

## A Happy and Prosperous New Year to All

### Personal Items

**BORN**—At the Smithers Hospital on Christmas Day, to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Whison, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. John McMahon spent the Christmas holiday at Williams Lake with relations.

Mrs. Walker of Horsefly is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Allison, at present.

We understand that one of Quesnel's popular young ladies will be married in the near future.

Dr. and Mrs. L. W. King of Wells spent the Christmas holiday here with the latter's mother, Mrs. C. Joyce.

Miss Mary Geiger returned to Quesnel Thursday after attending the funeral of her brother, Eugene at Prince George.

Dave Smith of the Cowan Hardware Company left Tuesday on his annual trip. He expects to be away about three weeks.

Manager Elliott announces that he will have a midnight show at the Rex Theatre, commencing Monday morning at 12:10 a.m.

Mrs. John Carlson was admitted to the hospital Saturday night suffering from a heart condition. She is making good progress.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Archibald of Wingdam spent Christmas in town at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Archibald.

Const. Jack Carmichael made a trip to Prince George with a prisoner Thursday. On the return trip he had to buck about a foot of new snow.

Gerald (Joker) Lunn, who is attending the University of British Columbia, is spending the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lunn.

We are sorry to report that Bob Carter, formerly of the Royal Bank staff here, had the misfortune to break an ankle while skiing at Nelson recently. We hope he makes a speedy recovery.

Harper Brothers returned home on Tuesday after spending Christmas with their parents at Chilliwack. The boys had a bit of car trouble a mile below Australian on the return trip, and after lighting a fire and spending a few cold miserable hours until daylight they discontinued the gas line, where they figured the trouble would be found. After getting it all off however, they discovered they had merely neglected to fill the gas tank.

**WANTED**—Grade 7 or 8 girl; room and board and slight remuneration in return for services. Country district. Apply Observer Office.

### Croft Immigration Plan Endorsed by Parliament

Approval of the Page Croft plan, as it is now called, for the settlement of 10,000 British families in British Columbia, was given in the British House of Commons recently.

Sir Henry Page Croft, Bt., made a trip through this portion of the Province during August for the British Government, in the interests of the scheme, and was cordially welcomed in this section. The proposed area to be settled extends from Lillooet on the south to Prince George on the north. In this district there is ample opportunity for the British settlers, and some of the finest farming land in the Province.

The motion was made to the House by J. E. Crowder, and was seconded by Sir Henry, who gave a brief resume of his trip through the interior of the Province. Sir Henry stated that he had met with some opposition to the scheme until he assured the Canadian people that the plan would be financed by British capital, and would not increase unemployment problems in this Province.

Empire immigration throughout the British dominions is being thoroughly investigated in Britain at the present time, and a comprehensive program will be promulgated by the British Parliament. In the case of the immigrants coming to this section, each family will be subsidized to the extent of 1,000 pounds sterling, the sum to be voted by Parliament being set at 10,000,000 pounds.

Premier T. D. Pattullo has agreed to assist the scheme by giving free grants of land to the settlers. The Federal Government has also been sounded out and has promised that the scheme will be given every consideration.

As Canada's need for additional population, preferably British or American, is as pressing as Britain's need to transport her surplus population, the scheme should be successful from the outset.

### Correspondence

The Editor,  
The Cariboo Observer,  
Quesnel, B. C.

May I have the opportunity of using your columns to send Season's Greetings to my constituents in the districts served by The Cariboo Observer.

I sincerely hope the coming year will, so far as humanly possible, bring happiness to everybody in the various communities of the Cariboo Riding, and that the material prosperity of the district will increase during the year.

Yours faithfully,  
GRAY TURGEON, M.P.

Quesnel has been visited with another flu epidemic during the week.

The Commissioners of the Village of Quesnel wish to express to all their appreciation of the co-operation of all in the Village during the past year.

As soon after the New Year as possible the Commissioners will prepare their annual statement, and would very much appreciate the attendance of as many ratepayers as possible so that a complete review of the year's business of the Corporation may be thoroughly discussed.

With best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

JOHN A. FRASER, Chairman  
FRED CLARKE  
H. G. BROWN

### Economist Predicts Big Mining Boom for West

**SPOKANE, Wash.**—"The greatest mining boom this country has ever seen is getting under way," predicted Frank Lilly, Spokane mining statistician, in addressing the Northwest Mining Association recently.

"Heretofore the booms have been in special fields of gold, copper, silver or other metal, but this boom will be general in its scope, covering all phases of mining.

"This is outstandingly a metal age and any recurrence of construction in any field will be felt in the metals. There is a shortage of metal ore reserves, as only a very few mines have been opened in any part of the world in the last ten years.

