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DEMAND IS ACTIVE FOR TIMBER LAND

Several Deals In West Coast Sections Put Through In Victoria.

During the past five months about 140 sections of timber, located on the West Coast of Vancouver Island have been transferred through the agency of P. D. and H. M. Hillis, of Victoria. It is stated that in the majority of instances the purchasers have been American capitalists who, being interested in the lumber business, contemplate actively exploiting their new interests, in all probability by the erection of well-equipped saw mills.

The demand, the Hillis Brothers state, is still active. On Saturday last twelve cruisers left Victoria for Nootka Sound for the purpose of examining 122 timber sections, most of which, it is expected, will be purchased without delay.

Liberals Meet Mr. Brewster

H. C. Brewster, M. P. P., returned on Wednesday from a trip up the coast, and left the next day for Victoria. On Wednesday night he met the members of the Alberni Liberal association, and discussed party organization with them.

Change at Parksville.

The long expected and much desired change has been made at Parksville and the government telegraph station there is now in charge of a new operator.

Cold Snap.

The cold wave that hit Alberni this week was the remnant of a severe winter storm that was seriously felt on the mainland of British Columbia and generally on the Pacific Slope. In Victoria and Vancouver there was much trouble and inconvenience caused by the freezing of water pipes.

Skating and Hockey.

McCoy Lake, some distance above the level of Alberni, was frozen over this week, and the people of the two towns used it as a skating rink, everyone who could secure anything that would in any way answer the purpose of skates turning out to enjoy the joyful exercise,

During the week two games of hockey were played the competing teams representing the new and the old towns, both games being won by the former.

Talent at Smoker.

The smoking concert given in Brand's hall on Tuesday night, under the joint auspices of the Men's Club of All Saints church and the Athletic club, developed more talent than has ever been seen at any similar affair in Alberni. The talent was there in quantity as well as quality, and the entertainment, which lasted about three hours, was thoroughly enjoyed.

Hot water bottles in all sizes at Terry's Drug Store. Keep your feet warm in bed.

WILL CLEAR LAND IN THIS DISTRICT

Canadian Pacific Railway Company Has Plans For Settlers Tributary to Alberni ---Progress of Work on the Qualicum Scheme---Demand For Sections.

It is reported, on good authority, that the next big land clearing scheme to be undertaken by the Canadian Pacific Railway company on Vancouver Island will be on this side of the Beaufort mountain range and tributary to Alberni.

The results in the Qualicum district, where the clearing of twelve hundred acres is under way, have been satisfactory up to date, so much so that the proposition is now considered to be beyond the experimental stage.

Two hundred acres have already been cleared, and recently the working force was greatly strengthened. There are now over a hundred men on the job, and three donkey engines are being operated, so that progress will be much more rapid from now on.

As the land is being cleared all the good logs are being saved for lumber manufacture, providing a great convenience for the settlers that are to build homes.

It is figured that by the time the rails are laid as far as French Creek, about the commencement of next summer, that tracts of land will be available for from fifty to one hundred families.

From nquiries received in regard to this land the company officials feel assured that there will be no delay in taking it up. The indications are that the demand will be much greater than the supply.

The new farming district will be tributary to both the Alberni and Comox lines. The soil has been pronounced by a recognized expert to be the best on Vancouver Island.

Surveyors Are Near Finish of Their Work.

The weather of the past week interfered to a slight extent with the progress of the revisionary survey being carried on at this end of the line of the extension of the E. & N. railway, but all possible advancement was made, and it now looks as if the final location will be completed within ten days.

Enough work has already been done to enable the officials to closely figure on what the cost of grading the mountain section should be, and a call for tenders for all or part of the work may be published any day.

It has been reported that the Comox extension would be built before the Alberni extension, and the Pioneer News has been semi-officially advised that there is a measure of truth in the report. This does not mean, however, that any further delay at this end is contemplated, or that work on the Comox line will be commenced first and prosecuted to the disadvantage of this section.

The Comox line has, for three weeks past, been ready for the commencement of construction.

It is estimated that it will take close onto two years to do the work on the mountain section of the Alberni extension, while the whole Comox line could be built in one third of that time.

It is clearly the policy of the Canadian Pacific Railway company to carry out as rapidly as possible its schemes for various extensions on Vancouver Island, and there is a more pressing demand for railway connection with the West Coast district than any other.

