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DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS ON SALMON RIVER

All of the Well Known Properties in Famous Section Are Steady Operators This Winter.

Program at Premier Mine Includes Shipment of 3000 Tons of High Grade Ore.

This time of the year the mines of the district are down to a strictly business basis, and as a source of news are of a somewhat negligible quantity. Reports of new discoveries are noticible by their absence, Nature's mantle of white having driven the prospector and small operator into winter quarters. Outside work of every desiription is necessarily at a standstill and the work being prosecuted in the developing mines is carried on in a quiet, steady manner.

Considering the shortness of the summer season, and the fact that it is impossible to see the surface in the higher mountains until midsummer, it is a source of gatification that so many properties of the district were able to accomplish sufficient outside work to enable them to employ substantial crews of men through the winter. An even half dozen properties on the Salmon and Bear river slopes are forging ahead with all the men who can be conveniently employed underground. Of these the Premier takes precedence, though the crew now employed there is far short of what it will be later in the season when all the stopes are put in operation. It is General Manager Neill's expressed determination to ship from 2,500 to 3,000 tons of ore this winter, and the extraction of this amount means the employment of fifty or sixty men, though this figure is not named as being authoritative.

If the snow tractor does what its makers claim for it, breaking the road and hauling twelve tons of ore at a trip as well, the shipping problem will be greatly simplified But if the tractor proves a disappointment the ore will come down to the inlet by horse power, it being the intention in this event to employ at least forty teams. The road is being kept "broke," and for the first time in years there was sufficient cold weather to freeze the ground before the first heavy fall of snow, thus assuring a good solid roadbed. The Premier company has constructed a warehouse on one of their large scows for housing the ore, and a number of large flat wagon beds are being constructed for the ore sleighs, the latter being of the heaviest and most substantial type.

Assistant General Manager D. L. Pitt, appointed sinee the Guggenheim and Keith interests bought into the property, has taken hold with a vim which assures a vigorous and capable management. Mr, Pitt is ably assisted by Superintendent W. G, Harris, under whose direction the Premier has reached its present high state of development.

Mr. Neill has stated that by the end of next year the ore road to the Premier will be second to none in the west it being the intention to widen and ditch it wherever necessary, as well as giving it a thoroughly modern surfacing. The story of the Premier road is an epic in itself, starting as it did, as a narrow track for hand sleds, and gradually improved as funds could be spared for the purpose and obtained from a none too easy money market. Mr. Neill has had a long, hard pull of it to put the Premier on its feet and overcoming the difficulties of securing efficient transportation facilities has been not the least of his troubles. However it now looks as though his worries are about over, and he can sit back and take it easy. Anyone however who thinks that Mr. Neill has planned a life of flowery ease for himself is sadly mistaken, ss he has always been a worker and is not yet ready to get out of harness.

At the Forty Nine, Superintendent Harry Howson has fifteen men working in two tunnels, known as the Forty Nine and Occidental. The full face of the latter is in high grade, and shipments could be made right now if there was a road to the property. Everything coming out of the mine is being saved and will eventually find its way down the hill and to a smelter. The owners are not worrying about expenses and can afford to wait awhile to realize on their invesnment in the mine. The ore from the Occidental adit, or such samples as have been brought down lately, looks more like jewelry than ore, native silver predominating, with a generous sprinkling of ruby and brittle silver. In the Forty Nine tunnel the drift is in good concentrating ore which will be saved for treatment on the property. There is plenty of high grade showing in the suaface workings of this vein which will eventually be reached by this tunnel.

No recent reports have been received from the Bush Mines Ltd.. Superintendent Harry Tanner being holed up with his crew at the property. The last report, from an unofficial source, was to the effect that the high grade ore typical of the camp had been encountered in the tunnel.

William Noble, whose faith in the district has never wavered from the time he first set foot here so many years ago that it would be a shame to mention the date, is crosscutting on the E Pluribus claim of the Big Missouri group for the high grade ore which appears above. The mine is owned by the Pacific Exploration Co., of which Sir Donald Mann is the head. Everyone acquainted with the district knows what kind of a mine the Big Missouri is destined to become. Dan Lindeborg and his brother Andy were locators of the property, and when Dan was asked the other day why he was so persistent in his determination to stay by the camp when all interest had passed it by, said he always believed that if the Big Missouri was not a mine there was no use prospecting any further. Dan has made a stake out of the property but has various other interests which will claim his attention here. He will soon be on his way to Honolulu for a vacation.

At the Mineral Hill a full crew is employed under the superintendency of Al Harris. The Mineral Hill has a fine showing of ore and is expected to eventually become one of the heavy shippers of the district. Al is also in charge of the Lake View mine up Bear river, on which all the necessary outside work was completed just before the snow came, and where two shifts are employed underground. Bill Fillier is foreman here, and he has the reputation of getting maximum results, as well as keeping around him a thoroughly satisfied gang.