"At the same time Spain has practically passed out of the picture as a metal producer and Mexico's production is dwindling. I am particularly optimistic on silver, lead and zinc.

"Just so much hooey," was his characterization of a resolution by a committee of the New York Chamber of Commerce asking repeal of the federal silver purchasing act.

"This organization, which is greatly influenced if not dominated by a small group of silverware manufacturers, always has been opposed to this act because they want silver as cheap as possible. There are also those who would like to lower the price of gold, but this is also highly improbable, although I do not anticipate a higher price in anything like the near future."

### Canadian Board Named For Road Commission

Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced last Thursday that the Dominion Government had appointed a five-member commission to work with the American commission in considering the construction of the proposed international highway from the border, through British Columbia to the Alaska border.

The following will constitute the Canadian portion of the commission: Hon. Charles Stewart, chairman of the Canadian section of the joint commission; Brig-Gen. T. L. Tremblay of Quebec; J. M. Wardle of the department of mines and resources; Arthur Dixon of Victoria, an official of the public works department, and J. V. Spencer.

Premier Pattullo has been conferring for the past eighteen months with American authorities in Washington and with the Canadian at Ottawa in connection with the scheme.

In announcing the appointments the Prime Minister said Premier Pattullo had "repeatedly emphasized the important and beneficial results which would follow from the decision to construct a highway which would unite the road system of British Columbia and the Yukon Territory with that of Alaska."

Just before the British Columbia Legislature prorogued, an appropriation of \$25,000 was passed for preliminary survey work on the Canadian section of the highway, and this work will start in the spring.

Two routes have been discussed. One, running back of the main range of mountains after leaving Finlay Forks until reaching Dawson. This route, although the longer, is the most favored as it follows a line of deep valleys and is out of the deep snow belt. The greatest height of land on this route is reported to be only 3,100 feet. The alternative route would run north and slightly west of Hazelton, through Telegraph Creek and Atlin on the western side of the mountains, and elevations of from 5,000 to 6,000 feet could be expected.

Both routes will be investigated as soon as the snow leaves the ground in the spring. The United States is anxious to have the highway started, as it is one of their main planned defensive measures for Alaska, and consequently of British Columbia.

W. Norn, who lives near the Cottonwood River bridge, was rushed to the hospital the fore part of the week suffering from an attack of acute appendicitis. He was operated on immediately and is making a satisfactory recovery.

Reports from the north are to the effect that the recent heavy snowfalls have blocked the road between Prince George and Vanderhoof. It is expected that it will be three days before the roads are again in condition to be travelled.

### Wingdam Couple Married Saturday

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Andrew's United Church Christmas Eve, when Eva Mae Crassweller, youngest daughter of Mr. H. J. Crassweller of Prince George, became the bride of Alan John Cameron, of Wingdam, B.C.

Mrs. George Allen of Quesnel, sister of the bride, was matron of honour, and Mr. Ernest Loveless, of Wingdam, supported the bridegroom. Rev. R. J. Love officiated.

After a short honeymoon spent at Prince George, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron will make their home at Wingdam, where Mr. Cameron is employed.

### Two More Robberies Reported at Week End

Following in the wake of the robbery of Mackenzie store here Friday night last, the Barkerville Stage Lines office here was entered and a small sum of money stolen. Mr. Wade, manager of the office, had left the safe unlocked. Two large cheques were also in the safe were not touched.

The thief also tried to gain entrance to the John A. Fraser & Co. store, but after breaking a window at the rear of the premises, was apparently scared off and did not enter the building.

Saturday evening local police officers arrested an Indian who has been a guest of the Government at Okalla several times, and although they could discover no incriminating evidence, he had money in his pockets which he could not satisfactorily explain. The sum the Indian had, together with what he had spent during the day added up almost to the exact sum lost by Mackenzies and the Stage Lines, so he was charged with vagrancy and sentenced to three months in the lock-up.

### Local Mail Schedules Curtailed for Winter

Announcement was made this week by the local postmaster that the bi-weekly mail service from Ashcroft by I. T. Stage, on Mondays and Wednesdays, will be discontinued after the southbound trip of December 31, until April 1, 1939. Mails will arrive from the south only twice a week in future, Tuesdays and Fridays via Pacific Great Eastern.

Effective January 1, until April 1, the daily mail service between Quesnel, Wingdam, Wells and Barkerville, will be reduced to two mails a week, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Mail matter arriving in the local post office on Fridays too late to be despatched in the southbound mail will be routed north via Prince George, and will reach coast cities Sunday night for Monday morning delivery.

