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CLOTHIER'S REPORT ON BEAR RIVER

Following is the ninth installment of Clothier's report and deals with the Bear River section:

Red Top Group—This property has been under bond to G. Seiffert of Seattle, and associates since last spring. Under the supervision of Mr. Seiffert a considerable amount of work has been done in a very miner like manner. Conditions in the spring, due to high water, were anything but encouraging for this part of the district. However, roads and trails were repaired and improved, supplies taken in and mining work finally got under way at least a month earlier than under normal conditions. The old foot trail from the Bar-Nass trail to the camp, a distance of a mile or more, was improved to a fair horse trail, and a good horse trail built from the camp to the upper tunnel.

There are two showings on the property, occurring in the Bear river formation. At an elevation of 3850 feet, about 400 feet above the camp, a fine showing of galena has been exposed in an open cut. The vein is about five feet wide, of quartz and calcite gangue, with inclusions of greenstone country rock, mineralized with galena and pyrite. On the hanging wall are about 18 inches banded quartz in which are small bunches of galena; the balance of the vein is a coarse conglomerate of quartz, galena, calcite and greenstone, the whole carrying, I should judge, about one per cent lead. The silver content is shown as 16.8 oz. a ton in an assay of 70.7 per cent lead. The vein strikes east-west and across with the hill, at about 55 degrees to the south. It has been traced diagonally down the slope for several hundred feet. At a convenient point on the steep side, at at an elevation of [illegible] feet, a crosscut tunnel is being driven on a bearing of north 30 degrees west to tap the vein. It is estimated that it will require from 210 to 240 feet of tunnel. I have later been informed by Mr. Seiffert that 188 feet had been driven when it became necessary to quit on account of the heavy snow. There are indications of the proximity of the vein in the face of the tunnel. This is a very promising showing and, from the topography of the hillside, I think is being opened up in the best possible way.

On the camp another crosscut tunnel is being driven to get under a copper-showing, briefly described in 1919 report. It is 178 feet horizontally from the mouth of the tunnel to the showing, but the dip of the vein is into the hill and will require a longer tunnel. It has now been driven 132 feet, of which the first 80 feet, through slide rock, required timbering and therefore was slow work. Although this tunnel is too low for exploratory work, Mr. Seiffert's judgment in getting the depth, especially considering the bunchy and contorted nature of the surface showings. The results of the extension of both tunnels in the spring will be of interest and importance to the remainder of this area.

L. L. & H. Group—This group was staked in the earlier days by Lydden, Lade & Hartley and has had considerable work done on it by the owners. The claims are situated on Hartley gulch, on the north side of Bitter creek, about eight miles from its mouth. The property is now under option to Mr. Tubman and associates of Victoria. This season's work consisted of repairing and building new trail up Bitter creek and from the Bitter creek trail up to the camp, building a new cabin, putting in a trail from the camp to the workings, and some surface work. Everything is now in good shape to go ahead with the development of the showings.

There are three parallel fissures lying in a somewhat broken and distorted country rock of argillite, which is intruded by greenstone. They strike about south 70 degrees east, paralleling the gulch, and dip 60 degrees northeast into the hill. The vein filling is partly quartz and partly ground and broken up country rock, all mineralized with arsenical iron, and small amounts of galena and chalcopyrite in place.

The upper vein has been exposed on the surface by open cuts and also has been cut by a 35 foot crosscut tunnel. The vein, where cut in the tunnel, shows about a foot of black, plastic mud on the footwall; then 16 inches of quartz; then about 16 inches of black, ground up argillite mineralized with some iron pyrite. The quartz is mineralized with pyrite, disseminated and in bunches, zinc blende, and a little galena, and carries fair values in gold with a little silver. Picked samples of the heavy, coarser sulphides assay very well in gold. From here to the face, about seven feet, is a greyish rock disseminated with pyrite which probably is part of the vein. The elevation of the tunnel is 3700 feet. About 300 feet lower another tunnel has been driven 232 feet, crosscutting the lower vein and cannot be very far from the middle vein. An open crevice was cut in the tunnel, from which there is a heavy flow of water. There is a width of about 45 feet of a more or less silicified and pyritized rock that would be well to investigate for milling ore. About four feet of this, next to the hanging wall, is mineralized quartz, averaging, it is claimed, $44.60, mainly in gold.