On the Alaska side of the line the only property working is the New Alaska, which is under lease to Chas. E. Caldwell, the well known Sloean operator. A crosscut tunnel is being driven under contract and the outlook is good for the development of a big producer. Mr. Caldwell is a most enthusiastic booster for the district. Beside his mining interests he also holds the charter to build a railroad up Salmon river.

Taken as a whole, the outlook for continued prosperity throughout this, the first winter of the new industrial era here, is most encouraging. The towns of Stewart and Hyder are not founded on faith alone, but upon a knowledge of the inexhaustible wealth which Mother Nature has planted in our hills, and which the skill, perseverance and bulldog tenacity of our mining men have brought into the light of day.

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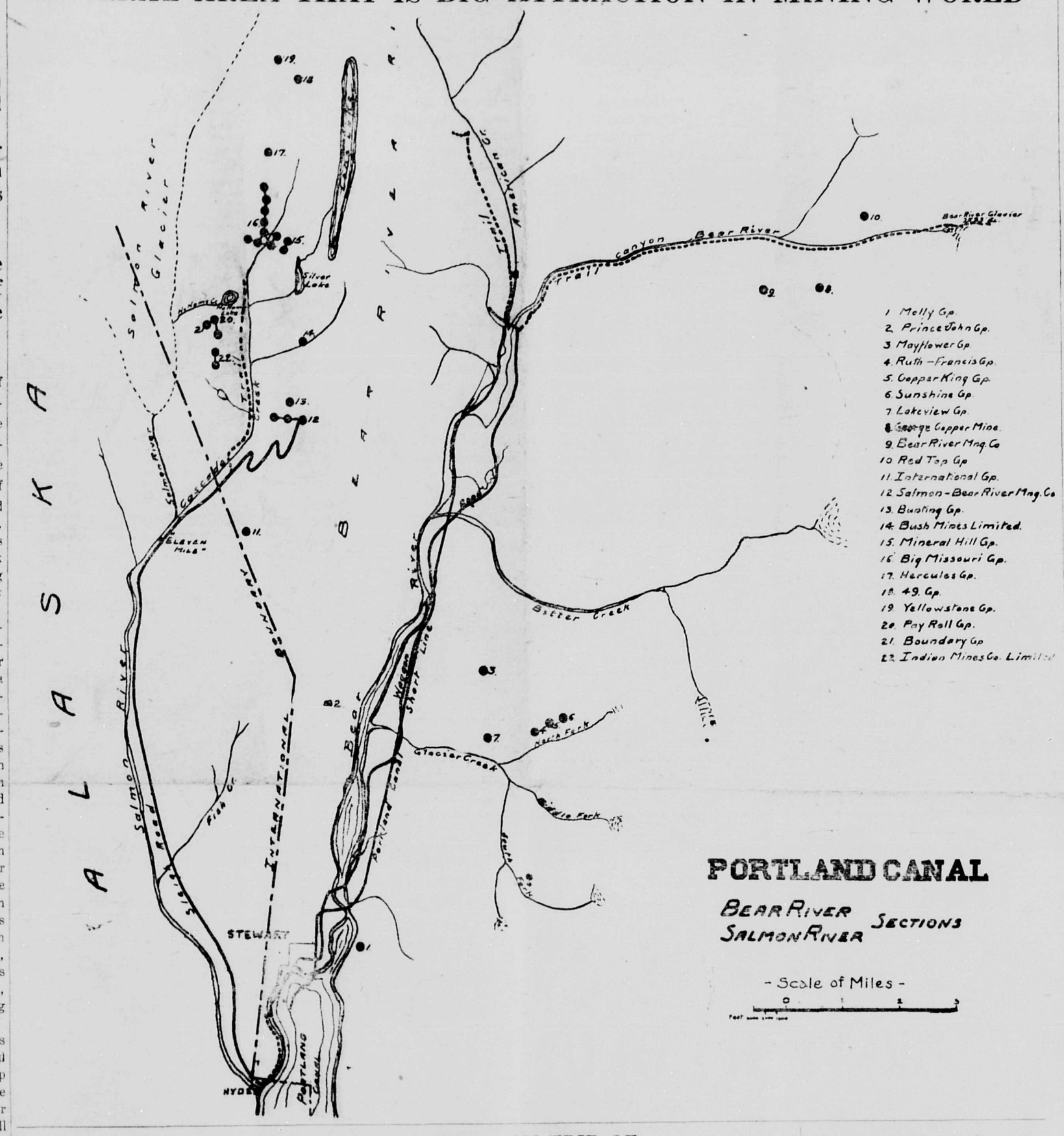

MINISTER OF MINES ON TRIP OF EXAMINATION OF BIG SHOWINGS

STANDING in the foreground of this picture is Hon. Wm. Sloan, minister of mines. This is how the Big Missouri camp looked last spring when the minister visited the camp. Since then the camp has been made snug for winter. Hon. Mr. Sloan on that occasion visited all the working properties in the Salmon River section.

