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Citizens Up In Arms Over Mail Service

Demand Made on Authorities for Improved Conditionn this Winter. Object to Contract Again Going to Profiteering Roundhead.

If, as seems likely, the postoffice authorities plan to give only a fortnightly mail service this winter, they are going to have no end of trouble with the people here for Stewart is no longer a forgotten and dead locality in the wilds of northern British Columbia, but a community of energetic business men, mining companies and other concerns who demand decent treatment in tne matter of mail at least. Since the last mail contract was let the population of this section has grown to twenty tim s the size it was a year ago. Yet it is understood it is planned to renew the mail contract on the old winter basis—twice a month.

Such treatment would be a serious drawback to business enterprise here, and it is not proposed to stand for it, even if Stewart has to inaugurate her own service with the outside. It is only a matter of a day's run in here from Prince Rupert, and the business which grows out of this section justifie even more than a weekly service, which was granted during the summer months.

Last year the contract was given to one Swanson, of Prince Rupert, whose service was very unsatisfactory. In fact the man held the community up during the strike and treuled his rates to bring food in. He farmed out the contract to the G.T.P. when that company put a week y service on.

It is understood that Capt. McCrosskie has made a bid for the mail and will bring it four times a month, or more, if he gets the contract. He has a staunch boat and there is no valid reason why he should not be given the contract.

Secretary Watson was instructed at the meeting of the Stewart Citizens' Association last night to wire about the situation to the postmaster general, postoffice Inspector Fletcher, Prince Rupert Board of Trade and Col. C.W. Peck, M.P.

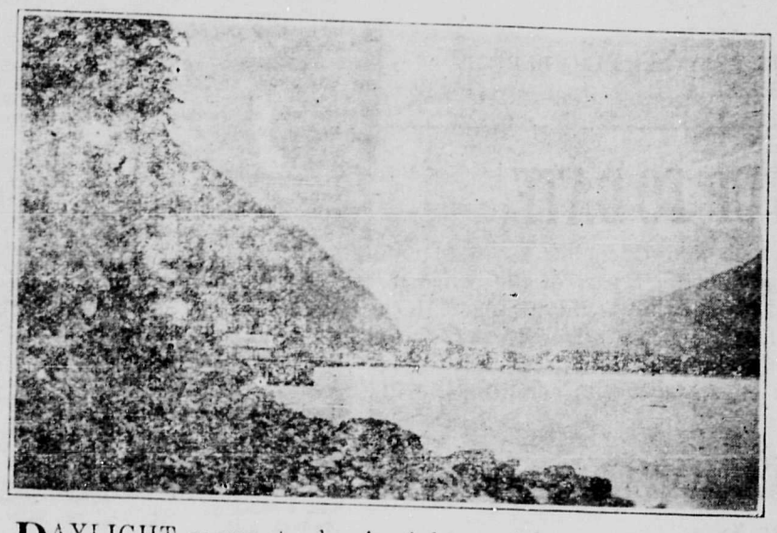
VICTORY LOAN IS GOING AHEAD

Following the meeting of the Stewart Citizens Association last night the meeting resolved itself into a Victory loan committe to see if something could not be done about a local participation in a loan of the kind. It was necessary for the citizens to initiate the matter themselves, owing to this locality having been overlooked to all intents and purposes. Although there were but a few days left, it was decided to make an effort and the following committee was appointed: William Noble, chairman; A. N. Paterson, Sam Fitzgerald, W. H. Watson, J. Cullins.

A safe so large that the building in which it was placed had to be braced thoroughly for safety, is now installed in the Bank of Montreal branch in Stewart.

It arrived on the Prince John and the work of getting it over the long wharf approach and into the bank premises was an onerous task which required almost all the molesular force of men available.

ORE HIGHWAY WILL BE PRACTICALLY COMPLETED WITHIN NEXT TEN DAYS



DAYLIGHT seems to be in sight so far as completion of the ore highway to the Stewart dock is concerned. The up er approach was finished early in the week, and the pile driver is almost down to the middle bridge, where the road will have a shelf of rock on the inner side to support the planking. This shelf is now being blasted out, and in consequence the old foot bridge is shot away, necessitating a detour around the cliffs for foot passengers. This is alright in the daytime for those with steady nerves and sure footed, but is dangerous at night.

The connecting link in the rock work just out of Hyder is nearly made, all the big shots having been fired, and the crew being now breaking up the big loose rocks and getting the debris down to grade. Quite a lot of people go that way now, and at low tide one can go across the mud where the lower bridge will be, but it is kind of gooey and rubbers are needed.