To eliminate the difficulties of getting supplies, timber and other materials up the steep side hill from the creek bed to the tunnel, Mr. Tubman proposes to start work at the creek higher up, pick up the veins there—possibly a short crosscut tunnel will be necessary—and drift on them. This work would obtain good depth on the veins and be very convenient. Altogether the property is looking promising.

. . STEWART LOCAL NEWS . .

Peanut Butter, (Unicorn brand) fresh and rich in oil, S. R. T. Co.

William Cameron is now living in his house on Seventh street.

Eric Cameron left for Swamp Point on Wednesday last on the Chuqualla.

O. B. Bush, who is very prominent in local mining circles, has, according to reports, gone to the oil fields, and is now in Edmonton.

William Fraser and Johnny Ryan went up to the Marmot early in the week for the purpose of doing assessment work on their claims.

Dan McDonald and Vince Lade left town the other day, and are now working on the Lucky Boy group, Fish creek, which is being opened up by Pat Benson and associates.

William Jancowski and H. E. Scovil were in town for a few days during the week, having completed their contract on the Premier right-of-way. They are now at the Bush mines.

See our advt. for Special Bargains. Salmon River Trading Co

Clean up the backyard. In the winter's accumulation of debris may be a few dead cats and dogs, tin cans, old sox, shoes, etc. Such delicate articles do not add to the beauty of a home.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Benson are down from Fish Creek and are staying at the Baldwin hotel. Mrs. Benson's sister, Miss Jean McDonald, will arrive from Vancouver on this week's boat, to spend the summer.

Roy Moseley is certainly setting the pace for production. He has spaded the ground back of the King Edward hotel, laid it out in beds, and planted onions, radishes and lettuce. Later on Irish oranges will be planted.

W. H. Watson, who has been confined to his bed since last Friday, this morning was taken to the hospital to undergo an operation.

Jack Swanson cut his toe on the Premier right of way on Wednesday last and came into town in order that the doctor might attend to it.

Bert Wing came in on Wednesday from Swamp Point on the Granby Company's boat Chuqualla, for provisions. Work is progressing very well at the point, and the diamond drill is making a good showing.

The community as a whole was greatly relieved the other day when Mr. and Mrs. Bratholf returned. They were a number of days overdue here from the Salmon river glacier, and considerable alarm was felt for their safety.

Chris G. Benson has opened a store at Fish creek bridge, on the Salmon. In addition to this he has provided sleeping accommodation for eight people. It is Mr. Benson's intention to cater to fishermen and hunters during the coming summer.

Royal Salad Dressing. Use only the best. Salmon River Trading Co.

A farewell dance was given at the Newell building at the latter end of last week to Norman McLeod, who left on the Provincial for the oil fields. The number of people who turned out, and the spirit that pervaded the whole evening's proceedings, spoke volumes for the popularity of the guest of honor. Mrs. Hodgkinson, in her usual able manner, presided at the piano, accompanied by P. S. Jack on the violin. The floor was crowded with dancers, most of whom refused to go home until 3 o'clock a. m.

Don't go home hungry. Get a lunch at Tooth's Smoke Shop.

MYSTERIOUS BEER

It Suddenly Disappeared and Came Back Again

E. W. Maxwell appeared in court before Justice of the Peace Cameron on Saturday last, charged with vagrancy and being drunk, to which he pleaded guilty, and was let out on suspended sentence.

It appears that H. P. Gibson had stored in a warehouse on the dock some ten barrels of beer. Several days after the last boat went out it was suddenly discovered that seven of these had been stolen—that is, the beer had been taken out and the barrels left. On this discovery being made a trap was laid to catch the thieves.

About 10:30 Friday evening, Maxwell, who had had a few drinks, and who had been fishing all day, went down to the dock to see about some oars which were supposed to be left there. On passing the Premier office he noticed that the door was little bit open. He struck a match to look at it, and immediately a man put a gun in his face, and told him to put up his hands—which he did. He was then informed that he was under arrest. The man then went to the phone and phoned into town. The police were notified and went down to the dock and took him into custody.

No evidence was produced to prove that he had taken any beer, or had any intention of doing so.

