coal lands are now, or have been, leased or owned by the Alberta Development company.

Some returns tabled in the house of commons relative to the disposal of timber berths in the west during the conservative regime, suggests what might be disclosed if the liberal members of parliament should carry the war into the west. They will take up the time of the house on the question of alleged partisanship charged against the present administration in granting timber limits in the west.

On the motion of Mr. McCraney correspondence relating to the granting of timber berths during the years 1894-1896 were brought down. On May 7, 1894 Daniel Saunders of Shovel Lake, Man., wrote to the interior minister, Mr. W. H. Watson, inquiring if an advertisement asking for tenders to cut timber on a certain berth had reached him too late to submit his tender, and asking that tenders be called for again. Mr. Saunders replied that no tenders had been served and he was asked to submit one. A little later N. Boyd, M.P., wrote Hon. T. M. Daly, minister of the interior, enclosing a letter from J. H. Watson, inquiring for the berth in question, and adding: "I know Mr. Saunders well, he has always been a strong supporter of the conservative party and can be relied upon to do the work I understand that Stratclair is also applying for the same piece of timber. As he is an opponent, I would rather see Saunders get it. Kindly help Saunders in any way you can."

Boyd's marginal note to Hon. Mr. Daly was: "Kindly see that this matter is looked after."

HUME SCHOOL

(Special to The Daily News) Vancouver, March 30.—Early this morning the steamer Chippewa, on her run from Seattle to Vancouver, ran down the halibut schooner Lydia, cutting her completely in two. Out of a crew of ten the crew of the Chippewa rescued eight. Mr. Clarke—Well, I will amend it in order to meet that point. Mr. Gallier—if we introduce legislation here that will prohibit the sale or gift to a boy under 18 years of age and impose a good heavy penalty for the infraction of that law, I am prepared to support such a bill. But, to go to the extent of saying that a grown man, who, after all, should be capable of judging for himself, shall be subjected to a penalty or should not be permitted if he so desires to smoke cigarettes, is to adopt a form of legislation that I for one do not agree with. I believe it is to a certain extent interfering with the liberty of the subject. If we cannot prevent the wholesale smoking of cigarettes by young boys in any other way then I am prepared to go to that extent. At this event, I think we should make a trial and see if we cannot stamp out the evil by the method which I suggest. I look upon it as an evil. I would be sorry indeed to see my own boy, who is 15 years of age, smoking cigarettes. In fact, I do not like to see the child of any parent smoking cigarettes because I believe they are injurious to him both bodily and mentally. When a man comes to these years I do not think that he should legislate to restrict him in regard to what he should smoke, whether he should smoke tobacco in a pipe or a cigar or a cigarette. If we cannot by intermediate legislation, if I may so term it, stamp out this evil, as it affects our young people, then, as a last resort, I will be prepared to go as far as the resolution of my hon. friend from Peel. I think we might safely in the first place confine it to boys up to 18 years of age in stead of 16, because a boy will have become a little more mature in his mind and developed in his body as well, and if we find that such an act is strictly enforced and providing good heavy penalties for those who violate the law, we can take the matter up again and go to a greater extent.

(Special to The Daily News) Vancouver, March 31.—George C. Hodge of Nelson has just completed an inspection of the Boundary lines of the British Columbia Telephone Co., Ltd., of which he is district superintendent, and is leaving for his home at Nelson this evening. He is on his way to the coast, where he will have charge of a lot of new work for the same company for a number of months.

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BOUNDARY PHONE LINES

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ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

(Special to The Daily News) Slocan, March 31.—Last week at the Howard fraction mine, when the crescent tunnel was in almost exactly 90 feet, a ledge was struck. They are now excavating this ledge which is already known to be of large size. This ledge is not the vein the tunnel was driven for, and is not so rich, but as it is of much softer rock than the country rock, it is a decided advantage, enabling the miners to follow it rapidly to the real Howard fraction vein.

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DISCUSSION ON SUBJECT IN THE COMMONS

W. A. GALLIHER'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE TOPIC An interesting debate took place in the commons the other day on the subject of cigarette smoking by boys. It arose over the following resolution, moved by R. Blain (Peel): "That the object of good government is to promote the general welfare of the people by a careful encouragement and protection of whatever makes for the public good; and by an equal and careful discouragement and suppression of whatever tends to the public disadvantage."

