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PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS

Miss Webster and Leith are spending the holidays at the ranch, Alexandria.

WANTED—Second-hand saddle. Address The Observer, stating condition and price.

The regular meeting of the Red Cross Guild takes place next Wednesday afternoon, in the old school building.

The annual meeting of the local Liberal Association, for the election of officers and other business, takes place tonight.

Mrs. R. A. Chester entertained a number of friends at her home on Thursday night, in honor of Miss Cowan, of Barkerville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hutchcroft and Master Beverly spent the holidays as guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Early and family, at Dragon Lake.

A dance was held at Nels Hanson's, seven miles down the Cariboo road, on Christmas night, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those in attendance.

One of our prominent citizens was caught napping by Jack Frost this week, and had his ears and face rather badly nipped before he awoke to the fact.

The cold snap was responsible for the mid-week mail from the north missing connections, the train being late arriving at Prince George. The delayed mails will arrive tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Foot and Miss Vera, with Mrs. St. Laurent, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hilborn and family, at the ranch, returning to town on Tuesday.

Rev. D. R. McLean left on Wednesday for a week's trip down the road, and will go into the Harper's Camp section, we understand, to perform a marriage ceremony while on the trip.

The Belgians still need relief, and winter is upon them. Cannot you, out of your comfort and safety, devote a dollar or two to provide for their absolute necessities? Our list is still open.

A. J. Elliott desires to extend his sincere thanks to his many friends and customers for their patronage during the year just closing, and wishes them all a happy and prosperous new year.

The Cariboo Farmers' Institute is to hold the annual meeting here on Saturday afternoon of next week, for the election of officers and transaction of general business. The public is cordially invited to attend. See announcement in another column.

The committee of one in charge of the refreshments for the dance on New Year night, desire us to remind those ladies who have promised refreshments, that the success of this part of the evening's entertainment depends on the fulfillment of their promises.

The ice flowing in the Frazer became jammed at the rapids below the town on Thursday night, and the ferry is now out of commission. The mail stage for the north Friday morning had to be crossed over above the Ewing ranch, as the ice is not yet strong enough for traffic.

A dance is to be held at the Lusk ranch, Dragon Lake, on new year's night.

Neil McMillan was in town from Stanley over the holiday, returning to the mining town yesterday.

Dinner will be served on New Year's Day, at the Travelers' Rest, if notification is given the proprietors beforehand.

The Howison Hardware extend to their many friends and patrons sincere thanks for patronage during the past, and wish them all a happy and prosperous 1917.

The Last Call for the Big Dance

We are glad to announce that for the dance on New Year's night Mr. Windt's pianola has been secured. In addition to the fine selections which have already been played on this instrument, there will be a number of new dance numbers, which Mr. Windt has recently added to his collection.

Dancers will now feel assured of being well taken care of. We can also assure those who do not dance that they will be provided for with amusements too numerous to mention here. Everybody who attends may expect a good time.

The "ship" is rapidly making its way to port, with "surprise" ammunition for everybody. Do not fail to be present for your package.

There will also be a unique opportunity for the male element to purchase kisses. Real kisses, and at your own price, from one of the most charming young ladies in the district.

From current gossip we learn all the town is going to be there, and there are also assurances that the district from Soda Creek to Stanley will be represented.

The price of admission is only 50c to each person. Come with the crowd, and help support the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

The Annual Concert by the Children

There was as large an attendance as could be expected at the concert in the Rex Theatre last Friday night, given by the school children under the direction and training of Mrs. D. R. McLean, assisted by Miss Jessie Fraser. The program opened with the singing of one verse of "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," by the audience and children, after which the children put on a cantata, "Santa Claus' Dream," and performed it in a way that won the full approval of the audience. Lester Johnston, as Santa Claus, was perfect in the part, and the dialogue and choruses by the children were good. Master Beverly Hutchcroft was also good in his solo, wherein he informed Santa that he was just "Mickey McGin, from Tumbledown Alley." The second part opened with a solo by Mrs. McLean, "The Old Country," and seldom has she appeared before a local audience to better advantage. An "Evergreen Drill" by a number of young girls, very prettily executed, was followed by a boys' chorus, the latter being preceded by a snowball fight, during which cotton batton snowballs flew furiously and fast. A chorus by five little girls ended the program and Santa Claus, in the person of Mr. Goodman, then arrived and distributed the presents from the tree. Mr. J. A. Eraser made an efficient chairman, and before the audience sang the National Anthem and dispersed called for three cheers for Mrs. McLean, and then three for the children, all of which were given with heartiness, after which the chairman himself was similarly honored for his services.