Aceording to rumor the seven barrels of beer, which were stolen, were returned to Mr. Gibson before Maxwell came up for trial.

Fresh milk at Tooth's

WARNING

There have been two chimney and one roof fire in Stewart during the past week. In addition to this we are given to understand that there have been four in Hyder. This is dry, windy weather. Your chimneys are dirty after the winter. Unless you attend to the cleaning at once, and are very careful, you are running a chance of being burnt out.

Drink Union-made Silver Springs at Tooth's.

RED CLIFF MINE TO AGAIN OPERATE

According to information to hand, R. W. Wood and A. B. Trites have taken over the Red Cliff mine on the Bear river, which has been shut down since 1912. At the time of going to press very little is known of the deal, except that it has gone through, and that it is the intention of the new owners to do considerable development work on the Montrose claim of the group. This claim is situated in the canyon on Lydden creek, and has on it a large outcropping very similar in mode of occurrence to those showings where the old workings are situated, but differing, in that it has a smaller percentage of copper, and a greater of iron pyrites, with correspondingly higher gold values. Very little work has so far been done on this showing, save a few shots on the surface.

Beyond this, very little is known locally and the details of the deal are not known at all. Therefore, this will be given at a later date with the history of the property.

GARDEN COMPETITION

TO THE CHILDREN: A flower garden competition will be held for you this summer. Twenty dollars in cash prizes will be given by the Tooth Smoke Shop and the Portland Canal News. The prizes will be divided in the following manner:

FIRST PRIZE, $10
SECOND PRIZE, $6
THIRD PRIZE, $4

There will be three judges who will award the prizes. In order to enter the competition you must comply with the following:

Your name must be entered in the Portland Canal News office on or before May 9.

Your garden must not be less than ten feet square and at your own home.

All local children may compete; boys under 10 years of age, and girls under 12, may work in pairs or threes as they wish, subject to the approval of the judges.

Those children who are so situated that they have no ground to cultivate, may select a plot away from their home. This also is subject to the approval of the judges.

You must do all the cultivating yourselves: even to the digging.

Your garden will be judged somewhere about the middle of July—the exact date has not yet been decided

Small Blaze

Fire broke out at 8 o'clock last Monday morning on the roof of McLeod's house. It appears that the Watson children, on their way to school, saw fire on the roof; Violet ran in to tell the McLeods and then up town to give the alarm; but before many people could get there the fire was put out with the aid of water and pyrene. Mrs. Watson did splendid work in pumping water for the men who were on the roof. Mr. McLeod informed the News that the fire broke out on the roof, around the "safety" chimney, and the only way he can account for it is that the chimney must have been on fire.

May Day Dance

Undoubtedly the best dance of the season was the Citizens' Association May Day dance, held in the Stewart hotel, on Wednesday evening last. With Mrs. Hodgkinson at the piano, accompanied by P. S. Jack and J. P. Scarlet on violin and celo, there was nothing left to be desired in the way of music. By far the largest crowd seen at a dance in Stewart for many months, thoroughly enjoyed themselves until 2:30 a.m. The management certainly owe the Hyder Auto Jitney service a debt of gratitude for the spirit they displayed in running a free bus from Hyder.

BLAZES LAST TRAIL

John Ord, Traveler and Prospector, Dies in Stewart

The death occurred at 2 p.m., Friday last, of John Ord, age 60, in a cabin between the Empress hotel and Fifth street. This is one of the saddest cases that has occurred in Stewart for some time.

The late John Ord was born in Devonshire, England, where, according to his last words, he now has a brother living. He left home at an early age, and traveled over nearly every continent, finally settling down to the life of a prospector in British Columbia many years ago; since when he has blazed trails and prospected over almost the entire province, locating several good properties. Among others may be mentioned the Nickle Plate mine at Hedley; but for reasons that were no fault of his own, these benefitted him little. A well educated old man, and a prospector of the old school, he died, after months of sickness, destitute, far from home, in a little cabin back in the alder brush, with none to attend his wants except a few friends living near. These even having to supply him with a bed upon which to die.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

[Special to The News]

There is no settlement in sight of the coal miners' strike in England.

