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Nechako Valley News and General Items

Harry Worthington has returned to Fort Fraser with his wife and little daughter, after serving the colours in France and Belgium. They are leaving in the morning for Victoria where they will spend the winter, after which they will return to the Nechako valley and make their permanent home.

Esmond P. and Mrs. Yarwood, of Fort Fraser, leave in the morning for the coast, where they will reside in the future. For the past four years Mr. Yarwood has lived in the central interior, having taken up a pre-emption in the Causley river district. Since coming to these parts he has acted as a druggist assistant in the drug stores at Endako and Vanderhoof, and during the past year or so was in business as a member of the Fort Fraser Drug Company. Last summer he married Miss Evelyn Mitchell, of Vancouver.

Word has been received that Miss Nell Burns has been very seriously ill with the "flu" at her home in Vancouver. It is stated that she is slowly improving. Her old local school chums will be sorry to learn of Miss Burns' illness.

This week McCorkell Brothers have shipped a car of oat hay to the Porter Hay & Grain Company, and another one to George Abbott. Both consignments were billed to Prince George.

John C. and Mrs. Rawson, and family, are leaving for Oakville, Wash., and will spend their Christmas festivities with the parents of Mrs. Rawson, at that point.

No trace of James McCullough, who was lost in the Bearhead district about four weeks ago, has been found, according to the statement of the provincial police. It is believed the unfortunate man has perished from exposure.

After spending a week hunting in the Greer valley district Messrs. Smith, Johnson, and Turner, returned home last evening with three magnificent deer as their prizes.

We regret to report that Mrs. J. B. Armishaw is now under the doctor's care, having suddenly taken ill Thursday. Special Christmas music will be rendered at the Presbyterian Church service on Sunday, December 22.

James McCormack, of Fort St. James, came into town today on a business trip.

In the local market today hay is being sold at \$30 per ton, oats at \$2.75 per hundred pounds; potatoes \$40 per ton; butter 55 cents per pound; and eggs at 85 cents per dozen.

Miss McKenney particularly requests all parents and friends of the public school children to be present at the Christmas Tree and Childrens Entertainment which will take place in the Board of Trade building on Monday evening, December 23. Their presence will demonstrate their lively interest in the local educational institution, and be of great assistance and encouragement to our able governess.

The ladies of the Red Cross Society will meet in the home of Mrs. David Gray next Thursday afternoon, when they will make stockings for the childrens' Christmas tree. Today the society shipped 7 pairs of pajamas, 96 handkerchiefs, 21 pairs of socks, and mailed \$75.00 in cash.

D. F. M. Perkins has returned from Quesnel where he had been attending the government tax sale of lands in the Barkerville assessment district. Mr. Perkins states he was the only buyer present, and bid in some Prince Geo. property

William Grant leaves in the morning for Prince George.

Sam and Mrs. Cocker have taken up their residence on their new farm on the Braeside road.

Thos. Porter, of Mapes, has received word that a second son has died from the effects of influenza.

Hugh Willson is opening a pool room, barber shop, and sample room in connection with the Nechako hotel.

Mrs. Gething has arranged to reside in town with her children during the remainder of the school term.

R. C. Matthews is repairing the damaged parts of the Egan building which suffered during the recent storm.

It is reported that the influenza epidemic has returned to Pr. George, and that five deaths have occurred this week.

A meeting of the Presbyterian Church Ladies Aid was held last Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. David Gray

It is reported that Mrs. George Zabriskie is returning to Chilco to resume her duties as teacher at the public school.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Albert Heymann was in Prince George this week on business.

Rev. and Mrs. Gray entertained friends last Monday evening.

Miss Alva Reynolds has returned to the staff of the Nechako hotel.

Police Inspector Thomas W. S. Parsons is paying the town an official visit.

Born—At Endako on Monday, December 9, to Sheriff and Mrs. E. S. Peters, a son.

Fred and Mrs. Borhaven, and their infant child, have returned home from Edmonton.

A car load of settlers effects, including two horses, has arrived for Fred C. Borhaven.

Born—At Hazelton hospital on Thursday, December 12, to E. C. and Mrs. McGeachy, a son.

P. P. and Mrs. Kroeker came up from Prince George this week to visit the Nechako valley.

Henry Voth was buried last Sunday at Braeside. Rev. H. Harger conducted the ceremony.

The Mennonites in town are holding their Christmas Tree festivities on Tuesday evening 24th.

Mrs. W. R. Garey entertained a number of the younger set in the Hotel Vanderhoof last Thursday evening at a dansant.

The Kaiser said: "I will stand no nonsense from America after this war is over". There will be no nonsense, not a bit of it.

A Cincinnati women recently opened a matrimonial agency, and married the first man who applied. The concern is closed now.

The friends of Ed. Hall, the Ford and Fordson agent, Prince George, will be very sorry to learn he is seriously ill with influenza.