The Impressions of a Khaki-clad Man

The following letter was written to friends here by a rancher from Dragon Lake who enlisted in the 172nd Batt., and is so interesting a description of the trip which has been made by so many of our lads during the past eighteen months that we have secured permission to publish it:—

Bramshott Camp,
Liphook, Hants, Eng.,
Oct. 10th, 1916.

Dear Folks—Got here on the 31st after a splendid trip. Fine weather right through, except the last two nights. We left Vernon on the 18th and reached Halifax on the 24th. It was cold crossing the prairie; there was snow from the top of the Rockies almost to Winnipeg, and through Alberta and Saskatchewan there were thousands of acres of grain in the stook. It may be a fine grain country, but a more desolate or lonely country to live in I never saw. We got off the train for an hour at Winnipeg, which was the longest stop we made. It sure is a fine city, well laid out and lighted, and has the advantage of being at a level, well-drained ground. From there to Montreal we passed through a wilderness of rock and brush; in fact about all we saw of Ontario was a jungle. There was a small farming community here and there, and after the frame buildings of the prairie the log huts and rail fences around small clearings looked like a touch of home. The land was nearly all heavy clay, and I noticed that most of the older places were drain tiled. I don't know what route we took, but we missed Ottawa altogether. There are some big mines and smelters all through that country, and in a few years more it will be some province for factories. It took half a day to pass Lake Superior, and it gave some of the inland boys an idea of what was ahead of them. They began to rubberneck some when we got to Port Arthur, and saw the elevators and freight yards. One has no idea of how Canada is going ahead unless it is seen every few years. I took lots of notice of different things when I came out first, but could not realize until now how the country is growing. We ran into Montreal at daylight, but were not allowed off the train so did not see much of it. Locomotives were in the yards by the hundreds, and it was the busiest town en route. Believe me, one thing to drill into your kiddies is that this is one of the richest countries going, and will be one of the greatest. We, out in the west, seem to get the idea (or at least I did), that it is simply a farming country, but after seeing the new smelters and mining towns I have changed my opinion. I believe most of the new factories are turning out munitions, and when the war is over will no doubt start other lines. Leaving Montreal we entered a foreign land, as far as speech and sentiment go, and we hardly got a hand-wave all through Quebec. Of course they are used to seeing troop trains go through, but even at one or two places we got off we got a very quiet reception. It sure riled the boys to see so many eligible recruits loading around. The country is very pretty and green, but spoiled by fences. I don't believe the timber could have been thicker than the fences. The fields run from half an acre up to about five, and were mostly very wet and flooded. Great Scot, the villages are thick, and churches in them all, usually the finest building in the place. We got a livelier reception in Nova Scotia, the people altogether different, and the country more hilly. The farms are mostly sand and gravel, but I guess they get lots of rain. There is a big wireless station at Newcastle, but it is not