The Allies have demanded of Germany the payment of the indemnity of a hundred and thirty billion gold marks.

The C. P. R. has appropriated a large sem of money for the purpose of thoroughly prospecting the E. & N. railway belt on Vancouver Island.

The Victoria and Vancouver boards of trade have chartered the G. T. P. steamer, Prince George, for their excursion to Stewart, Anyox, Alice Arm, and Prince Rupert, on June 7.

According to present arrangements, it is the intention to issue liquor permits about the middle of May, and to have the vendors' stores ready for business about the first of June.

J. Taylor, of the Taylor Engineering company, will arrive in Vancouver next week from England. It is understood that his trip has been satisfactory, and that his company will again operate the Dolly Varden mine.

New Store

Mrs. Carolyn has recently opened a grocery store in conjunction with her butcher shop, in the old Stewart Trading Co's store on Fifth street.

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BOARD OF TRADE VISIT

The news last week to the effect that the Boards of Trade of Victoria and Vancouver will, this year, visit Stewart, Anyox and Alice Arm, is certainly welcome news to the people of the north, and to this section in particular. The trouble in the past has always been that the business people of the south knew nothing of the north. This year, when they come, they will see this section of the country just getting into its stride of development, and it is to be hoped will realize the possibilities, so that when they return south, the north will receive at the hands of the people of the south the attention and consideration to which its natural resourees entitle it. Doubtless the editorial campaign started by the Vancouver Sun, and now followed by the Victoria Colonist, is to a great extent responsible for this visit. These two papers have done, and are doing good work for the north, and in return for this the people in it should give them every support possible. In other words, let us support those papers that support us.

STEALING

Last week the columns of this paper contained an item to the effect that drill steel had been stolen from McGee's cabin at Marmot bay. This is not the only case in the country of this sneak thieving. Other cabins of prospectors have been robbed, and it is high time that drastic action were taken. This sneak thieving is not confined to prospectors' cabins only. There is evidently in our midst that contemptible piece of humanity known as a sneak thief, who will take anything, no matter what it is, whenever an opportunity offers, and he thinks he is not taking a chance. These sort of people are a menace to the community; therefore it behooves every real citizen to do his utmost to expose such individuals and so help to make this a white man's country. We have laws, but they cannot be enforced unless the people help to uphold them. There is nothing lower or more contemptible than these petty sneak thieves. They should be rounded up and deported out of the country---back to their place of birth---regardless of who or what they are; and when they are sent out of the district, their record should be sent with them, so that if ever caught in the act of stealing they will earn for themselves a good stiff sentence. Any citizen who helps such people as these, by keeping information from the police, should also be severely dealt with, for by such assistance to these pestiferous individuals, they are neglecting a duty to the community.

COLONEL PECK

The Daily News of Prince Rupert has recently been conducting what appears to be a studied attack upon Colonel Peck for his attitude in the House of Commons; for the reason that, up to date, he has supported the Government, and particularly because he did not vote for Mackenzie King's resolution of a want of confidence in the present administration.

The Daily News, apparently, would like to see an election this year simply because Prince Rupert has not received what they consider a square deal. This attitude is all very well. but it is exceedingly insular. Rupert certainly has grounds for complaint; but because of this they are not justified in attempting to sacrifice the interests of the whole west; for it would be well for Prince Rupert to remember that it is not the only town west of Winnipeg.

While representing this constituency, Colonel Peck at the same time owes a duty to the whole country, particularly the west. Had he voted for Mackenzie King's resolution, and had the resolution carried, there would have been an election this year. What would have been the result? This is a census taking year, and next session a Redistribution Bill will be put into effect, which will give to the west, as a whole, a greater representation in the house.

If the Daily News would stop and think for a moment, they would realize that the treatment of which they are justly complaining is due to the unequal comparison of seats in the house—a comparison that favors the east. Hence, Prince Rupert's best policy would appear to be in helping to rectify this unfavorable comparison; for, until this is accomplished the west, and probably Prince Rupert, will never get the consideration that is its due.

Nothing will do the west so muh harm as an election this year; and if it can be staved off until after the redistribution, the interests of the entire west will be better served, in so much as it will receive increased representation.