The subject of Rev. D. Gray's sermon tomorrow night will be "Religion as Soldiers See It". Last Sunday the minister argued that the principles of Christianity had not lost any of their power or grace on account of the war, and that in future the Christian belief would be more firmly established than in the past. Tomorrow night Mr. Gray will address his congregation on the important subject of the relationship which will exist between the Church and the men who have lived during the past four years in the most horrible human shambles known to mankind.

VANDERHOOF NEWS

Mrs. W. S. Moore, of Chilco, has joined the staff of the Nechako hotel.

The "Red Cross" ladies met at the home of Miss Fenwick last Thursday afternoon.

E. C. McGeachy has purchased the old "Mah Wing" laundry building, which is situated on his property on Fraser avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. James McKie, of Piapot, Saskatchewan, have taken up their residence in the Chilco district. They are relatives of Leonard and Mrs. Hay.

Mrs. Noonan has recently recovered from her recent operation, which took place in Hazelton hospital, to be able to return home tomorrow morning.

Joe Devauld has arrived from Delia, Alberta, with a large family, and is settling on the "Cocker" home farm, which they purchased a few weeks ago. A car load of settlers effects accompanied them.

Dr. W. R. Stone has returned from a trip to Fort St. James, on an urgent call to attend an Indian who had fallen off a hay rack and broken his back. The unfortunate man is not expected to live many days.

Arrangements are being made to hold a dance on New Year's eve, when the arrival of "1919" will be welcomed in the happiest vein. A large number of our country friends are expected to be present to join in the revelry.

The Presbyterian Church Sunday school will meet tomorrow morning at eleven. The question of changing the hour to three in the afternoon after the new year in order to assure the building is

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comfortable and warm for the children is being discussed by the officers and parents.

Last Sunday evening a meeting was held in the Board of Trade hall to make arrangements for the childrens' Christmas Tree entertainment. It was decided to hold the annual event on Monday, December 23, which would be more convenient for the business men than the following evening. Committees were appointed to make all necessary arrangements to ensure a good time for the kiddies and the older folk as well. Mrs. E. A. Mitchell and Mrs. J. M. Johnston are busy collecting subscriptions to make the event a financial success. The decoration, stocking, and tree committee consists of Mesdames Barger, Hunt, Johnstone, Mitchell, Paterson, Smith, and Stone. Miss Madeline McKenney promises a pleasant surprise from the kiddies. Rev. David Gray and Ralph Barger have undertaken to look after the tree and fixing up the hall.

SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENT

Pre-emption now confined to surveyed lands only.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes and which is non-timber land.

Where pre-emption is abolished, but parties of not more than four may arrange for adjacent pre-emptions, with their own improvements, necessary improvements on respective claims and cultivation of at least 5 acres, before receiving Crown Grant.

Where pre-emption is not less than 5 years, said has made proportionate improvements, he may, because of the improvements, be granted intermediate certificate of improvement and transfer his claim.

Records without permanent residence may be issued provided applicant makes improvements to extent of \$200 per annum and records same each year. Failure to make improvements, or to record same will operate as forfeiture. Title cannot be obtained on these claims in less than 5 years, and the improvement of \$10 per acre, including 5 acres cleared and cultivated, and residence of at least 2 years.

Pre-empting holding Crown Grant may record another pre-emption, if he requires land for other purposes, and his improvements to extent of \$200 per annum and records same each year. Failure to make improvements, or to record same will operate as forfeiture. Title cannot be obtained on these claims in less than 5 years, and the improvement of \$10 per acre, including 5 acres cleared and cultivated, and residence of at least 2 years.

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 50 acres, may be leased, as homesteads, title to be obtained after satisfying residential and improvement conditions.

For grazing and industrial purposes, areas exceeding 50 acres may be leased by one person or company.

PRE-EMPTIONS: FREE GRANTS ACT.

The scope of this Act is enlarged to include all persons joining and serving with His Majesty's Forces. The time within which pre-emption may be made under this Act is extended from one year from the death of such person, to one year and one year after the conclusion of the present war. This privilege is also made retroactive.

TOWNSITE PROPERTY ALLOTMENT ACT.

Provision is made for the grant to persons holding unimproved acrements to purchase from the Crown of each property of the land, if division of the same is desired, and will cover in proportion to the size of each of the whole parcel. Two or more persons holding such acrements may group their interests and apply for a townsite allotment jointly. If it is not considered advisable to divide the land, the same may be applied for as a townsite allotment, an all-otment of equal value selected from available Crown lands in the vicinity may be made. These allotments are conditional upon payment of all taxes due the Crown or to any municipality. The right of pre-emption is retained by the holder of the land, who may purchase from the Crown his own acrement, but he also has the right to sell or lease the same to the holder of the land, who may apply for a townsite allotment. These allotments apply to townsite and are not of the Crown sold at public auction.

For information apply to any Provincial Government Agent or to the Deputy Minister of Lands, Victoria, B. C.