much to look at. Did not see much of Halifax, as we went direct from train to boat. There were two cruisers in the harbor, and one or two destroyers. I could not describe them, but it hardly looks possible for them to get licked and sunk. Their build and quietness seem to speak of power, and the dull gray paint gives them a grim, vicious appearance. This ends Book 1, of my trip through Canada on a troop train, and the least I can say she is well worth fighting for, and I am proud to belong there. We were well fed on the train, and not overcrowded, and I had a better trip all around as a soldier than I had as an emigrant. I suppose it is kept quiet as to what boats we cross on, so will be content to say she was about the biggest and fastest vessel afloat, and swallowed up 3,000 soldiers without crowding. She sailed the same night, and we were out of sight of land next morning. The weather was fine and the sea smooth for the first three days, then it began to blow a bit, but nothing very bad. Very few were sick. We had a good concert one night, and a short speech from Sir Thos. White, who crossed with us. He sure is a fine looking man, and can peddle the "bull" pretty strong. We landed at Liverpool on the 31st, and remained the same morning. It was an honor to see and hear the boys as they look in the docks and buildings. Then the dinky little street cars came in for it, as instead of being long they are short, and two stories high. The sight of the trains put the finishing touch on, and say, it looked as funny to me. The wheels are very high, and only four to a car, and the cars look no bigger than freight wagons on the Cariboo road. When we got to moving, however, they seemed to get up to fifty miles an hour in three jumps, and being short there is none of the swaying motion they get in Canada. The English countryside is just one big garden, everything neat, and every foot of the farms utilized. All the towns are kept in complete darkness, and England does not seem real, things are so changed. All along the line we saw carloads of munitions, and in the foundry towns shell casings by the millions. Oh, God, it seems awful. The pity of it. As we got to our destination it commenced to rain, and what with that and no lights, together with the seeming lack of population, it sure was depressing, and I wished myself back at Dragon Lake. When we get settled I understand we will get leave, and I sure want it. Saw the great moving picture, "The Battle of the Somme," last night, but will save it for my next letter. (Well, we are getting a little nearer to business, and may have Christmas dinner in the trenches by the way men are going over.

The annual meeting of the local Conservative Association falls due on Thursday, Jan. 11th.

Miss Cowan, teacher at Barkerville, is spending the holiday season here, a guest of Miss Jessie Fraser.

Owing to the absence from town of Rev. D. R. McLean, there will be no services in the Presbyterian Church tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hill, and Messrs. L. and A. Hill, of Alexandria, spent Christmas here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Hill.

E. W. C. MacPhail leaves today for Vancouver, where he will engage as assistant purser on the C. P. R. trans-Pacific steamer, "Empress of Asia." He will sail on the 28th of the present month. Mr. MacPhail has been for some time teller in the Northern Crown Bank here. Mrs. MacPhail will remain in Vancouver. —Ashcroft Journal.

TELEGRAPHIC

War Bulletin of the 27th

Berlin—Germany today handed to Ambassador Gerard her answer to President Wilson's peace note. American diplomatic representatives at Vienna and Constantinople were also handed the same reply.

Paris—It is believed in certain circles that the Swedish government is about to approach the warring nations on the subject of peace.

Petrograd—Evacuation of the Rumanian town of Filepesci, after having been set on fire by artillery shells has been ordered. Enemy attacks from Filepesci to Lichkotianka have been repulsed.

Paris—There was active artillery actions on Christmas night on the Somme front, and in the Lihone region.

War Bulletin of the 28th

Berne—The Swedish diplomatic representative has handed both belligerents and neutrals notes in support of President Wilson's recent peace note.

Ottawa—No more Canadians are needed for the flying corps, as a surplus now exists, and a long waiting list.

Paris—A Ministerial conference on the International situation was held at Georges' residence.

Tokio—Japan's answer to President Wilson's peace note is said to be warmly appreciative of his solicitude for the restoration of peace, but regrets that it seems impossible to stop the belligerents before the purposes of the war are effected.

Paris—The night was calm, except on the front between Vacher-aux-vaux and Vaux, in the Verdun sector, where the artillery was very active. Lieut. Herteraux brought down his fourteenth enemy aeroplane.

Berlin—Nine aeroplanes were lost by the Entente in aerial engagements along the western front yesterday. There was violent artillery activity in the Ypres salient, and in the region north of the river Somme.

Weather Report

The following are the weekly readings at the government station here for the past two weeks:—

Dec. 15	Max. 32 above	Min. 4 above
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QUESNEL

Saturday, Jan. 6, 1917
at 2 p.m.

Annual Meeting Of Cariboo Farmers' Institute

Election of Officers

All Members Please Attend.
J. M. YORSTON, President.
A. S. VAUGHAN, Secretary.