Swanson Denies Allegation

With regard to the allegation that he had charged an excessive freight rate for bringing food from Prince Rupert to Stewart during the strike, Swanson, of Prince Rupert, who arrived Tuesday with the Premier snow tractor, denies that his rates were excessive. He says he had always charged $20 a ton and did so on that occasion. As for his services during the time he was carrying the mail, he says that the government paid him for only eight trips, whereas he brought the mail nineteen times.

UNICORN WILL ALSO OPERATE THIS WINTER

Instructions to begin immediate work on the Unicorn group on Salmon River have been received from J.R. McDonald in New York. Bill McGrew will start out with a crew at once, breaking trail for Reed's packtrain which will take in two tons of supplies.

Starting camp at this time of year is a difficult undertaking. It is understood that the Unicorn is to be diamond drilled at once.

GET READY FOR SANTA CLAUS

Preparations for the Christmas tree for the kiddies on Saturday evening, Dec. 27, are going on apace. The various committees are working hard and at the last report had everything in fine order. A feature of the evening decided upon is the dance of the children just previous to the arrival of Santa Claus. Nothing in the history of Stewart and the district has so attracted the grown-ups who are entering as heartily into the spirit of the affair as the children themselves. That there will be presents for all the children, and all they can eat of the good things of the season, is assured by the weight of the collection boxes which have been distributed in places where spare change is wont to make its appearance.

MASQUE BALL NEW YEAR EVE

Elaborate preparations are being made for a masquerade ball at the town hall in Stewart on New Year's eve. The affair will be under the auspices of the Stewart Citizens' Association. It will be one of the semi-monthly terpsichores during the winter, but will be a more elaborate affair than any given heretofore. An augmented orchestra is planned, and there will also be refreshments which the ladies will provide. The various musicians have already begun to tune up for practice. The intention is to make this dance the big one of the season, and the committee which will be appointed will set out with that object.

SNOW TRACTOR HERE AT LAST

In tow of the tug Provincial the snow tractor for use in hauling ore from the Premier mine to the beach arrived this morning.

MINERAL ACT

Certificate of Improvements.

Notice

Columbia and Evening Sun mineral claims situate in the Portland Canal mining division of Cassiar district.

Where located: on the middle fork of Glacier Creek, tributary of Bear River, 8 miles from Stewart.

Take notice that I, W. W. Rush, F.M.C. No. 34141 C, acting as agent for Arthur Bagg, F.M.C. No. 12255, 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.

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Synopsis of Land Act Amendments

Minimum price of first-class land reduced to $5 an acre; second-class to $2.50 an acre.

Pre-emption now confined to surveyed lands only.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes and which is non-timber land.

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.

The scope of this Act is enlarged to include all persons joining and serving with His Majesty's Forces. The time within which the heirs or devisees of a deceased pre-emptor may apply for title under this Act is extended from for one year from the death of such person, as formerly, until one year after the conclusion of the present war. This privilege is also made retroactive.

No fees relating to pre-emptions are due or payable by soldiers on pre-emptions recorded after June 26, 1918. Taxes are remitted for five years.

Provision for return of moneys accrued, due and been paid since August 4, 1914, on account of payments, fees or taxes on soldiers' pre-emptions.

Interest on agreements to purchase town or city lots held by members of Allied Forces, or dependents, acquired direct or indirect, remitted from enlistment to March 31, 1920.

SUB-PURCHASERS OF CROWN LANDS.

Provision made for issuance of Crown grants to sub-purchasers of Crown Lands, acquiring rights from purchasers who failed to complete purchase, involving forfeiture, on fulfilment of conditions of purchase, interest and taxes. Where sub-purchasers do not claim whole of original parcel, purchase price due and taxes may be distributed proportionately over whole area. Applications must be made by May 1, 1920.

GRAZING.

Grazing Act, 1919, for systematic development of livestock industry provides for grazing districts and range administration under Commissioner. Annual grazing permits issued based on numbers ranged; priority for established owners. Stock-owners may form Associations for range management. Free, or partially free, permits for settlers, campers or travellers, up to ten head.

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STEWART, B. C., Nov. 27, 1919

Portland Canal News today finds it difficult to accommodate its advertisers. The way the advertising colums have filled up is a good barometer of business conditions here. It has been said that a town is best known by its newspaper.

It is exceedingly gratifying to the trail blazers of the Portland Canal to see so many properties at work this winter and justifying their faith.

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