

## Reminiscences By W.I. and Reflections

Those engaged in trade report a sudden spurt in the soap trade. The demand for shaving soap, for example, is little short of re-

markable. It is also a somewhat noteworthy and interesting fact to discover for some reason or other, the sale of safety razors is showing unheard of activity. The reason appears to be hard usage, some blades being somewhat bent over, as if subjected to pressure, or applied with unusual force.

Loch Lomond is becoming the home of great power plants, the operation of which will contribute to general progress and welfare of the people of Scotland. It's a bonnie, bonnie fact, and we dinna care whether ye take the high road or not. On second thought however, leave us the low road. Mountain climbing is not what it used to be.

An officer of the Okanagan Historical Society is reported studying semi-fossilized bones to determine if they are pre-historic. He should have shown his bones to the late Mr. Craig of Prince Rupert, who flourished on 3rd Avenue near Fulton Street. Morte had a real talent in that direction. He was gifted. He could turn a dry-as-dust set of facts into pure romance. The Okanagan man says he thinks he has fragments of what was once a bison. Morte could have given him pointers on that subject as well.

During the middle of the 19th century, hacks or large government wagons drawn by teams of mules were used by the travelling public in New Mexico.



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## DISTRICT FORESTER HERE RETIRES

Retirement on June 30 of J. E. Mathieson, district forester for the Prince Rupert Forest district was announced at the week-end by Minister of Lands and Forests E. T. Kenney.

Mr. Mathieson, who will complete 29 years service with the department, is to be replaced by Mark Gormley, formerly assistant district forester for the Vancouver district.

District Forester here since 1945, Mr. Mathieson joined the department in 1919 at Prince George where he served until 1929. He was then transferred to Nelson, where he remained until 1938.

In 1938 he was transferred to the Prince Rupert district as Fire Inspector and was later promoted to Assistant District Forester, under District Forester R. G. St. Clair.

When Mr. St. Clair was transferred to Nelson in 1945, Mr. Mathieson was placed in charge of the huge Prince Rupert district.

Mr. Mathieson says that his post-retirement plans are still uncertain.

## TERRACE P.T.A. HOLDS MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Terrace P.T.A. was held in the primary school on Thursday evening and was very well attended. Paintings of the U.B.C.'s first travelling art exhibition were on display and were greatly appreciated by the members.

The president announced that she had been approached by a Terrace business man who stated he had excellent office and living accommodation for a dentist and would await the outcome of a letter which the association decided to send to a dentist who, it was known, was seeking another locality to practice in.

The finances of the association are sound though not large. A great deal of controversy centred around certain recommendations brought up by the teaching staff and Mr. Noakes was appointed to head a committee to go into the matter.

Mrs. Philip gave a report of the convention in Vancouver and a vote of thanks was tendered her by the meeting.

It was decided that the annual meeting and election of officers would be held in September and not in June. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Whales, being mammals, have to breathe air, but by expanding their enormous chests are able to stay under water for long periods.

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## DELIGHTFUL (Continued from Page 1)

babies for whom survival is difficult due to premature birth or other cause and its ceiling is sound-deadened in contrast to the echoing walls in other parts of the building.

"When it is finished, it will be one of the finest children's wards in Canada," Mr. Gordon declared. "Every cent that is being spent there is for something permanent, something that will be a part of the institution. We are not putting anything into medicine or 'expendable' items."

### DELIGHTFUL PAINTINGS

But to get back to Mrs. Findlay's murals, the delightful "frosting" that makes the ward more like a well arranged kindergarten or nursery than a hospital ward. They are the touch that will bring laughter in a place necessarily associated with pain.

It's as if a circus had come to town—a gay, fantastic parade of wild animals. A majestic lion in a gilded cage is trundled along by a dapple grey horse driven by a perky dwarf. Following sedately or stubbornly as their nature dictates come all the other circus animals that delight the hearts of youngsters.

Of course, there is a red-nosed clown and several monkeys in bright jackets and hats. As a side attraction, a trio of clowns in ballooning, checkered costumes, walk a tight wire, leap through a hoop and vault in a tumbling act.

Mrs. Findlay has captured the circus atmosphere. She has not attempted however, to make the animals photographic in effect, but permits slight exaggeration of line to convey just the right amount of absurdity.

The major section of the parade occupies the east wall of the long ward. On the end walls, the clown trio do their acts, while between the windows on the west side there are several other animals, including a trained seal. The isolation room features those fabled characters, the hare and the tortoise.

If the effect is one of gayness, it is because the artist, herself, found pleasure in their creation. Speaking of her work, Mrs. Findlay said:

"Painting this circus motif has given me a great deal of pleasure and if it provides any joy or cheer to the children who are destined to occupy the ward, I will be happy."

## SELLING MACHINES KNOTTY PROBLEM

Dangerous, Says Winnipeg Alderman, When They Encroach On City Streets

WINNIPEG —The fate of chewing gum vending machines in Winnipeg is in the hands of City Solicitor G. F. D. Bond.

Mr. Bond is pondering the problem of whether or not the machines should be permitted to encroach on city streets. The matter arose when L. Levinson brought 50 machines to Winnipeg. Some he placed in halls and blocks, after taking out a licence—and that was all right with city officials.

Others he placed outside drug stores and other buildings—and these are causing all the trouble. These stores, it seems, are built flush to the street line, so the machines are encroaching slightly on city-owned property.

City Engineer W. D. Hurst informed the improvement committee that the city would be liable should a hurrying citizen crash into one of the vending gadgets and injure himself—perhaps lose a tooth.

"That's bad," said Alderman E. Hallonquist, committee chairman. The other aldermen agreed.

Mr. Levinson offered a possible solution. He could obtain blanket insurance coverage which would pay off all claims and leave the city free liability, he said.

Aldermen thought this might be all right. But they wanted to know the legal position. So they sent the whole matter to the city solicitor for a report. Aid. Joseph Stepniuk objected. He said some newsboys had asked

for permission to set up a stand on which to place their papers, but had been refused the right on the grounds they were encroaching on the sidewalk.

## WILLIAM WATSON, TERRACE, DIES

TERRACE — William Watson, 77, passed away at the district hospital shortly after he was taken there on Friday morning suffering from a heart attack. Well known and well liked the deceased had been a resident of Terrace for many years.

Born in the United States, he was employed as a cook on the C.N.R. cooking service out of Edmonton.

He joined the Canadian Army and went overseas during the first World War. On his return to Canada he took up the same employment and when he retired came here to live, occupying a cottage on Homer Levesque's property.

About a year ago he was sent to Shaugnessy Military Hospital and from there to "Hycroft," but finding life too simple for him there he returned to Terrace at the beginning of this year.

The funeral was held this afternoon, with services at the United Church commencing at 2 o'clock. It was a full military funeral.



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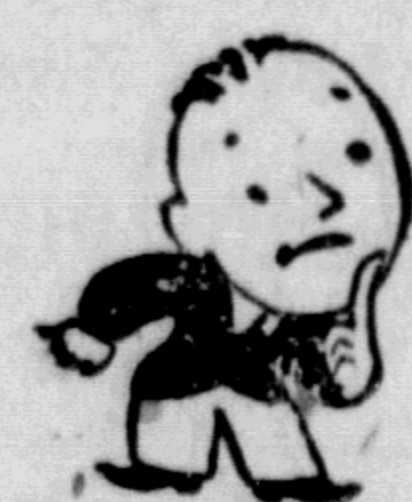
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