Mackenzie King, when he introduced his resolution, proved conclusively that he cares more for politics than for those matters that are of real importance and advantage to the west. providing, of course, that the saying, "Actions speak louder words," still holds true.

Prince Rupert was the first place in the north to howl for a division of the province. They considered that the south was being built up at the expense of the north, because of the minority representation. In so far as this holds good Provincially, so much more so is it applicable to the Dominion.

This is not so much the fault of any one government, but rather the force of circumstances. That section, be it the north Provincially, or the west nationally, which has a minority representation, is bound to suffer accordingly.

Therefore, we are inclined to be of the opinion that Colonel Peck is quite right in the attitude which he has adopted, in refusing to dance to the tune of a few people in Prince Rupert—people who would rather have him play politics, than adopt the policy of a statesman.

NOTE AND COMMENT

"Luck" is a very good word if you put a P before it.

There are 15,000 miles of roads in British Columbia.

China has the longest national anthem. To hear it from beginning to end would take several days.

An exchange says the ravages of the elements, together with the gradual decline in the observance of native customs, is robbing the north of one of the greatest attractions to summer tourists —the totem pole. In many places are some of the finest specimens of the native carvers' art, rotting away, uncared for and unnoticed.

One of the largest orders for manufactured lumber ever obtained in British Columbia was closed recently when the Canadian Overseas Trading Company signed up to supply an Alexandra firm, which represents the government of Egypt, with 24,000,000 feet of railway ties. The first 8,000,000 feet, comprising two shiploads, will leave Vancouver this month aboard Canadian government steamers which operate in connection with the Canadian National Railways.

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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 retrospective.

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.

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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.

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UP-TO-DATE MINING NEWS

Hematite of the "bog iron" variety is being developed on Summit creek, Central Skeena valley.

In Ontario several of the mines now have committees of the employees co-operating with the management under the British plan.

Ontario mine output for the year 1920 was worth $46,000,000. This included gold to the amount of 564,309 ounces, valued at $10,451,700.

Several veins of high grade gold and copper, running at least four per cent in the same veins, have been found in the Beaver lake district, Saskatchewan.

In the Coeur d'Alene district and all through North Idaho, wage reductions of a dollar day are announced in all the mines. Skilled workers now receive $5.25 per day, and muckers $4.75.

The Princeton Mining and Development company will reopen development operations in their mine five miles south of Princeton, within the next few weeks, after a shut down of about three months. This is one of the most promising mines in the district, straight shipping copper ore having been uncovered in all three tunnels.

The Wild Horse Creek Mining Co., Grand Forks, has decided to secure the services of an expert placer mining man and fully develop the holdings of the company as soon as weather will permit of operations. Harry Gamble may again be in charge. Last year the company took some choice nuggets from the mine. Many tons of what is thought to be very good takings are placed for washing.

All Free Miners' licenses expire at midnight on May 31.

Prospectors are getting everything in shape to take to the hills.

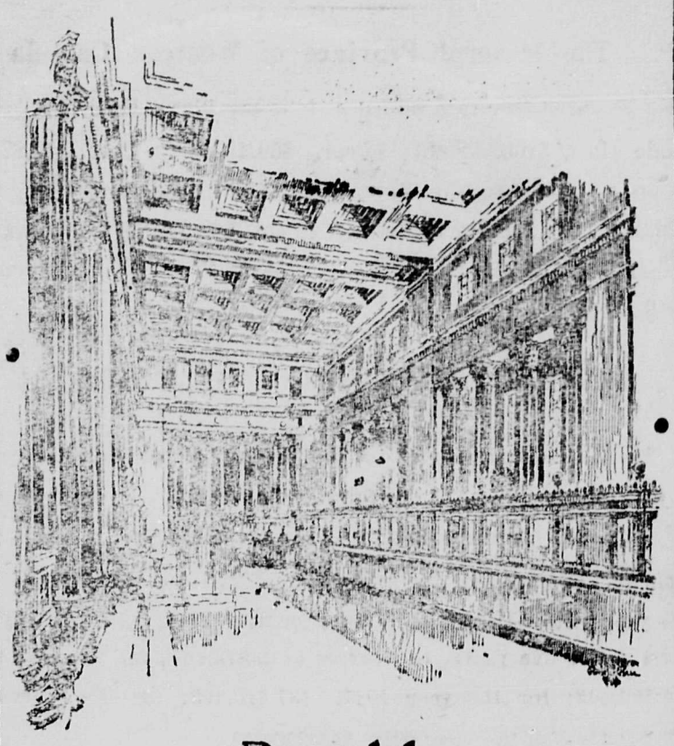
In the Windermere district, East Kootenay, there has been considerable activity among the prospects and small operators.