The survey party, in charge of J. M. Rolston, that laid out the line of the Comox extension, commenced work this week on a preliminary survey of the proposed Cowichan Lake road.

Grand Concert In Brand's Hall

All Saints Church Club.

Friday, Jan. 15, at 8 o'clock

General Admission, 25 cents; Reserved Seats, 50 cents; Children, under 14, 10 cents.

Plan at Terry's Drug Store.

CHURCH REPORT IS ENCOURAGING

Most Prosperous Year In the History of St. Andrew's Congregation.

The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrews church was held on Wednesday evening of this week.

The treasurers of the different organizations presented their reports.

The report of James Hills, treasurer of the congregation, showed the total receipts to be $673, and expenditure, $600.

Mrs. D. Riddell, treasurer of the Ladies' Aid society, reported a net profit for the year of $236.

The Sabbath School report, made by W. Erickson, showed the total receipts to be $62, and the expenditure, $35.

Amount collected for missions, $73, making a grand total of $1044, the best in the history of the congregation.

On account of the prosperous condition of the congregation, it was moved by James Thomson, and seconded by D. Riddell, that the necessary steps be taken to place St. Andrews church, Alberni, on the augmentation list of congregations.

The motion was carried.

John Has a Quake.

There is one resident of Alberni, a man of religious mind, who thinks that there is something in the prophetic claims of John Packard.

Some evenings ago the said resident was on his way home when he came on the self-alleged prophet standing on the road and gazing at the sky.

"What are you doing, John? Studying the stars?" asked the man who was homeward bound.

John withdrew his gaze from the sky, and turned it on the questioner. "No, said he, "I am looking for signs of an earthquake that I prophesied."

Two days later the mail stage brought the newspapers containing the first accounts of the catastrophe in Italy.

There are others who, knowing John better, are not surprised to learn that he struck it right. In fact they do not see how it is possible for an earthquake to get ahead of him. He has been engaged daily for a number of years past planning a series of such disturbances, and has one dated for every day in the year for the next ten years.

New Hardware Store.

Within the next week or two a new hardware store will be opened in New Alberni, in the new building on the Rowley property, opposite Waterhouse's hall.

Charles A. McNaughton, late of Winnipeg, and R. F. Blandy, who for a year past has been chief clerk for A.E. Waterhouse, will compose the new firm. An up-to-date and complete stock of hardware, most of which has already arrived, will be carried.

A previous announcement that Mr. McNaughton intended to engage in the grocery business in New Alberni was an error.

PIONEER NEWS.

Published at Alberni, B. C., and issued every Saturday.

R. J. BURDE. - - - EDITOR.

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Alberni, B. C., Jan. 9, 1909.

BEAUTIFUL SARCASM.

"If Mr. Sloan is willing to retire in order that the province may retain its representation in the cabinet he is entitled to great credit for the sacrifice he is willing to make. The representative for Comox-Atlin has a keen relish and strong aptitude for political life, and we are sure nothing but a deep sense of his responsibility to the province under present circumstances would impel him to stand aside."

The above is an extract from an editorial in the Victoria Times of Saturday last. The question under discussion was the finding of a seat for Hon. William Templeman in order that he might be retained in the Dominion cabinet.

The Mr. Sloan in question is none other than the same Billy Sloan, of Nanaimo, who visits Alberni occassionally and holds secret sessions with a few of his supporters in order to discover the needs of this part of the electoral wilderness of Comox-Atlin.

While Mr. Sloan may not, personally, feel hurt by such sarcasm, appreciating the sore disappointment under which Mr. Templeman and his newspaper, the Times, are suffering, some of his friends in this district may accept it differently. There are a number of them who do not like Mr. Templeman to begin with. The first cause of this lack of affection is that the Hon. William is not a "mixer." He is not a "good fellow" with the "boys." From the "boys'" point of view these faults are attributable to disinclination rather than inability on the part of Mr. Templeman and are, therefore, unpardonable. A second and more serious cause is that during the recent campaign, when it looked as if Mr. Sloan would have to fight beyond nomination day for his seat, the Hon. William tried hard to save himself in Victoria by appropriating credit that belonged to the member for this district. And that was not all. He adedd insult to the intelligence, and injury to the veracity, of the Alberni Liberal association. Ignoring the fact that this body had thanked Mr. Sloan for the humane work of establishing a life-saving system on the West Coast, Mr. Templeman insisted on telling his own constituents that the great work was the direct result of his personal efforts in cabinet council at Ottawa.