Fred Knox's Death

The officer commanding the section in which the late Pte. Fred Knox was serving when he met his death in action, has written to his mother giving particulars of the casualty, and as the late Pte. Knox had many friends in this section we have been given permission to publish extracts from same, feeling sure they will be interested in learning the circumstances connected with his death:—

"Perhaps you would like to know the circumstances of your son's death. We made a night raid on the enemy, and he was unfortunately killed whilst bombing thro' the trenches. He was leading his squad, and I could hear him distinctly calling to his comrades, just as if practicing at a bombing school, when suddenly he was struck by a bomb and was instantly killed. We took his body back to our lines, and the next day I took the party out, including all his comrades in the raid that were not wounded, and we buried him in the cemetery with full military honors, the chaplain presiding.

"When he first came to this section I was a corporal, and he was put in my squad. He showed on several occasions the quality of man he was. He and my other boys, by their splendid work in the fighting 'down south,' helped me to win the honor of a commission. I made him corporal when I myself was made officer commanding the section. He was my best friend out here, and was a splendid example to all of us. He was admired by all the section, was a gentleman and a soldier.

"He died for a just cause, as any one of us is willing to do if we are called upon. His glorious example has done much to help the rest of us to bear the little discomforts we experience out here."

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KEEP OUR MONEY AT HOME.

Sir Thomas White's warning to Canadians, to not lock up money in securities and investments having nothing to do with Canadian development or financial strength, is very timely. The extraordinary stock market activity in New York, and the many new floatations, are a consequence of superabundance of money in the United States. On every side are "propositions" to the public to buy new issues. The promoters and manipulators are working overtime. Those who watch trading on the boards of New York trading houses must be impressed with the harvest that is being gathered by people who would be the last to think of subscribing to war loans at five per cent. No doubt a certain activity in security markets gives many holders a chance to straighten themselves out financially, and to put their affairs in good condition. For such it is an element of strength up to a certain point. But what Sir Thomas White points out is that much money is being put into enterprises that are utterly of no use for Canadian war purposes. That money is simply being shipped out of the country, and in many cases it is doubtful if it will come back. Too many flamboyant promoters across the border have been putting out tentacles for Canadian wealth. This country's speculative element is rather too active in New York, Chicago and other financial centres over the border. We should remember that as a country at war we have a duty to Canada, which has a heavy financial load to carry, and which will be heavier next year.

If the British War Council is as effective as it is small, it will prove a winner.

The "war babies" in the United States would pine if peace were seriously discuss-

sed by the belligerent powers.

Thomas Edison having declared himself in favor of Allies, an exchange remarks that it is practically unanimous so far as leading Americans are concerned.

Peace now or war forever, is the German offer. If the Germans thought they could keep on fighting forever, or even for two years more, there would be no offers of peace from them.

Britain is prepared to put into the field in 1917 three times as many guns and the necessary shells as Germany can command. That is authoritatively stated. The Kaiser knows why he suggests peace.

It is intimated that because General Nivelle, the new commander-in-chief of the French armies, is half English, his appointment will be particularly agreeable to France's ally. Whatever is suitable to France suits Great Britain, so long as he "has the goods." His race is a matter of indifference.

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We are advised, however, by the publishers of the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal that for the present, anyway, there will be no increase in the price of that paper, and we are permitted to offer The Family Herald and Weekly Star, along with The Observer, for the small sum of \$2.85 for one full year's subscription to each paper. This offer is good only until Nov. 30th, 1916, as it may be found necessary to make a change then.