### DRILLING PRODUCING GOOD RESULTS ON JAMIESON LEASE

Good results are being obtained at the drilling operations on the Jamieson property, the old Sovereign Creek Gold Mining Co. ground, near Cottonwood, being drilled under the supervision of Fraser & Peers, of Quesnel. Another property where a shaft was being sunk, under the supervision of the same company, in the vicinity of Beaver Pass, was closed down during the week owing to cold weather and deep snow.

The first real cold snap of the season visited Cariboo during the week, when the mercury in Quesnel dropped to 20 below zero. The cold wave has since abated.

The death occurred in the Prince George hospital on Wednesday, December 21 of Eugene Geiger after one week's illness. The late Mr. Geiger had lived in the district for the past 20 years. He leaves to mourn his loss his mother and father, two brothers, Christian and Emil, and two sisters, Elsie and Freida, residing in Prince George, and one sister, Mary, with the Royal Bank staff in Quesnel.—Fr. George Citizen.

### Cariboo Gold Belt Now Has Four Mills Grinding

Given up a generation ago as a worked out placer camp, Cariboo is coming back into its own as one of the major lode camps in the Province. In fact, with four mills grinding out new wealth from the rock within a short distance of one another, Cariboo may be looked upon as the most consistent lode gold district in the Province. It is true that there are single mills elsewhere in the Province that are turning out more than Cariboo's four combined, but this district's development did not commence until ten years ago, and are steadily increasing in output.

The year just ending has seen two new mills go into operation, the Cariboo-Hudson, which has just produced its first brick, and the Quesnelle Quartz, which mill machinery is in the process of being run in. There seems no reason to doubt that these developments will be equally as successful as the Cariboo Gold Quartz, which is producing over a million and a quarter a year and steadily on the increase, and the Island Mountain mine, which is a steady and profitable producer.

What 1939 will bring in the form of lode properties no one can hazard a guess. However, the Snowshoe development, under the management of Fred M. Wells, who located and developed the Cariboo Gold Quartz and the Cariboo-Hudson, promises to be as successful as the other two, according to reports from the prospect. In addition to the Snowshoe there is the Cariboo-Thompson, adjoining the Cariboo-Hudson, which is also shaping up well, having encountered some very rich ore during development work recently. Some of the trial shipments of ore from these workings averaged seven ounces in gold to the ton. Then there is the Midas group, in the Cunningham area where active development will start in the near future. As yet not enough development work has been done on the latter properties to ascertain whether they warrant mills.

More and more is being learned of the geology of the Cariboo gold belt, which is well over 50 miles in length, and, as time goes on, we will probably see the largest and richest lode gold area in the west on our very doorstep. Ore that lay dormant for years because everyone thought Cariboo nothing but a worked out placer camp is again bringing wealth to the old district.

As far as Cariboo's placer is concerned; it is being demonstrated that placer prospects of the district are far from being worked out, and many new companies have commenced successful operations in the past three years. With modern methods and the new high price of gold many of these are proving very profitable.

Last week in reporting the session of the County Court here we inadvertently stated that Judge Calder of Ashcroft had presided. The item should have read that Judge Robertson of Prince George was the presiding judge.

### Tender

TENDERS will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Quesnel School for the moving of the old squared log building. Tenders must be in the hands of the Secretary not later than Tuesday, January 3rd, 1939, and the lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. For full particulars as to moving this building apply to any of the School Trustees.

W. B. COULDWELL,  
Secretary.

### Tender

TENDERS will be received until Tuesday, January 3rd, 1939, for 75 cords of green fir wood, size 3 x 4 x 8 feet, to be delivered and piled in the school yard. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Address tenders to the Secretary.  
W. B. COULDWELL,  
Secretary.

## GRAND New Year Ball

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### Cariboo Highway Tolls Lifted for Winter

It was announced from Victoria during the week that the tolls on the Cariboo Highway would be lifted at the end of December for the duration of the winter. Hon. F. M. Pearson, minister of public works made the announcement. It is expected that the tolls will be reimposed in the spring, despite the vigorous opposition against them in the interior.

### P. T. A. TURKEY AND HAM DRAW

Following is the statement of the Parent-Teacher Association Christmas draw, which was held in the Rex Theatre Friday evening, December 23:

Receipts	\$29.75
Expenditures	8.57
Balance	\$21.18

Ticket No. 94, held by Mrs. E. H. Alcock, won the turkey, and ticket No. 229, held by Herb Brown, won the ham.

The regular meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Cariboo Branch of the Canadian Legion will be held in the Legion Hall on Tuesday evening, January 3, at 7 o'clock.