In view of all this we are constrained to believe that the Hon. William has either given up the idea of securing a seat in Comox-Atlin or is fighting in his last ditch. Under other circumstances the Times would surely exercise more discretion in the interests of its master than to take the risk of such a sarcastic fling at the man whom it seeks to move.

That "deep sense of his responsibility to the province," is enough to even make the Liberal association of Clayoquot frown.

In the same editorial the Times takes to speculating on the outcome in the event of Mr. Sloan being overcome by unselfish devotion to this beautiful province, and says, "It will be for the Conservatives of Comox-Atlin to consider whether it would be wise to offer opposition to the election of a Minister. But even the Colonist in its irreconcilability will admit that it would be a somewhat extraordinary thing for a constituency which elected a private member by acclamation to offer opposition to a minister in a government which is assured of power for five years."

It is strange how little effect experience, as a teacher, has upon some people. Here we have it again, the same friend-at-court, bribe talk that was given to the electors of Kootenay and Yale-Cariboo and thrown back by them into the faces of the givers.

No, Mr. Templeman, if you have any chance of getting a look into this constituency, that kind of face is not going to help you. If you come in at all, come with an honest bid, offering no more and no less than the constituency is entitled to, and then leave it to the electors whether you are the man, under the conditions, they want. Don't expect to find them ready and anxious to secure advantages at the expense of the other constituencies of British Columbia that were offered, and refused, great things to support an administration that does not share their sentiments. It must be admitted that there are some electors in Comox-Atlin who wou'd eagerly grasp the bait, but the variety and enormity of their demands for personal and selfish consideration in the distribution of the gifts might prove fatally embarrassing to a man of such crude tactics as Mr. Templeman is apparently limited to.

The weather has been cold enough this week to endanger the life of the rose buds that have no shelter from the open air.

The coming Spring and Summer will assuredly witness much important development in the vicinity of Alberni.—Victoria Colonist.

There must be a bye-election feeling in the air. Two political meetings, within the past week, were well attended, while neither the public meeting called for last Saturday night, nor the Board of Trade meeting, called for Monday night, aroused enough interest to produce a quorum.

At a banquet given in his honor recently W. H. Taft, president-elect of the United States, turned his glass upside down, signifying a resolution to touch no intoxicating beverage. Spoken to on the subject afterwards Mr. Taft said he intended to adhere to the resolution throughout his term of office.

This simple action of Mr. Taft's should do more to decrease the consumption of liquor in the United States than all the prohibition laws that were ever enacted.

Photographs

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Exploration parties accompanied.

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Orders promptly executed.

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Notice to Contractors

Sealed tenders are invited for the clearing of approximately one hundred acres of the townsite of Alberni, Vancouver Island.

Specifications can be seen at the office of the Alberni Land Company Ltd., Alberni, B. C.; the E. & N. Railway company's land agent, Victoria, B. C.; A. H. Nichol, E. & N. Railway company's townsite agent, Vancouver, B. C.

Tenderers must state if it is the intention of the contractor to use white or Oriental labor.

Clearing must be completed before the first day of May, 1909.

Tenders must be in on or before the 15th of January, 1909, and are to be addressed to the Alberni Land Company Ltd,, New Alberni, B. C.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

The local office will be open from 10 a. m. to noon every day, except Sunday, for the inspection of the specifications.

CARMICHAEL & MOORHEAD,
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During my absence from Alberni my business will be in charge of James Paul who will be prepared to attend to the wants of my customers.

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Sashes, Doors, Glass, Etc.

LAND ACT
NOOTA LAND DISTRICT.
District of Alberni.

Take Notice that Benjamin C. Clark, of Seattle, Wash., occupation timber cruiser, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted 30 chains in a south-west direction from the mouth of Kapouse river, thence east 60 chains, thence south 60 chains, thence west 60 chains, thence north 60 chains to point of commencement.

Benjamin C. Clark.

Date, 19th September, 1908. oct31

1909

Never give up. Keek on improving. That's us.
Everything will boom in 1909. So will we.
Watch Alberni grow. Watch us grow with it.