"That the smoking of cigarettes has been proved by overwhelming testimony to be productive of serious physical and moral injury to young people; impairing health, arresting development, weakening intellectual power and thus constituting a social and national evil."

"That the legislation, licensing and restricting the sale of cigarettes has not proven sufficient to prevent these evils, which will continue while the public supply is so large, and by an equal and careful discouragement and suppression of whatever tends to the public disadvantage."

"That this house is of the opinion, for the reasons heretofore set forth, that the right and most effectual remedy for these evils is to be found in an enactment and enforcement of a law prohibiting the importation, manufacture and sale of cigarettes; and that it is expedient to bring in a bill at this session to prohibit the importation, manufacture and sale of cigarettes."

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WEATHER IN PAST MONTH

NIGHTS WERE MUCH COLDER THAN USUAL GENERAL PRECIPITATION ABOUT THE SAME The records preserved at the local sub-station of the dominion meteorological bureau during the past month of March show that the month was abnormal as far as regards the night temperature which was much lower than is usual. In other respects the month was normal as far as this city was concerned. The continued frost at night meant that the snow did not melt readily. As an average date, the first week in March may be taken as that of the snow's disappearance. This date is somewhat anticipated by several weeks and it has been known to have been delayed until the end of March. In the month just past the snow may be said to have disappeared from the level of Silver street, west by March 19, nearly two weeks later than usual. On the higher levels it still has not disappeared. There has been no sleighing however since the first day or two of the month and the snow could hardly be said to be good on the lower levels of the city. The average maximum, or day temperature for the month was 46.18 degrees. This was .51 degree below the average observed for the past five years. The average minimum, or night temperature, however, was 28.65 or 9.35 lower than the same average noted. The mean temperature for the 24 hours daily throughout the month was 36.9 hours normal and the mean precipitation during the month which was 7.5 hours more than the average. The total precipitation of snow was 14.9 inches, 1.7 more than the average. The rainfall was 1.43 inches or .82 more than the average. The precipitation during the month which was 7.5 hours more than the average. The total precipitation of snow was 14.9 inches, 1.7 more than the average. The rainfall was 1.43 inches or .82 more than the average.

SECRETARY BROCK WILL REPLY TO CORRESPONDENTS ANSWERS WILL APPEAR IN THE SUNDAY ISSUES Roy C. Brock stated yesterday that new members for the Kootenay Fruit Growers' association were coming in at about the rate of three or four a day. Mr. Brock is enthusiastic over the way the fruit growers of the city and district are taking the whole matter up.

The Daily News suggested to Mr. Brock yesterday that he contribute to the Rancher's column once a week in this paper, preferably in the Sunday issue, and that Mr. Brock readily agreed. The Daily News accordingly invites queries and letters from fruit growers in this district on all subjects connected with the industry. The communications must be plainly written, one on one side of the paper only, must be of reasonable length and should be addressed to Fruit Growers' Department, The Daily News, Nelson, B.C.

These communications, together with Mr. Brock's replies thereto, will appear weekly in the Sunday issue of The Daily News. As to the benefits to be gained and the cost of joining the Kootenay Fruit Growers' association, the plan of financing the affair was given in detail at the recent meeting here when J. J. Campbell set it out as follows: 1. First, I propose that there shall be an assessment on the acreage that is either under cultivation, or that it is planned to bring under cultivation during the season. That is a matter that will be some extent voluntary on the part of the members to say how much they will have and about how much they expect to have, so as to arrive at a fair division of the burden. There will also be a percentage tax on sales and purchases.

We have made a rough estimate of the expenses, including Mr. Brock's salary and travelling expenses and I think the amount is not excessive and is well warranted. We shall, of course, have expenses for several months before there is any income from shipments. The following outline may make amendment which we have, but we are able to make a better estimate of the value of shipments, but at present we think this would be a fair basis: 1. Acreage tax to make up about \$1500 per annum. 2. Percentage on fruit and vegetables sold through the Association, \$2000 per annum. 3. Percentage on estimated purchases of provisions, fertilizer, boxes, etc., \$2000.

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