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#### A BRIGHT 1939 FOR CARIBOO

TODAY midnight will see the close of another year, another segment used up in the history of time. While 1938 has not been a spectacular year in this district, it has been one of steady advancement and has demonstrated that this portion of the Province is destined to be one of the most economically important in the years to come.

Taking a new lease on economic activity just ten years ago, after a period of quiet following the working out of the placer gold, Cariboo saw a mild "boom" period when the rest of the Province was suffering acutely from the depression years. Lode mining has sprung into prominence, and also, with the increased price of gold, many placer operations have proved worthy of working, and have commenced operations in the last year or two.

With these advances in natural resources all lines of business have advanced, and have now settled down to a sane and steady development as opposed to the "boom" period which left the usual percentage of blasted hopes in its wake.

The new year will provide new opportunities in Cariboo. Let us all take advantage of these and bring to this district the real recognition it deserves from the Government. Let us advertise our district to the utmost.

Roads are Cariboo's greatest problem at the present time. This year the district received an increase in appropriation of \$5,000; but that increase does not mean even an extra two dollars a mile on the more than three thousand miles of roads in the riding; still, it was a start. The Quesnel-Barkerville highway itself could stand twenty thousand spent on it and still have only a fair roadbed. The same applies to the Quesnel River road, which is urgently needed, and there are many more.

So let us all boost for roads in order that the district may be properly opened up.

A new piece of farm machinery in an electric soil shredder. Pretty soon when you buy an up-to-date farm you'll get it sliced, like a loaf.—Toronto Daily Star.

#### TIME TO TAKE ACTION

INCREASING rowdiness of youngsters in the post office lobby has been the cause for concern for some time of various residents. This week we have had two complaints on this score. To our certain knowledge, the postmaster warned the children three times Tuesday to do what business they had in the post office, and to clear out. Apparently, certain of the children, think the post office lobby is a playground, or battleground, and act accordingly, to the great annoyance of the post office staff and of adults waiting for their mail.

Certainly no one wants to interfere with the amusement of the children, but in a case of this kind the line must be drawn somewhere. We think the local police officers might take a hand and spend an afternoon or two at the post office lobby and put a stop to this practice.

Last week a shower of small pebbles fell on a town in Mexico. The local weather prophet is annoyed that he did not mention that it looked a bit like pebbles.—Humorist.

#### ARMING FASCISM

"DAD, why does President Roosevelt want 12,000 fighting planes in the next two years?"

"Why, son, have you been asleep? Haven't you heard about Munich? Don't you know America must defend the Western Hemisphere from Fascism?"

"Do you believe Germany or Italy is going to attack South America, Dad?"

"Well, no, not directly. But we can't be sure and we have to be prepared. Germany is said to have the strongest air force in Europe. And since Munich we are not sure just

how much Britain can help." "But why do Britain and America help arm the Fascist countries? I saw somewhere, the other day than in 1936 and 1937 the United States sent \$1,600,000 worth of war materials to Germany, most of it airplane engines. How many planes has Germany?"

"There have been all kinds of estimates; General Goering was reported the other day to have said 3,600." "Why should America furnish airplane engines for several hundreds of them and the licence under which the motors for some of their best types were made?"

"Well, son, you must remember the National Munitions Control Board can't stop American companies shipping supplies to any country unless it is officially at war under the Neutrality Act."

"But, Dad, that seems a funny way to defend South America. If new American planes are to match the Fascist air forces, why give Germany American wings? I know I'm only a kid and don't understand diplomacy, but I'd do something about that." —Christian Science Monitor.

Best wishes to all for a

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#### NORTHBOUND

Monday and Thursday  
Vancouver (Union Pier) Leave 12:00 noon  
Shalalth (For Bridge River Mining District) " 10:55 a.m.  
Lillooet " 12:35 a.m.  
Clinton " 4:15 a.m.  
Williams Lake " 11:00 a.m.  
Quesnel " 2:30 p.m.

Auto Stage connection with train leaves Quesnel for Wells at 3:00 p.m.

#### SOUTHBOUND

Tuesday and Friday  
Auto Stage connecting with train leaves Wells 2:00 p.m.  
Quesnel Leave 5:40 p.m.  
Williams Lake " 9:50 p.m.  
Clinton " 3:40 a.m.  
Lillooet " 7:40 a.m.  
Shalalth (For Bridge River Mining District) " 8:30 a.m.  
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Wednesday and Saturday  
Heated car will be loaded in Vancouver every Tuesday. There will be no additional charge for this service on shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables, butter, eggs and packing house products.

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