

is better that the railway company, should face the situation courageously now, eliminating waste, reducing the train service to a volume that will insure a reasonable money return, and otherwise get down to a bedrock proposition in the operation of the system. From that effective and capable railway service may be built up.

"In the West we have been accustomed to most elaborate railway conveniences. We have insisted upon luxury in railway traffic to an extent that is not justified, and it is probable that we have reached an era in which a great deal of this transportation extravagance must be curtailed. Every taxpayer in Canada is a shareholder in the Canadian National Railways. If there is difficulty in making the system support itself, then the owners of the road, who are the Canadian taxpayers, must meet the situation in the same manner that capable business men would deal with deficits in their private business operations. It is unfortunate that daily train services have to be reduced to tri-weekly services, but if by this means the company is going to reach a basis where it can pay its own way, it will prove an accomplishment of unusual importance to the whole of Canada.

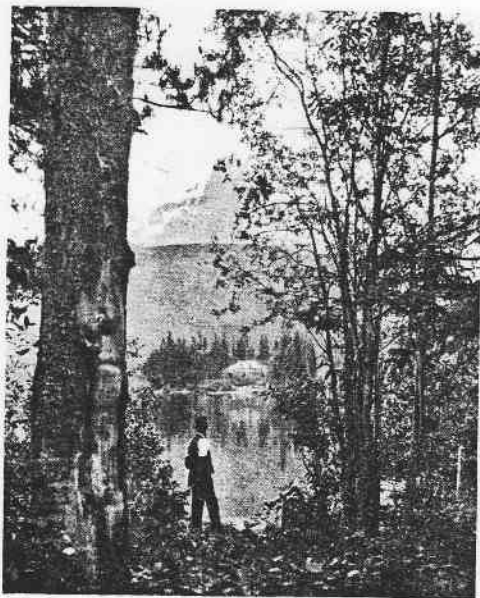
"Evidently the word has gone forth from railway headquarters to reduce the service in every direction. So long as this reducing process is carried out fairly and equitably to all parts of the country, there should be no serious complaint from reasonable business people. If there is any part of the country discriminated against we must be prepared to establish that profitable traffic is being neglected. When we have done that, there will be little likelihood that curtailment of service will last for any considerable length of time. In the process of restriction each community feels that it is being dealt a harder blow than its neighbor. There should be no tendency on the part of the railway company to do anything unfair or unreasonable. What the company wants is business."

LUCERNE, B. C.,

A. Gray, Correspondent.

Mr. Roe, Roadmaster, who succeeded the late Mr. W. Mills, has been in town.

The local branch of the G.W.V.A. gave a supper and smoker on Monday, March 14th,



At Lucerne, B.C., Yellowhead Lake and Mount Fitz-William.

which was a great success. Songs, recitations, instrumental music, trench and naval stories were the order of the evening. Great credit is due the members and social committee in their efforts to entertain.

There is great activity among the tennis players. They hope to get a few more interested, and when conditions are favorable expect to do wonders.

Lucerne was a decided loser last week when the Misses Mary and Evelyn Belton, two very amiable young ladies, who were here for some time, left for their home in Alberta.

Mr. "Jack" Cathcart had a rather sudden, severe but happily short attack of illness some days ago.

A whist drive and dance promoted by the ladies of the town, the proceeds to be devoted to a laudable cause,

was given on Wednesday, March 16th. Needless to say the affair was a great success, and a very pleasant time was spent.

Lucerne is at present the transfer point for the G.T.P., Prince Rupert Line and C.N.R., Vancouver Line, being the nearest station to Red Pass Junction where any accommodation can be secured.

The Mechanical and Clerical Staffs of the C. N. R. gave a dance and supper in the Pool Hall here on February 16th. The hall was gaily decorated; there was a large attendance, the music was good and the supper was excellent, and altogether a very pleasant time was spent. The various committees in charge of the affair worked untiringly in making the arrangements and their efforts were crowned with success. Mrs. T. Young, Mrs. W. Gibson, Mrs. J. Hogan and Mrs. Pitts are deserving of special praise for their work in connection with the supper arrangements as are also, Messrs. W. Gibson, A. Baird, C. Nelson, W. Pitts and others. The music was furnished by Mrs. Gibson, Mr. Taylor and our handy Mr. Gordon McLellan. Mr. T. Young and Mr. A. Gray, heads of departments, and leading spirits in the promotion of the event had to forego the pleasure of being present, their duties requiring them to be present elsewhere.



Janette, 3-year old daughter of Car Foreman A. Gray, Lucerne, B.C.

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Cheer up, Calgary is still on the map, even though we have not appeared lately.