This year many financial and mining men will visit Stewart. The Portland Canal district is on the map as a rich mineral zone. An inspection of the "goods" is all that is needed to secure the capital for development.

Figures compiled by the department of mines, Ottawa, estimate the total value of Canada's mineral production during 1920 at $200,000,000, as compared with $176,686,390 in 1919. This compares very favorably with 1918, the record year, when the toal value of Canadian mineral production was $211,301,897.

What are supposed to be diamonds in the rough have been discovered on Olivine mountain, near Princeton, B. C. A number of years ago Professor Thompson of Montreal, who spent many years in the South African diamond fields, thoroughly prospected this mountain, but found no trace of the spark.

The production of Canadian salt in 1919 amounted to 148,302 tons, valued at $1,398,968. This was obtainable almost entirely from the salt fields of southern Ontario. This year's salt production will be greatly augmented by the recent discoveries in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Shipments of raw salt to the refineries are now being made from these deposits.



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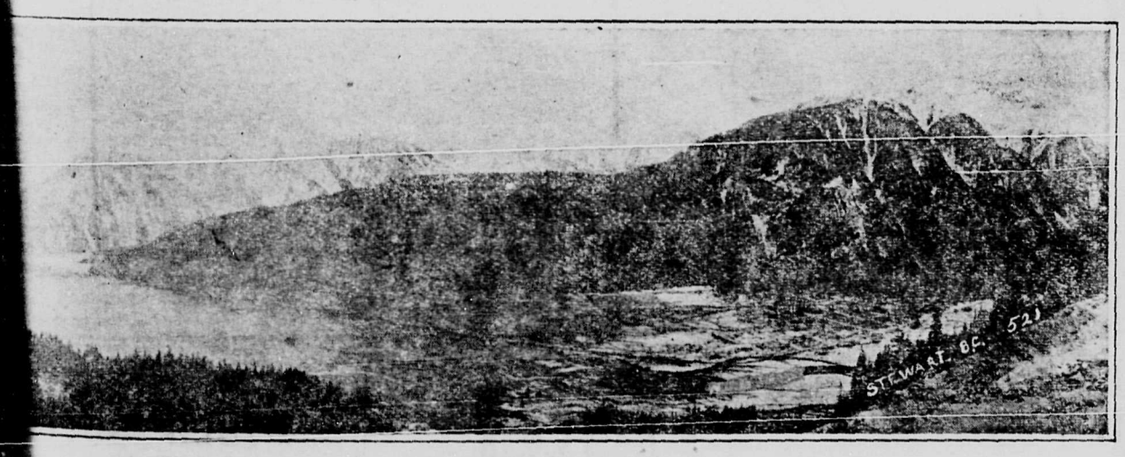

Stewart

Look at the map of British Columbia with an unbiased mind. Roughly Vancouver is 800 miles from the same point in the Peace River country that is reached in 400 miles from Stewart, which is the natural outlet for the whole northern and eastern interior.

Nearly every settler in the Peace River district is talking of railway communication with the coast.

Speaking in broad terms there are thirty-two millions of acres of the Peace River district situated within the boundaries of British Columbia, and more than forty millions of acres within the Province of Alberta, most of it being suitable agricultural land for mixed farming or ranching. In addition there is a vast area of mineral and timber resources, the extent of which is only beginning to be realized.

Immense deposits of anthracite coal have been located and the president of the Peace River Board of Trade is authority for the statement that this coal grades higher than Pennsylvania coal.

Extensive exploration work is being carried on in connection with oil and already startling results have been obtained. The oil sands are located at a depth of about sixteen hundred feet and enough investigation has taken place to be assured that they are of wonderful extent. There is also an abundance of natural gas.