BODY OF MARTIN LOCATED ON SANDBAR

Lying on a gravel bar and badly bruised, the body of Hugh Macpherson Martin, who was drowned on August 4 in Bitter Creek a short distance from where it empties into Bear River, was discovered about half a mile below the mouth of Bitter Creek last Tuesday by Sam Fitzgerald. The dead man's brother was wired for and may be here today to look after the remains.

M rtin was knocked into the water while fixing a tempor ry b idge. The body was not seen by his companions, Bert Olson and Dan Woodmore, after it disappeared into a pile of driftwood. They tried to save him but the strong current swept him away. It was thought the swift water would have lashed the body to pieces, but it was evidently swept out into an eddy. Several searchers have tried to find the body since the river became low. The Fitzgerald brothers on Tuesday had finished prospecting some gro nd and were on their way back to town when they made camp. Sam thought he wou d look for the body and took the dog along. The seen animal soon had Martin's body located.

Ernest Bailey is doing the wiring at the Premier mine for the electric light system.

The Salmon River Trading Co. during the week received information by wire that a coal shortage is probable in the south this winter. That means that coal users here will have to get their orders in immediately.

VICTORY BOND DANCE Saturday, Nov. 15. That is Saturday week. Don't forget.

NEWS OFF THE WIRE.

LONDON, Nov. 7—The House of Commons devoted all yesterday evening to a discussion of the Russian problem. However, there is not any new light on the subject. Labor members atrongly critidized the government for its intervention policy. A statement that the Bolsheviki were willing to negotiate peace with the Entente governments was made by Lt. Col. Lestrange, one of the Liberal members.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 7—Mrs. Lewis and Jack Boyd are expected to be the chief witnesses this afternoon at the inquest of Carso, victim of the shooting tragedy in Holly Lodge yesterday morning. Mrs. Lewis who Carso claimed was his wife, and Boyd, are held by the police. The bail is fixed so high that neither will be released, at least until after the inquest.

BERLIN, Nov. 7—Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, Secretary of Foreign Affairs during the war, caused a mild sensation during Thursday's session of the National Assembly committee investigating the war, when he admit ed that the German authorities had been suspicious that their code, which had been made known to the American authorities was betrayed by them to the Entente.

BERLIN, Nov. 7—Hugo Haase, minority Socialist leader, died today from the effects of an operation for the amputation of a leg.

OTTAWA, Nov. 7—That the Unionist government will not carry on should the House impose upon it the burden of providing additional gratuities for returned men, came from Hon. J. A Calder, chairman of the special committee in Parliament Thursday.

Dalby B. Morkill Provincial Land Surveyor, has finished his field work for the season and gone south. He expects to put in most of the winter at Victoria developing his notes and maps, and to return in the spring.

tice, Irving, assayer at the Premier mine, has gone outside for a vacation. He has been on the job steadily for two years, and figured it was time to rest.

At a meeting of the Stewart Citizens Association Saturday night a sanitary committee was appointed to see that a general clean up for winter was undertaken.

FORTY NINE CAMP IS READY FOR WINTER

Outside Work is Finished For Season and Men Underground

Full Face of Occidental Tunnel in Fine Quality of Mineral

With all the outside work completed and supplies enough at the mine to last fifteen men for seven months, the crew at the Forty Nine have settled down to a winter of progressive development. Superintendent Harry Howson came down from the mine Wednesday evening, and says that affairs there are in a very satisfactory c ndition. Both the Occidental and the Forty Nine tunnels are being driven ahead, the former in shipping ore, and the latter in a good concentrating grade. The Forty Nine tunnel was driven as a crosscut to tap the vein, and when the ore body was reached, was continued as a drift. It is heading toward the high grade ore body which shows on the outcrop.

"Had we the facilities for getting the ore out," said Harry, "we could be making daily shipments right now."

The superintendent believes in keeping a good crew together by providing them not only with necessities but with all possible comforts. With this idea in mind the camp has been built on a thoroughly modern plan, with batus, hot and cold water, oil heaters, the best of grub and an A 1 cook. The medical and first aid supplies were specially selected by George Fraser, and nothing in this line was overlooked, not even the hot water bottle.

A complete assay office is also established at the mine, with Percy Jenns in charge. The convenience and necessity of this need not be amplified.

Considering the fact that the first man went on the ground as late as July 1, and that there were absolutely no improvements there at that time, the Forty Nine crew have made a wonderful record of accomplishment. Now that they are on the underground work a winter of gratifying development is anticipated.

