

John Donald Andras (J.D.) (1833-1942)

January 1911 - "J.D. Andras is successor to A.J. Marlow, as manager of the bank of Commerce here and comes from Vancouver"

January 1911 - "...is an experienced banker and has seen service in large eastern cities and Edmonton and Vancouver in the west."

February 8, 1911 - elected to the Princeton Board of Trade

March 1911 - Hon. Secretary of the Princeton General Hospital Board of Trustees

March 1911 - secretary for a meeting of citizens concerned with fire protection

April 1911 - took a trip back east and it was rumoured he was to be married

May 10 (Wednesday) 1911 - Mr. Andras expected home Friday with his bride

May 17, 1911 - Marriage announcement

May 1911 - "When in New York about a month ago, J.D. Andras saw Dr. Kunz the Tiffany diamond expert and he corroborated the reports as to the excellent quality and genuineness of the Tulameen diamonds."

August 1911 - hosted the first visit to Princeton of Right Reverend Bishop DePencier, D.D., the Bishop of New Westminster

October 18, 1911 (from 1953) - "BORN: A Hospital 18th October 1911 Register of Joint Stock Companies (From Original Document) We, John Donald Andras, bank manager, John A. Freeman, rancher, James Drysdale Lumsden, store manager, William C. McDougal, lumber merchant, Ernest Waterman, mine manager, Charles Willarson, merchant, make application to register under the Benevolent Societies Act.

2. The corporate name to be the Princeton General Hospital and its purpose the relief of the sick and the afflicted. 3. Membership fee of \$5 per annum carries one vote, with additional vote for each additional \$5 to the limit of 5. Life membership on payment of \$50 in a single year. (*Now \$1 per annum, maximum one vote*) 4. Directorate of 12, one year term, with chairman, vice-chairman, secretary treasurer. (*Now 8 directors Staff administrator is secretary-treasurer.*) 6. Original directors were applicants as in (1) Chairman Ernest Waterman; secretary treasurer J.D. Andras. *Original unit built by A.E. Irwin*

September 1911 - had been elected Secretary of the Princeton General Hospital Board of Trustees

January 1912 - attended Board of Trade meeting and was elected to the position of secretary (E. Waterman, president)

January 1912 - J.D. Andras' father dies in Toronto

March 1912 - Birth announcement: February 28th a son

May 1912 - attended Board of Trade meeting

May 1912 - serving as Honorary Secretary-Treasurer of the Princeton General Hospital Board

May 29, 1912 - chairman of a meeting to form "Princeton Racing & Athletic Association" (replacing or augmenting Similkameen Agricultural Association)

June 1912 - participated in the first tournament of the Princeton Tennis Club

June 1912 - "J.D. Andras, manager Bank of Commerce, is erecting a handsome house in a picturesque location on Knob Hill. Bert Irwin has the contract."

June 1912 - donated \$5 towards the construction of a Methodist Church "on lots 25 and 26, block 18" on Vermilion Avenue

June 1912 - "Max Wilson has the contract for painting and decorating the pretty house of J.D. Andras on Knob hill and will soon have it ready for occupation."

September 1912 - R.H. Carmichael, manager of the Bank of Commerce at Keremeos, is relieving J.D. Andras "who is now taking his annual holidays"

October 1912 - "Four splendid houses owned respectively by J.D. Andras, P.W. Gregory, F.H. Howse and E.B. Hall, situate on Tulameen Heights, are all now completed and decided ornaments of this town."

October 1912 - attended, and thanked at, a stockholders' meeting of the Princeton Racing and Athletic Association

October 1912 - donated magazines to the Princeton General Hospital

November 1912 - went duck hunting with Waterman

November 1912 - 2.50 subscriber to the Junior Baseball Club

January 1913 - attended the Ladies' Hospital Auxiliary fund-raiser "Grand Masquerade Ball" dressed as lady and gentleman of the 17th century (the event raised 102.75 for the Ladies' Hospital Auxiliary)

January 1913 - attended meeting in the Oddfellows hall to form a Literary and Debating Society - he was elected vice-president. Membership \$1.00 weekly meetings "mutual improvement, social literary and debating culture"

May 1913 - birth of son, May 26, 1913

June 1913 - chairman of meeting of the Princeton Racing and Athletic Association

July 1913 - elected as trustee "at the annual school meeting"

September 1913 - "J.D. Andras, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, is taking his annual vacation now and is relieved by J. A. Forster pro tem."

October 1913 - at the Board of Trade reorganization meeting, E. Waterman, president and Andras, secretary resigned

December 1913 - "Bert Irwin has recently finished a conservatory for J.D. Andras at his residence."

December 1913 - small pox scare in Princeton. Delegations from the Boards of Trade Hedley and Keremeos met with Andras, Chapman, Huston and Moeran, a committee of the Princeton board.

January 1914 - Open letter to John R. Greenfield, Esq. Post Office Inspector, Vancouver, BC

"By joint meeting boards of trade of Keremeos, Hedley and Princeton held today I am instructed to draw your attention to the fact that Great Northern railway at three days notice have summarily reduced mail service for whole Similkameen valley to three days per week. Residents of valley have received daily mails for seven years in which

time population has doubled. Please take immediate action to ensure continuance of daily service.