You won't know Alberni this time next year.
Ever try our delivery? The Hyak Express.
A little advice. Keep your eye on the Old Store.
Ready for the boom. Who is? We are.

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Happy New Year. **Try the Old Store.**

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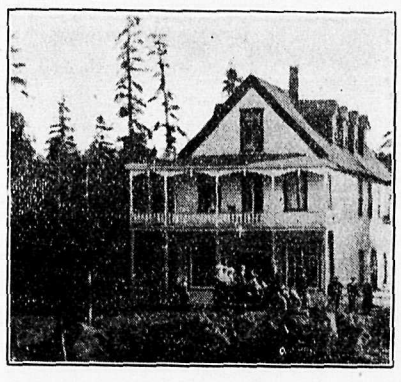

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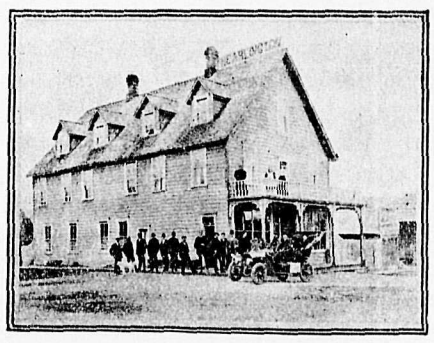

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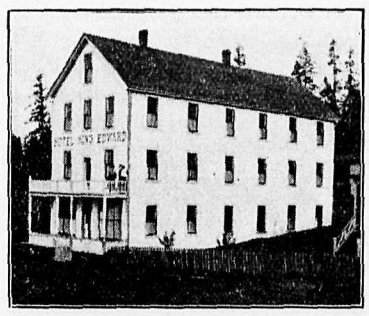

RATES REASONABLE.

J. S. ROLLIN, - Proprietor.

TENDERS WANTED.

Tenders, addressed to A. Cameron, Proctor, B. C., will be received up to Saturday, Jan. 0, 1909, for slashing, stumping and logging 10 acres of land in lot 116.

The work will be pointed out by A. Thomson, Alberni, B. C., from whom all particulars can be obtained.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A. CAMERON,
Proctor, B. C.

SURVEYING.

GEORGE A. SMITH, C. E., B. C. Land Surveyor. Surveys of timber limits, mineral claims, and land subdivisions. Address, P. O. Box 23, Alberni.

H. H. BROWNE, civil and mining engineer, and Provincial land surveyor, has opened an office in Alberni. and is prepared to receive orders for work in any part of the district.

NOTICE.

Application For Incorporation of Railway Company.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to build, construct, maintain and operate a line of railway, of standard guage, to be operated by steam, electricity, or any other power, for the carrying of freight and passengers and express, commencing at the city of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, thence by way of Otter Point and San Juan, to a point on Barclay Sound, near Serita river, with power to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines for the purpose of its business and for the public; and with power to own, use, and operate water powers convenient to the road for railway and other purposes; and with such other powers and privileges which are usually given to railway companies, and which are found in the Model Railway Bill.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 9th day of December, 1908.

BARNARD & ROBERTSON,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

"LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1900"

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date, I, Edward Frigon, intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for a transfer of the license to sell intoxicating liquor on the premises te be known as the Central Hotel, situated at Limestone Island, Quatsino, B. C., to Gustave Moerman, of the City of Victoria, B. C.

Victoria, B. C., 12th December, 1008.

EDWARD FRIGON.

LAND ACT.
ALBERNI LAND DISTRICT.
District of Clayoquot.

Take Notice that Jennie Spencer and and Ada Florence Rennie, by their agent, Fred. W. Muller, of Sproat Lake, B. C., intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on Taylor Arm of Sproat Lake, about three-quarters of a mile in a southerly direction from Lot 622, thence south 25 chains to lake shore, thence easterly following the shore line for about 20 chains, thence northerly about 20 chains to point of commencement.

JENNIE SPENCER,
ADA FLORENCE RENNIE,
Fred. W. Muller, Agent.

Date, December 14, 1908.

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"Alberni is bound to become one of the most Important Towns in Canada."

The above is an extract from a phamphlet recently issued by the Canadian Pacific Railway company.

It is an official announcement.

Beware of "Wild-catters!"