SALVATION ARMY DRIVE IS ON

Ensign W. Kerr, organizer for the Salvation Army in Alaska and northern B.C., visited this section during the week and is organizing committees in Hyder and Stewart to assist the campaign to raise money for the establishment of beneficial institutions in the United States and Canada. This is a part of the big drive to place the S.A. on a firm financial footing, so that they can eliminate the petty begging which has taken so much of their time, and enable them to devote their energies to more useful work. In the cities the Elks are handling the drive, and all returned soldiers' organizations are supporting it.

There is one bear up the Salmon who has been having somewhat of a snap so far as beating the high cost of living is concerned. Some time ago a horse of Hugh Creelman's went over the grade and broke a leg. Jack Crawford put the animal out of its misery with his pack knife, and now the above mentioned bear is laying in a supply of horse meat to last him through the winter. The gruesome details were brought to town by Mickey Graham, the packer.

Pete Jepson, of Jepson and Johnson, merchants of Ruby, was in camp this week doing things up. He expects to return in the spring.

Premier Deal Is Finished

MOTORSLEDS FOR PREMIER MINE

Next week the motorsled ore truck ordered for a try-out by the Premier Gold Mining Company should arrive here on the Prince John, Superintendent W. G. Harris having received word that it has been shipped from Seattle. Mr. Harris does not anticipate that a proper test can be given the new hauling device until around the middle of December, as the heavy snow does not come as a rule before that time. If the tractor proves to be the success which its makers claim for it, others will be ordered in sufficient number to handle the tonnage which the company expects to ship this winter. Barring the depth of snow there are no difficulties on the road and until the tractor is in operation the road will be kept open by teams. One snowslide crosses the road at Eleven-Mile but no trouble is anticipated from it.

It is the intention to install compressor machinery at the mine about the middle of December and put in power drills. When this is done the daily ore tonnage will be materially increased.

Meanwhile everything at the mine has been put in ship-shape for the winter for carrying out the development program laid out some time ago. An electric light plant has been installed and the bunk house, cook house, compressor building and ore sorting shed are now being wired for lights, and lines will be carried to the mine entrances.

If there has been a deal made for the sale of the Premier there has been no official information of the fact received here, and no change in the working program already outlined has been made. Vice President R.K. Neill is expected in next Thursday, and will perhaps dispel or confirm the rumors that have been floating about.

BERRY'S BOAT IS DISCOVERED

That George M. Berry has met his death by drowning as reported last week has been practically confirmed by the finding of his boat which was floating bottom side up almost opposite Swamp Point, 35 miles down the canal. The discovery was made by Jim Martin lineman on the Canadian government telegraph line. How the tragedy occurred will undoubtedly remain an unsolved mystery. No trace of the body has been found.

Reports received from Ruby say that favorable prospects for a good camp appear to exist on Hog river on the lower Koyukak river. Ernest McLeod who spent last winter in the Hog river country, and who brought the first reports to Ruby last spring, believes that there is a good future in sight there. Special parties of stampeders who went in from Ruby last summer report that they were able to do very little prospecting as the ground, while shallow, averaging from four to eight feet deep is frozen to bedrock and very wet. McLeod sunk several holes by freezing them down and says the prospects indicate a large body of pay running from 30 to 40 cents to the square foot of bedrock.

Confirmation of the reported sale of a big interest in the Premier mine is contained in an interview with R. K. Neill, general manager of the Premier Gold Mining Co., in the Vancouver Province. The new blood in the company represents Guggenheim and Silverman interests. Reorganization has been accomplished and plans have been made for a progressive program of development. R.W. Wood, of Fernie remains as president of the company and Mr. Neill as general manager. Other officers now are: Vice-president and managing director, H.A. Guess, northwest manager of the American Refining and Smelting Co.; second vice-president, Minor C. Keith, a fruit importer of New York, who has not been in the mining business before; secretary, W.E. Norris of the Guggenheims; treasurer, L.A. Chapin. Directors, R. W. Wood and W.R. Wilson of Fernie; R.K. Neill of Spokane; H.E. Price of the Silverman group; M. C. Keith, W. C. Potter and H.A. Guess of New York.

While Mr. Neill made no announcement as to the price, the amount of money involved is unquestionably so large a sum as to make the deal the largest transaction of the nature which ever took place in British Columbia. It is understood that a 40 per cent interest changed hands.

With the consummation of this deal the certain amount of hesitancy which marred progress in the Portland Canal will bi-appear, for the company now has all the money it requires to undertake the opening of its great mine on a large scale. It is thought that the development program, which contemplated the shipment of ore this winter will be carried forward. It is expected that enlarged plans for development contemplate a railway to the mine and ther by a cheapening of shipping costs and the expense of getting supplies to the property.