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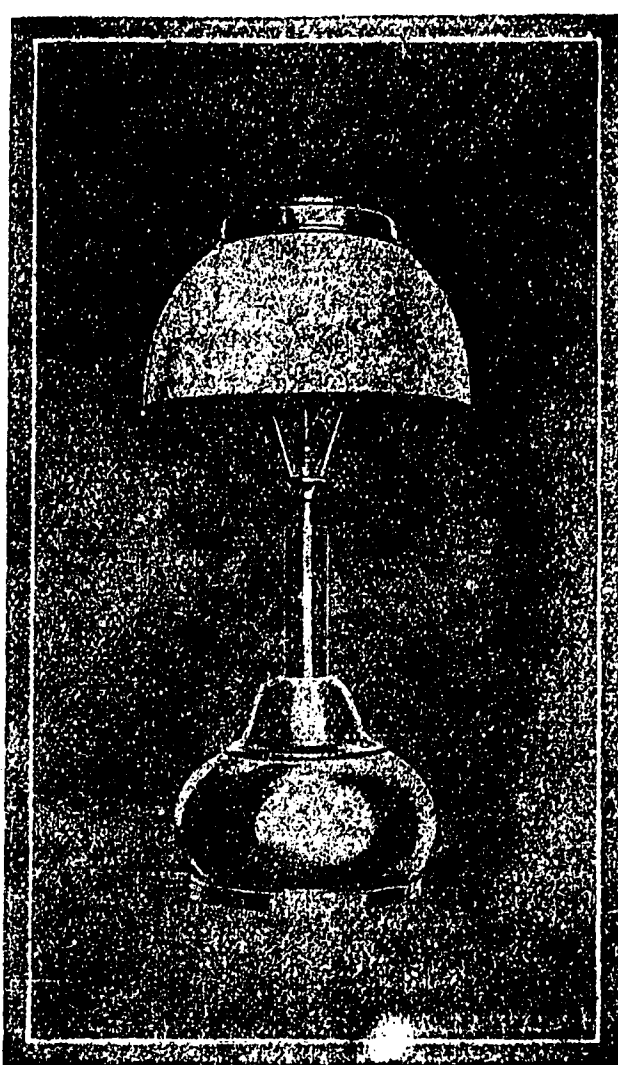
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WAR BULLETINS

Saturday, December 23

Paris—The German submarine, U-45, has been sunk by destroyers.

Petrograd—Russian troops in the northern part of Dobrudja, having been attacked yesterday along the whole front by superior numbers of the enemy, are retiring northward.

London—The Duke and Duchess of Connaught will entertain wounded overseas officers at Bagshot Park, Christmas and New Year.

Paris—There is a violent artillery duel north of Monastir, along easterly end of the Struma, with intermittent fighting.

London—The new note of the Allies to Greece demands control of telegraphs, postals and railways, and the release of all Venizelist prisoners.

Rome—News of the scarcity of food in Austria-Hungary, practically amounting to famine, has reached the Vatican thro' diplomatic channels.

London—There was violent cannonading last night in the region of Louvainmont, north of Verdun. Elsewhere along the front the night was quiet.

Washington—A second attempt failed today to have the Senate endorse the action of President Wilson in sending a peace note to the warring nations of Europe.

London—El Arish, 90 miles east of the Suez Canal, has been captured by the British.

Boston—American newspapers express the country's feeling of utter humiliation over President Wilson's peace note.

London—The British government will make no statement at present regarding President Wilson's peace note, considering it a question to be dealt with only after communication with other members of the Entente Powers.

Paris—Gustave Herve warns the French Socialists that they are walking into a trap set by Berlin in demanding to see the Kaiser's conditions of peace. Germany expresses a flattering admiration for France, and will offer to evacuate Belgium and France, and asks if France is willing to continue the fight in order to give Poland and Constantinople to Russia.

London—A semi-official despatch

from The Hague announces should the Entente Allies' reply to peace proposals leave the door open for negotiations, Germany will make her chief peace terms known immediately.

Tuesday, December 26

Tokio—President Wilson's note to the belligerent powers has been delivered to the Japanese government, and has aroused considerable interest.

Petrograd—Prominent members of the Duma, as well as political leaders, have expressed their opinions of President Wilson's note, and unite in saying that the peace suggestions are ill-timed and impracticable.

Paris—Artillery actions have been frequent along all fronts, and particularly on both sides of the Acre, as well as on the right bank of the Meuse. In Champagne a sudden attack by the enemy on our trenches west of Auberive was easily repulsed. Everywhere else calm prevailed.

Geneva—The Swiss government has issued a note which says that President Wilson's peace initiative will not fail to arouse a profound echo in Switzerland, and that country is ready to aid in any way to secure a reconciliation of the nations at war, and the establishment of a durable peace.

Milan—The Radical newspaper, Secolo, in its comment on President Wilson's note to the belligerents, asks why should neutrals who kept quiet when the Germans dishonored Europe take a stand against war today, when the Allies have well-founded hopes of defeating those responsible for so many iniquities. Their intervention now is an act involving partiality.