J.D. Andras, secretary associate Boards of Trade of the Similkameen

This was answered by A.D. Cartwright rail commissioners office (1914)

February 1914 - elected to the Princeton Board of Trade council; resigned as secretary (1914)

July 1914 - installed as an officer of the Knights of Pythias, Princeton Lodge, No. 50. (K of R.S.)

September 1914 - "Tenders are desired for painting new wing of hospital. Particulars will be furnished on application by the secretary, J.D. Andras"

November 1914 - two concerts for Ladies' Auxiliary of the Princeton Hospital at the Princess Theatre. Andras was chairman' R.W. Moeran looked after the box office

January 1915 - elected to the Princeton Board of Trade

February 1915 - Odd Fellows versus Knights of Pythias hockey game. Andras played for the K. of P.

March 1915 - member of the Princeton Conservative association and delegate to the conservative convention in Keremeos

April 15, 1915 - published "Application for Licence under Coal and Petroleum Act" to prospect for coal and petroleum over Lot 383, Group 1

May 1915 - re-elected to the board of directors of the Princeton Racing and Athletic Association

May 1915 - brother-in-law A.H. Knight killed in action near Ypres.

June 1915 - received letter from Eric Hamilton's brother. Eric Hamilton ("*Fat*" Hamilton - see below) was on the Princeton Bank of Commerce staff. Hamilton was wounded and then contracted measles.

July 1915 - attended July 1st picnic at Onemile and ran in an "old stiffs' race"

July 1915 - donated \$10.00 to the Princeton machine gun fund

August 1915 - "Mr. and Mrs. E. Barr Hall and Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Andras motored to Hedley last week in the interest of the Patriotic dance to be held there this evening."

September 1915 - Gordon Dinning from Kelowna to be acting manager while J.D. Andras on vacation

September 1915 - Andras found William Stevenson, placer miner, dead in his tent on the Similkameen River about two miles up from Princeton.

September 1915 - deer hunting with Pete Johnson in the vicinity of Copper Mountain

October 1915 - acted as chairman of the Red Cross concert fundraiser

November 1915 - as council member on the Board of Trade attended a meeting "in their hall"

December 1915 - member of the school board

January 1916 - third place in a 7 person toss-up in a "guess the weight" of a steer at P. Burns & Co. Shop

January 1916 - "At the sheriff sale held yesterday for the disposal of Lots 2412 and 2420 in the Kamloops Division of Yale District, owned by Hans Lof, to satisfy a judgement in favor of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the property was bid in by J.D. Andras, acting for the local branch of the bank."

January 1916 - elected vice-president of the Princeton Board of Trade

March 1916 - subscribed to the Patriotic Fund - \$5.00 per month

May 1916 - "Mrs. J.D. Andras and children have gone east and will spend the next three months visiting relatives at Lachine, Quebec, near Montreal."

June 1916 - "J.D. Andras, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and A.S. Black made a business trip to Merritt. They went over in a car driven by Jim King."

June 1916 - re-elected to the board of the Princeton Racing and Athletic Association

July 1916 - annual school meeting called to elect a trustee for the three year term to succeed J.D. Andras and an auditor to succeed Ernest Waterman (he was succeeded by Hugh Hunter July 1916)

July 1916 - arranged to have the Canadian Copper Company ship a box of copper and nickel ore samples from the Sudbury district in Ontario. These samples were displayed in the Board of Trade rooms and it was hoped they would "be useful in making comparisons with ores obtained locally."

July 1916 - installed as an officer Knights of Pythias, O.G.

July 1916 - Patriotic Fund for the six months ending June 30 - Andras had donated 30.00

August 1916 - "Another bunch of ore samples from the Sudbury district have reached J.D. Andras, who is acting in behalf of the Princeton Board of Trade. These are six fine samples in this lot, representing the six properties owned by the Mond Nickel Company at Coniston, Ont. Local samples are coming in and the nucleus is being formed for a very credible ore cabinet."

August 1916 - "Mrs. Andras and children are home after an extended visit in the east."

September 1916 - taking his annual holiday and W.A. Anderson "is relieving him."

September 1916 - "Ernest Waterman, J.D. Andras and Peter Johnson have returned from a duck shooting expedition to Aspen Grove."

October 1916 - detected a forgery at the bank by one of the tellers, W.J. Holdcroft

December 1916 - Princeton Creamery Association, Ltd. to be formed - organizing committee: J.D. Andras, chairman; P. Gregory, secretary; Chas. E. Thomas, H.H. Thomas, P. Russell, A. Reith, T.J. Guinan, S.R. Gibson, C. Hughes, Mr. Gore and Mr. Bennett.

Patriotic Fund six months ending December 31st, **1916**: Andras had donated a further 30.00

February 1917 - attended a joint meeting of the Board of Trade and the school trustees, representing the Board of Trade, to discuss overcrowding at Princeton School

April 27, 1917 - "J.D. Andras, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has purchased Ernest Waterman's car and is now an Automobile enthusiast. Mr. Waterman intends on purchasing a new car."