During the past summer many well known engineers examined the property. These men represented the Guggenheims, Hayden and Stone, Federal and other money groups.

BIG MISSOURI IS SNUG CAMP

Everything is snug for the winter at the Big Missouri camp, William Noble, who is in charge, reports. All of the supplies are now on the hill and a fine crew of men have settled down to remain for the winter. The cabins have been made warm and comfortable and the camp is one of excellence and convenience. Development is progressing in the crosscut tunnel on the E Pluribus claim of the Big Missouri group.

A new discovery has been made at the headwaters of the north fork of Marmot river by McIntyre and associates. The find adds a new section to this district. The ore has some of the characteristics of H. C. Magee's property and may be on an extension of the same belt.

Al Chapin has gone to Seattle to look up his old northern partner, Harry Parter, and bring him back here. Al is greatly taken with the camp, and wants to pass the good word along.

A. C. Whitney, who has been working on the telephone line, has received a message that his wife is very sick in Wrangel. He will leave for there on the next boat.

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While it is to be regretted this section is getting a late start, it is not believed this will affect the final result, provided, of course, sufficient energy is developed,

The thing to do now is to get organized and see what Stewart can do in the way of buying bonds which are the best investment in Canada today, with the whole country back of the guarantee. The interest alone is a big inducement, but there is the stronger one, that the country needs the money

No politics is entering into this campaign. Mackenzie King, leader of the Liberal party, has given the campaign his support and leaders in all walks of life are getting behind the Government in this, no matter what their politics or prejudices.

The Government has critics and opponents, but for the loan the hatchet is buried and everybody is disposed to get out and hustle for the country's sake.

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Stewart should do its share even though belated organization will act as a serious drawback.

There is no definite information as to whether the big deal at the Premier mine has been consummated or not. Lacking details there is a measure of uncertainty with business enterprises. The development program of the Premier Mining Co. is one that means great activity this winter if followed. Whether new l oo l would proceed with this grogram, or institute a new one and not ship ore this winter but lay plans for a railroad and for less expensive shipping methods eventually, is a question it is hoped there will be an answer to with the definite news as to whether the reported sale was made or not.

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Partnership pre-emptions abolished, but parties of not more than four may arrange for adjacent pre-emptions with joint residence, but each making necessary improvements on respective claims.

Pre-emptors must occupy claims for five years and make improvements to value of $10 per acre, including clearing and cultivation of at least 5 acres, before receiving Crown Grant.

Where pre-emptor in occupation not less than 3 years, and has made proportionate improvements, he may, because of ill-health, or other cause, be granted intermediate certificate of improvement and transfer his claim.

Records without permanent residence may be issued, provided applicant makes improvements to extent of $300 per annum and records same each year. Failure to make improvements or record same will operate as forfeiture. Title cannot be obtained in less than 5 years, and improvements of $10.00 per acre, including 5 acres cleared and cultivated, and residence of at least 2 years are required.

Pre-emptor holding Crown grant may record another pre-emption, if he requires land in conjunction with his farm, without actual occupation, provided statutory improvements made and residence maintained on Crown granted land.

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites; title to be obtained after fulfilling residential and improvement conditions.

For grazing and industrial purposes areas exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or company.

Mill, factory or industrial sites on timber land not exceeding 40 acres may be purchased; conditions include payment of stumpage.

Natural hay meadows inaccessible by existing roads may be purchased conditional upon construction of a road to them. Rebate of one-half of cost of road, not exceeding half of purchase price, is made.

PRE-EMPTORS' FREE GRANTS ACT.

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One of the interesting histories of successful business men in the northland is that of Harry Hanson, the "bum" plumber of Prince Rupert. His patented water heating coil is now generally in use in the northern towns, especially in homes, where through use of his patent, which costs only $20, the former trials of housekeeping, especially as regards quick and cheap hot water, are things of the past.

When Hanson reached Prince Rupert a few years ago he was down and out and broke. He had tossed up a coin to tell whether he should go there or not. Arriving in the northern metropolis he pitched into the first job in sight. Although he was a firstclass plumber, there was no work at his trade at decent wages so he was compelled to do any work available.

Those who heard he was a plumber and plumber thonght he must be a "bum" plumber or he would be working at his trade. He little thought at that time that he would capitalize the term.

The name of "Harry Hanson the Bum Plumber" is now becoming widely known and he is prospering. Mr. Hanson plans to visit Stewart and Hyder in the spring though he may come sooner if demand arises for his water coil.