Amsterdam—The Swiss Minister at Berlin is about to present Switzerland's peace note to the Imperial Chancellor. Peace notes from the other countries are expected in the course of the week.

An enjoyable evening is assured those who attend the dance here on New Year's night. Some novel features, all of which will add to the pleasure of the event, are planned. It is under the auspices of the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

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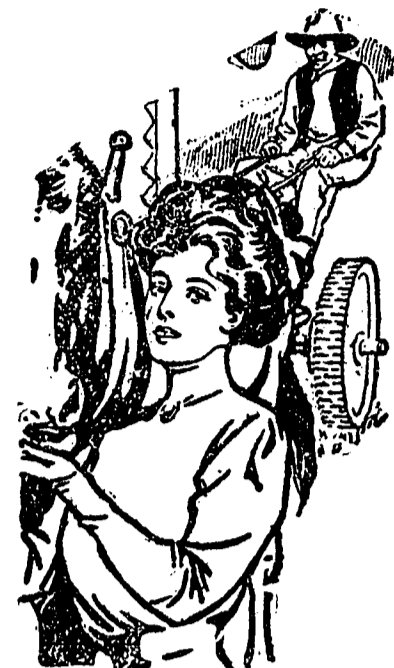
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LAWRENCE ALBRIGHT, Dated October 1st, 1916.—10-18.

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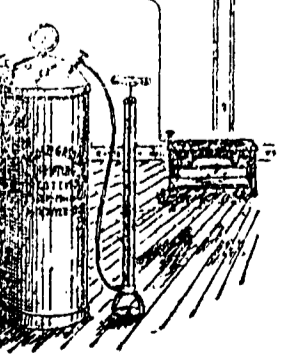
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for to do so plainly points a way to the road that cuts the cost of living.

EVERY USER OF

Moore Lights

"MOORE LIGHT" HOLLOW WIRE SYSTEM LAMPS AT A GLANCE



is a satisfied customer. They are cheaper than coal oil, gas or electricity, and give a brighter illumination. They are absolutely safe, the gasoline being stored outside the building.

Write the undersigned for information and for literature.

J. G. HUTCHCROFT,

LOCAL AGENT

Barkerville News

Barkerville, Dec. 22 — The government teamster has been hauling logs for the bulkhead, in preparation for the coming season of mining operations.

School broke up today for the holidays, and the children gave a very nice entertainment.

Mrs. Grain entertained the school children at her home last Monday night. Games of all kinds were indulged in, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Constable Harris was in yesterday on a business visit. Miss Cowan accompanied him back to Quesnel, where she will visit with Miss Jessie Fraser for the holidays.

Inglis Kelly has bought Donald McCallum's house, on the hill overlooking the town. They expect to move in next week.

Johnny McLean's teams were in this week, loaded with freight.

Harry Boyd is in town today from Cottonwood, with a load of hay.

150-mile House Branch Can. Patriotic Fund

We have been asked to publish the following financial statement of the above branch for the first year of the Branch's existence:

Total collected to Oct. 12, 1916.....	\$2568.80
Subs. received since—	
Southern Chilcotin, per	
Mr. Cotton.....	190.00
Per L. G. Bryant.....	28.50
Per Isaac Ogden.....	23.00
Fifty-Fifty Dance Club.....	15.61
Govt. office staff.....	11.00
R. W. Harrison.....	10.00
Cariboo Trading Co.....	10.00
A. Sampson.....	9.00
L. J. Grosina.....	8.00
Grant Grider.....	5.75
Frank Stevens.....	5.00
Bank Staff.....	5.00
J. F. Brady.....	3.00
E. E. P. Cunliffe.....	3.00
James Wall.....	2.00
F. W. Rose.....	.50
Total subscriptions.....	\$2698.16
Expenses.....	\$ 21.40
Remitted to headquarters.....	2876.76
Total.....	\$2898.16

The thermometer showed a sudden drop in the mercury last Sunday, and Christmas morning saw the register at 25 below zero. It was a Christmas gift from Johnnie Frost not very greatly appreciated by our citizens.

