

Highway to Ymir

Of troubles we all have a plentiful share,
Sometimes they seem harder than nature can bear;
But cheer up for good times are coming, Old Timer,
When we get the darn highway extended to Ymir.

Our bootlegger friends who looked forward with pain,
To a very real slump in their illicit gain,
Will not need the hint of this poor would-be rhymor,
To see golden chances in trade via Ymir.

Our real-estate friends will now come to the fore,
Solving residence woes with suggestions galore,
We'll do business in Nelson as usual Old Timer,
But live in the beautiful suburbs of Ymir.

When you start for the hills with your bacon and ham,
Don't forget to take with you some Nelson Brand Jam;
I don't eat it myself - you'll excuse a poor rhymor,
But there's lots of it spread on the highway to Ymir.

There's a pulp mill projected in Nelson's fair city,
But the pulp that they make is too thin - such a pity -
But when it is made we can use it, Old Timer,
To fill up the holes in the highway to Ymir.

Our fair Alderlady, who's also a Vet,
Is a booster for Nelson's street railway, you bet,
And if you don't watch it, by Jingo, Old Timer,
She'll have her street railway extended to Ymir.

She's got special service as far as the Park,
Where the boys and the girls often go for a lark;
In a very short time they'll be spooning Old Timer,
To musical strains from the bandstand at Ymir.

The soldier memorial is now underway,
And will be quite imposing so some people say;
If they're hard up for rock, you can tell them Old Timer,
There's any amount on the highway to Ymir.

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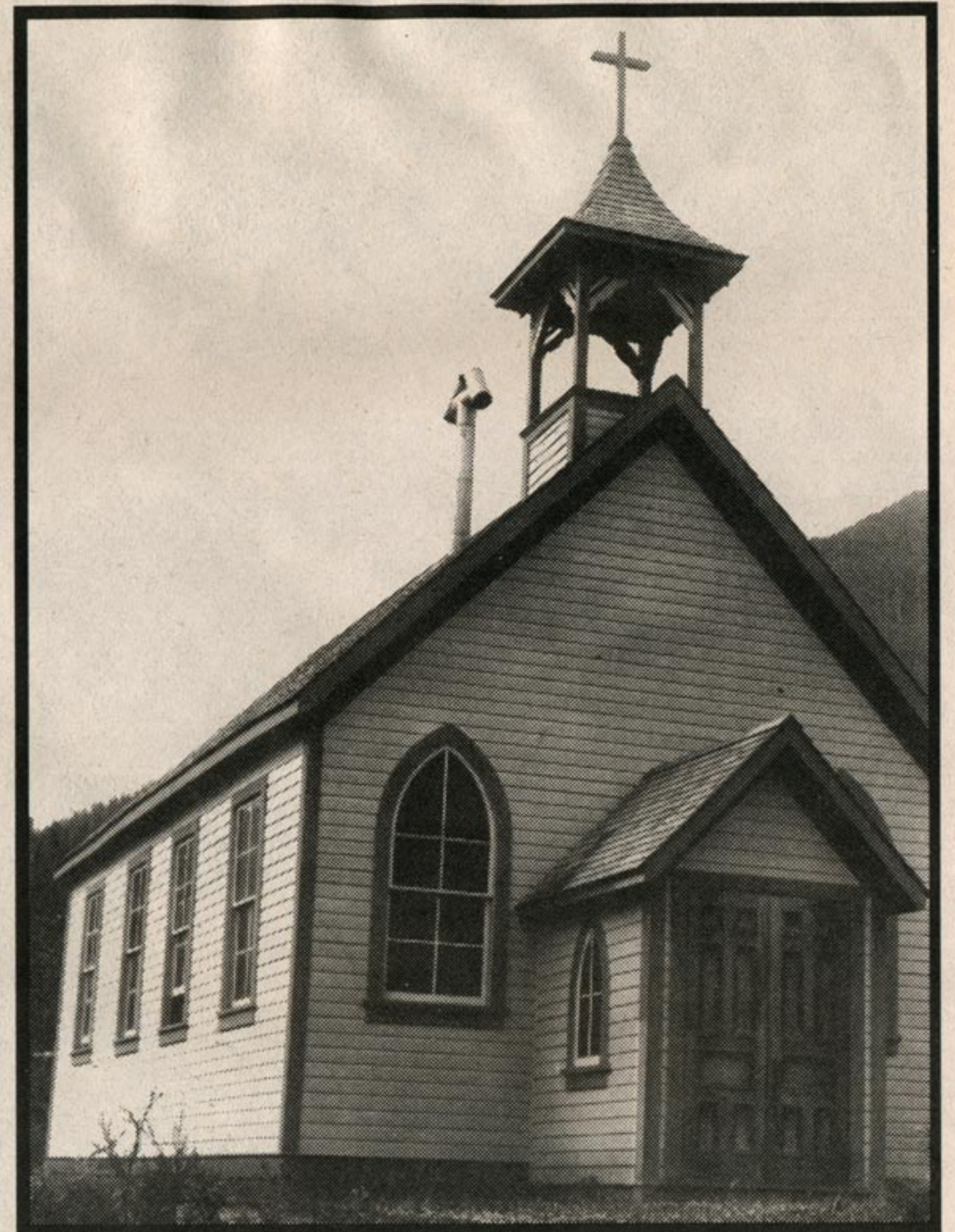
Ymir Road