FROM OTHER CAMPS

Last year 2,578,724 tons of coal were produced in B. C.

Large deposits of alum and some potash have been found on the west coast of Vancouver island.

Fred Keffer's company is resuming operations on the Chataway mine in Highland Valley.

The Rock Candy mine on Lynch Creek is making shipments of fluorspar to the trail smelter.

George Isaac, one of the oldest prospectors in the Cariboo, is dead at the age of 86.

A mineral exhibit of Kamloops district is being shown in Chicago.

The Alice mine at Nighthawk, Wash. is shipping concentrates to Utah.

Since 1911 the world' silver production has declined 28 per cent.

In 1918, 188,967 tons of coke were made in B. More than 80 per cent was made in East Kootenay.

The Panama dry-silver property at Bear lake in the Lardeau district has been reopened by H. Geigerich of Kaslo who is now sole owner. The work being undertaken is a continuation of the long drift on the ledge to get under the showings above. The tunnel has yet to go about 200 feet to get to the ore body.

DOMINION LANDS

INCREASE IN RATE OF INTEREST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of an act to amend the Dominion Lands Act, passed at the last session of Parliament, and commencing from the 7th July, 1919, where interest is chargeable the rate of such interest on all new transactions in connection with Dominion Lands shall be six per centum per annum; also that from the 1st of September, 1919, the rate on all overdue instalments in connection with both past and future transactions will be increased to seven per centum per annum.

By order,
L. PEREIRA,
Secretary.

Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, August 26, 1919.

LAND ACT

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO LEASE LAND

In Skeena Land District, recording district of Prince Rupert, and situate at Stewart, B. C.

Take notice that E. R. Workman of Stewart, occupation engineer, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described tide lands:

Commencing at a post planted on the east side of Portland Canal about half mile southerly of T.R. No. 9, thence southerly 3000 feet following canal shore and adjacent to H.L.L. 2/38 thence northerly 3000 feet paralleling the shore line, thence easterly 325 feet to said post and containing twenty acres more or less. E. R. WORKMAN

Dated Sept. 18, 1919.

MINERAL ACT.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Unum Fraction, Union Fraction, Win Fraction, J. P. Fraction, G. T. Fraction, Falls View Mineral Claims, situate in the Portland Canal Mining Division of Cassiar District.

Where located:—On the upper Salmon River Valley.

Take notice that I, William Noble, F.M.C No. 16396-C, acting as agent for Daniel Lindeborg, F.M.C. No. 25358-C; Andrew Lindeborg, F.M.C. No. 25357-C; Laura McEwan, executrix of the Hiram Stevenson estate; and Duncan Cameron Barbrick, F.M.C. No. 32251-C, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issue of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 28th day of July, A.D. 1919.
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AN AGGREGATE VALUE OF $637,353,581.

The substantial progress of the Mining Industry in this Province is strikingly exhibited in the following figures, which show the value of production for successive five-year periods: For all years to 1895, inclusive, $94,547,241; for five years, 1896-1900, $57,605,967; for five years, 1901-1905, $96,509,968; for five years, 1906-1910, $125,534,474; for five years, 1911-1915, $142,072,603; for the year 1916, $42,290,462; for the year 1917, $37,010,392; for the year 1918, $41,782,474.

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Lode mining has only been in progress for about 20 years, and not 20 per cent. of the Province has been even prospected; 300,000 square miles of unexplored mineral-bearing land are open for prospecting.

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STEWART LOCAL NOTES

In view of the probable coal shortage in the south this winter it would be wise to order early.

Jack Sutherland and Harry Kingsbury of Anchorage were Stewart visitors last week.

Will Cameron and P. S. Jack returned from Prince Rupert Wednesday.

Dr. M. W. Bruner has gone up Salmon River to examine some mining property he is interested in.

H. C. Magee of Vancouver, one of the Marmot river pioneers, came up on the Prince John last week and made a trip up to his properties in company with P. Byrne, an oldtimer of Dawson. Mr. Magee will go south again on the next Grand Trunk boat.

Tom L. Carr who has been here for the greater part of the summer will leave for Alice Arm on the next boat.

W. L. MacMaughton of the Stewart pharmacy is expected from the south next week.

The second dance of the S.C.A. in the new Stewart hall will be given tonight.

Pete La France who used to run the American Creek roadhouse and who was arrested on a statutory charge in Stewart last summer, was found guilty at the trial in Prince Rupert and sentenced to serve 10 years and receive 30 lashes.

FOR RENT—Two roomed cabin and shed. Apply News office.

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Don't forget that the Portland Canal News is published in the interests of he whole district.

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