Efforts are being made in cities outside of Alberni to sell Alleged Alberni Town Lots and remote sub-divided wild lands are being offered as choice residential property.

Many Have Already Been Taken In

The Alberni Land Company which holds the only genuine Townsite Property has as yet put only a limited number of Lots on sale. Carmichael & Moorhead are Local Agents.

Investigate Before You Buy

Swamps and Forests can be made to look alluring on surveyor's plans which do not show the bush and rocks. Make your enquiries of some reliable agent in Alberni.

Keep Your Eye on Alberni. It has a Future

Subscribe For the Pioneer News and Keep Posted on Developments.

Grand Masquerade Ball.

Will be given by the Alberni Athletic Club, in Brand's Hall, on Friday, Feb. 12.

Don't miss it!

The Event of the Season.

CARMICHAEL & MOORHEAD

NEW ALBERNI, B. C.

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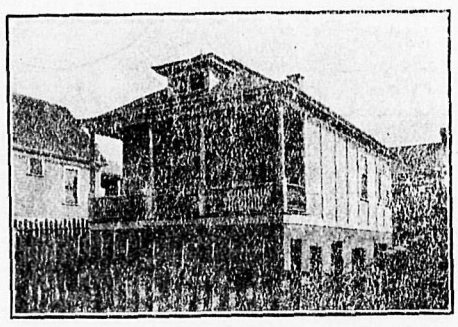

These houses differ from the "Portable" kind as, when constructed, they form substantial and permanent buildings. The lumber is of the finest quality and thoroughly seasoned.

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NEWS GENERAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. J. S. Rollin, New Alberni, left on Monday on a visit to friends in Victoria and Vancouver.

The steamer Tees is due from Victoria again on Monday evening.

A. E. Waterhouse left on Wednesday on a business trip to Victoria.

The new organ for the New Alberni Methodist church has arrived and will be in use at the services tomorrow. Mrs. Norman Wood will preside at the instrument.

The Sunday afternoon Methodist services in Brand's hall have been cancelled for the present.

The Ladies' Aid society of the New Alberni Methodist church, which has been so successful in the entertainment llne, has decided to rest on its laurels till next Spring. In the meantime a big event for Easter Monday will be planned.

Owing to the unfit condition of the ground the football match between the Alberni and New Alberni teams, scheduled for Wednesday last, was postponed for a week.

All tenders for the job of building a fence around the cemetery were considered by the committee to be too high, and the work will be done by day labor.

Miss Janette Robertson, of Parksville, is a guest of Mrs. (Dr.) Morgan.

E. M. Whyte returned on Tuesday from Victoria where he spent the New Years holiday.

At a well attended meeting of the Alberni Conservative association, held in Carlin's hall, on Wednesday night, it was decided to send two delegates to the annual provincial convention to be held in Victoria during the first week of the approaching session of the legislature.

Preparations are being made for a concert to be given in Brand's hall on the night of the 15th inst. The entertainment will be under the auspices of the Men's Club of All Saints church, and an excellent programme is promised.

Bamfield News.

Work on the school building at Bamfield was started with a bee on Dec. 24. Twelve men were engaged, and the outside work was soon completed. Everyone was in a mood for work and the day was quite a success. Following are the names of those who took part: Mr. Ross (in charge of the work), A. McKee, Capt. Gillen, C. Creiffield, D. Monro, H. Taylor, H. Gillis, C. Gillen, J. R. McKay, E. Baker, S. Stone, Mr. Tivey, and, last but not least, the following three lads: E. Godson, J. Godson, A. McKay.

The school will be opened as soon as the teacher arrives.

The following additional subscriptions to the school fund are acknowledged: D. Stivart, $5; Mrs. Mack (Indian), $5.

A card party was given at the Pioneer House on Christmas night when all who attended had a most enjoyable time. Another party was given at the same place on New Year's night when there was music, dancing, cards, etc., everyone present having a thoroughly good time.

BUSINESS NOTICE.

During my absence from Alberni my business will be in charge of James Paul who will be prepared to attend to the wants of my customers.

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In various Qualities and Weights.

Women's and Children's Underwear in Vests, Drawers and Combinations, comprising Scotch Fingering Wool, and Penman's Canadian make. A large assortment. Call and make your selection and keep out the cold.

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