Today marks the consummation of many years of effort by the public bodies and public spirited Nelson citizens to secure the construction of the Ymir road now the Nelson - Spokane highway.

This afternoon the road will not only officially be declared open but the opening ceremonies will be participated in by a larger number of citizens from the other side of the line.

The new road cuts many miles from the distance between Nelson and Spokane as compared with the old route. It obviates the ferries and it brings Nelson into direct road communication with a large territory from which it was formerly cut off.

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St. Ann's Catholic Church, built in 1904

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Salesman Shot

Hugh Armstrong, salesman for Godfrey's Limited, Nelson's clothing store, was shot in the neck and robbed of \$1000 in cash by a bandit who surprised him on the Yankee Girl hill near Ymir, B.C. at 11:20 a.m. today.

Armstrong, not seriously hurt, is being treated for a flesh wound below the right ear while police, assisted by a posse of citizens and a police dog, search for his assailant, who is believed to have escaped on foot.

The young salesman, driving in his sedan auto with money to cash cheques for employees of the Ymir Yankee Girl Mine, was accosted in a lonely section of the mountain road. The bandit, unmasked and roughly dressed, sprang from an old mine tunnel by the roadside and fired two shots at the car. The side window near the driver's seat was smashed by the bullets and one entered Armstrong's neck.

D. Craig of Ymir relayed the story to the Vancouver Sun by long-distance telephone.

Armstrong, the bullet still imbedded in his neck, sat beside him in the Ymir telephone exchange, Mr. Craig explained.

Armstrong, dazed by the shock of the bullet, stopped his car and the bandit

leaped on the running board.

"I want your money in a hurry. No fooling now!" he told the salesman as he pointed his revolver in his face. Armstrong handed over the cash and the bandit ran down the road, away from the mine. Suddenly he stopped. "Get going!", he shouted, with a flourish of his gun.

Armstrong 'got', managing to reach the mine which was not far away. There first aid was given to him and he was brought back to Ymir by auto. Const. C. Cohoon of Ymir and Const. C.W. House of Salmo are leading the search in the mountainous country around the mine and town, closing all roads as speedily as possible.

Armstrong described his assailant as about 40. He was of dark complexion and had several days growth of beard. He wore a dark cap and dark overalls with a bib.

Police believe the man is either a former employee of one of the mines in the neighbourhood or someone who knew Armstrong's habit of visiting the mines on paydays to cash cheques.

The salesman had his car filled with mens clothing to offer the miners but none was touched.

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