Nothing in the shape of coal oil lamps can compare with the Moore Wickless. Call at this office and see one in operation.

IT PAYS TO DEAL WITH A
RELIABLE HOUSE

SHIP YOUR FURS TO

RAMELSON & LEVINSON
RAW FURS

EDMONTON - ALBERTA

FAIR ASSORTMENT

PROMPT RETURNS

The Secret

How to Make Money

Is to Buy Goods at the

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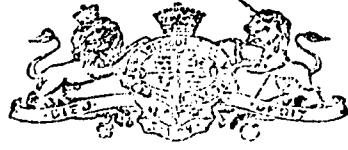
For Every Dollar you Spend, you Save One Dollar.

We have two Lever Drags which are open for bids, and will be given to the highest bidder.

CALL IN AND SEE US.
TERMS CASH.

Per L. MICHAEL,
IN TRUST.

CANADA



NATIONAL SERVICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given under the authority of the "War Measures Act, 1914," that during the first week in January, 1917, an inventory will be made by the Post Office Authorities, of every male between the ages of sixteen and sixty-five, residing in Canada.

National Service Cards and addressed envelopes for their return to Ottawa have been placed in the hands of all Postmasters for distribution amongst the persons required to fill in such cards. Every male person of the prescribed ages is required to fill in and return a card enclosed in an envelope within ten days of its receipt.

Any person who fails to receive a card and envelope may obtain the same upon application to the nearest Postmaster.

R. B. BENNETT,

Director General.

Ottawa, 15th December, 1916.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK : 1st to 7th JANUARY.

QUESNEL LIVERY AND FEED STABLES

Draying and Contracting Single and Double Rigs.
Saddle Horses Special Conveyances for any Purposes.
Hay and Grain, in any quantity, at Reasonable Prices.

Dry and Green Fir Wood, - - \$5.00 per cord
Green Birch, - - - - - 6.00 "

Dr. D. R. McLean, V.S., in attendance.

JOHNSTON BROS., - - - Proprietors

EYE TROUBLE Causes Headache

C. H. Allison has had several years' practical experience in Optical Work in the East. See him.

Allison Drug and Book Company

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Stage arrives at Quesnel from Ashcroft Mondays and Thursdays at 12 a.m., and leaves Quesnel for Ashcroft Sundays and Thursdays at 3 a.m.

Stage leaves Quesnel for Barkerville every Tuesday at 6 a.m., returning every Saturday at 6 p.m.

Stages leave Quesnel for Fort George every Tuesday and Friday at 6 a.m., returning every Wednesday and Saturday at 5 p.m.

W. LIVINGSTONE, AGENT

WAGONS AND SLEIGHS FOR SALE.

McCormick's Farm Implements

Disc Harrows, Smoothing and Lever Harrows, Disc Drills, Plows, and all spring implements. Binders, Mowers, Rakes, Grain Binders, Gasoline Engines, etc.

A large stock of American and Bain Wagons, Democarts and Buggies.

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First-class Rooms
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Every Accommodation for
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The Misses Thompson, - Quesnel, B.C.

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A Clean, Comfortable House

Good Beds Home Cooking
Quick Service

Rates Reasonable Transients

Stanton & Homan

In the Last 3 Months

The price of Silver has almost doubled. Therefore all new stock will be advanced. While the present stock lasts it will be sold at money-saving prices. See my prices on Flat Ware, etc.

W. B. Anderson

Jeweler,

Quesnel, B.C.

We extend the Season's Greetings to our many friends and patrons, and wish one and all a

Happy and Prosperous
New Year

The Hudson's Bay Company

Phone 1 QUESNEL, B.C.

"Where Quality Reigns Supreme."

Children look forward to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Take them to see the window display of the most wonderful and prettiest Fire Works ever brought into the district, at C. D. Hoy & Co.'s. They also have the Freshest Oranges and Apples in the Market.

Groceries, Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes,
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Reasonably Priced and Guaranteed.

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Modern and Up-to-date. Every Room Heated.
Hot and Cold Water.

RATES \$2.50 PER DAY AND UP.

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