May 1917 - the Andras family dog, Jock (a "valuable Airdale") was poisoned either intentionally or by accident

June 1917 - Andras and P.W. Gregory - fishing at Osprey Lake

June 1917 - "J.D. Andras is taking his holidays, and W.J. Forbes is acting manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce."

June 1917 - re-elected to the board of the Princeton Racing & Athletic Association

Patriotic Fund six months ending June 30, **1917**: Andras had donated a further 30.00

September 1917 - "Wanted - Janitor for Princeton General Hospital. Furnace, stoves, cleaning; about four hours daily. Wages, \$40 a month. Lodging provided if desired. Apply J.D. Andras, Secretary"

November 1917 - "J.D. Andras was down to Vancouver for a few days. During his absence N.A. Clyne was acting manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce."

November 1917 - subscribed 5.00 to the Y.M.C.A. Fund

Patriotic Fund six months ending December 31, 1917: Andras had donated a further 30.00

March 1918 - "Dr. Ritchie and J.D. Andras motored to Keremeos last Saturday. Dr. Ritchie's visit was a professional one."

March 1918 - elected to the Princeton General Hospital Board

May 1918 - "Mr. and Mrs. Andras and children and Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Frith motored to Keremeos last Sunday. They report that the damage done to the fruit and vegetables by the heavy frost last week was not nearly so great as at first anticipated."

May 31, 1918 - in the Hedley News: "Last Wednesday afternoon Mr. J.D. Andras of Princeton, motored in and brought with him Lieut.-Colonel Bishop De Pencier, who has recently returned from France, and Rev. W.G. Moody. In the evening at 7 o'clock, he delivered a very interesting lecture to a large audience in Fraternity hall about "Canadians in France." While in town the party were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clare."

June 1918 - J.D. Andras was the treasure of the Red Triangle Fund. He received a receipt from the territorial secretary of the Y.M.C.A. In Vancouver for \$299.00 - the amount raised here on subscription

July 1918 - Princeton Star July 19, page 1 reported Andras would be transferred to Tugaske, Saskatchewan; H.C. Lucas from Greenwood would come to Princeton; Mr. James from Vancouver would take over Greenwood branch

July 1918 - "Irrigation Tells on Princeton Soil : Fine Crop on Land Watered From Ditch tapping the Similkameen River.

T.C. Brooke's place just below Princeton offers a splendid illustration of what the soil around here will produce under irrigation. He has close to nine acres under cultivation and most of it can be watered from the irrigating ditch put in recently by himself in conjunction with A.E. Irwin and J.D. Andras, who have a piece of ground close by on which there is also a flourishing crop of vegetable this season. Water is

taken out of the Similkameen river just at the G.N. Railway bridge, and the ditch is probably a half a mile in length..."

August 1918 - went to Vancouver on a business trip, Mr. Kiedle of Penticton is manager in his absence

August 1918 - Mr. and Mrs. Andras returned from a short visit to the coast

Patriotic Fund six months ending June 30, **1918**: Andras had donated a further 30.00

September 1918 - competed in the Hedley Labor Day golf tournament

October 18, 1918 - "Potatoes, excelling even the famous Ashcroft variety, were grown this season on T.C. Brook's place and the place adjoining under lease to J.D. Andras and A.E. Irwin. The potato crop on both these places was exceptionally heavy and the tubers are excellent quality, being large and entirely free from scab or other imperfections. ..."

October 25, 1918 - "Change of Bank Managers" After a residence in Princeton of over six years as manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, J.D. Andras is leaving tomorrow morning with his family for Tugaske, Sask., and will have charge of the branch there. Both Mr. and Mrs. Andras took an active interest in public, patriotic and social affairs here, and they will be greatly missed by the people of Princeton. H.C. Lucas, the new manager, was transferred here from Greenwood, and he and his family are now occupying the Andras residence on New England Heights.

October 1918 - "J.D. Andras left Monday with his family for Tugaske, Sask., and will make the entire journey by automobile."

Patriotic Fund six months ending July 31, 1918 - March 31, **1919**: Andras had donated a further 15.00

September 1922 - tax sale of J.D. Andras property Lot 2412 (131.15 in arrears)

February 1928 - "Princeton Golfers to Build New Course" using ground reserved by government for public park - adjoins Knighton Ranch. Lot 1091 (the old Dr. Kingston

ranch, on the south side of the river, two miles below town). 1915 - Dr. Ritchie, Messrs. Waterman, Andras, Black, Mansfield. Charley Thomas "is reported to have gone as far as purchasing a set of clubs." First golf course was on land "just north of town adjoining the One-Mile road"

1942 - also working at the bank 1913-1915 were Ernest G. Pearson, teller, Mr. Ridge, and "Fat" Hamilton. At the time, the Bank of Commerce was located on the corner of Billiter Avenue and Bridge Street in the building occupied by Spafford's Clothing Store (1942) and the staff lived in quarters above the bank

1942 - 75th birthday of Canadian Bank of Commerce - article on various tellers and managers