The area under cultivation at present is only about three hundred thousand acres and the population of the whole district is about twenty thousand. The first grain was sent out of the country three years ago, and consisted of less than one thousand bushels. Last year nine million bushels were produced from about a quarter million acres, the average wheat yield being thirty-five bushels to the acre or nearly double the average of other portions of Alberta. The land is also well adapted for the raising of stock of all kinds, particularly hogs.

It is reasonable to suppose that if two hundred and fifty thousand acres are now producing nine million bushels of grain, that within a very few years there will be ten million acres producing three hundred and fifty million bushels of grain, or roughly, ten million tons.

NOTICE TO MINING MEN

ASSAYING

CLOTHIER & BAKER HAVING opened their office in Stewart wish to herewith inform the Mining public that the prices for the principal metals will be as follows:

Gold, Silver, each,	$1.50
Gold and Silver, each,	$2.00
Copper, Lead, each,	$1.50
Gold, Silver and Copper,	$3.00
Gold, Silver and Lead	$3.00

Other Metals on application

10 per cent discount on five samples at one time.

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AN AGGREGATE VALUE OF $670,649,894

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, $57,607,967; for five years, 1901-1905, $96,507,968; 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; for the year 1919, $33,296,313.

PRODUCTION DURING LAST TEN YEARS, $322,829,310

Lode mining has only been in progress for about 33 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.

The mining laws of this Province are more liberal and the fees lower than those of any other Province in the Dominion, or any Colony in the British Empire.

Mineral locations are granted to discoverers for nominal fees.

Absolute Titles are obtained by developing such properties, security of which is guaranteed by Crown Grants.

Full information, together with Mining Reports and Maps, may be obtained gratis by addressing

THE HON. THE MINISTER OF MINES, Victoria, British Columbia.

GENERAL NEWS

Provincial, Dominion, America and the Old Country

The population of Toronto is now 597,000.

There are in Canada over 850,-000 telephones, or one for every eleven people.

Approximately 12,000 persons were killed by automobiles in the United States in 1920.

Roumania owes Canada a million and a half dollars interest on loans made that country during the war.

Montreal is now the fifth largest city on the North American continent, with 900,000 population.

The geological survey branch of the Canadian department of mines reports that the oil fields of northern Canada comprise 300,000 square miles.

Fred H. Lincoln has been appointed president of the company organized for the production of films to teach geography, history and civil government in Canadian schools.

Last week the Standard Oil company declared a dividend of 200 per cent, payable May 16. This is the lowest dividend holders of stock have received in years. Too bad.

• British Columbia's population is 555,536, according to Dr. Henry Young, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health. The total includes 25,649 Indians. The total population is an increase of 89,700, or a little more than 20 per cent, over the previous year.

YUKON WEDDING

Record of a Peculiar Ceremony Carved on a Birch Tree

St. Paul (Minn.) exchange, prints the following: "In far off Alaska, the land of snow and long winters, Cupid is somewhat handicapped, but the little love god gets in his work just the same.

Clerks of the court are not numerous. In the states it is customary to obtain marriage licenses and later to make record of the ceremony. But in Alaska it sometimes is different. At least, such would seem the case from a letter received by Ruby Schmidt, deputy clerk, Ramsey county, from G. C. Dunlop, a friend, who lives in a little cabin near Strelna, Alaska. Dunlop tells of finding the record of a peculiar wedding ceremony, carved on a birch tree, under which he camped. Following is the record:

"Matrimony on the Yukon"

"Ten miles from the Yukon,
On the banks of this lake,
For a partner to the Koyukuk
McGillis I'll take.
We have no preacher,
And we have no ring;
It makes no difference.
It's all the same thing.
(Signed) "AGGIE DALTON."

"I swear by my gee pole,
Under this tree,
A faithful husband to Aggie
I always will be.
I'll love and protect
This maiden so frail,
From the sourdough stiffs
On the Koyukuk trail.
(Signed) "JACK McGILIS."

"For two dollars apiece,
In chechaco money,
I unite this couple
In holy matrimony.
He be a miner,
And she be a teacher;
I do this job
Just as well as a preacher.
(Signed) "FRENCH JOE."

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W. DANN, Proprietor

Headquarters for mining men during their stay in the district

STOP AND THINK

HAVE YOU DONE IT?

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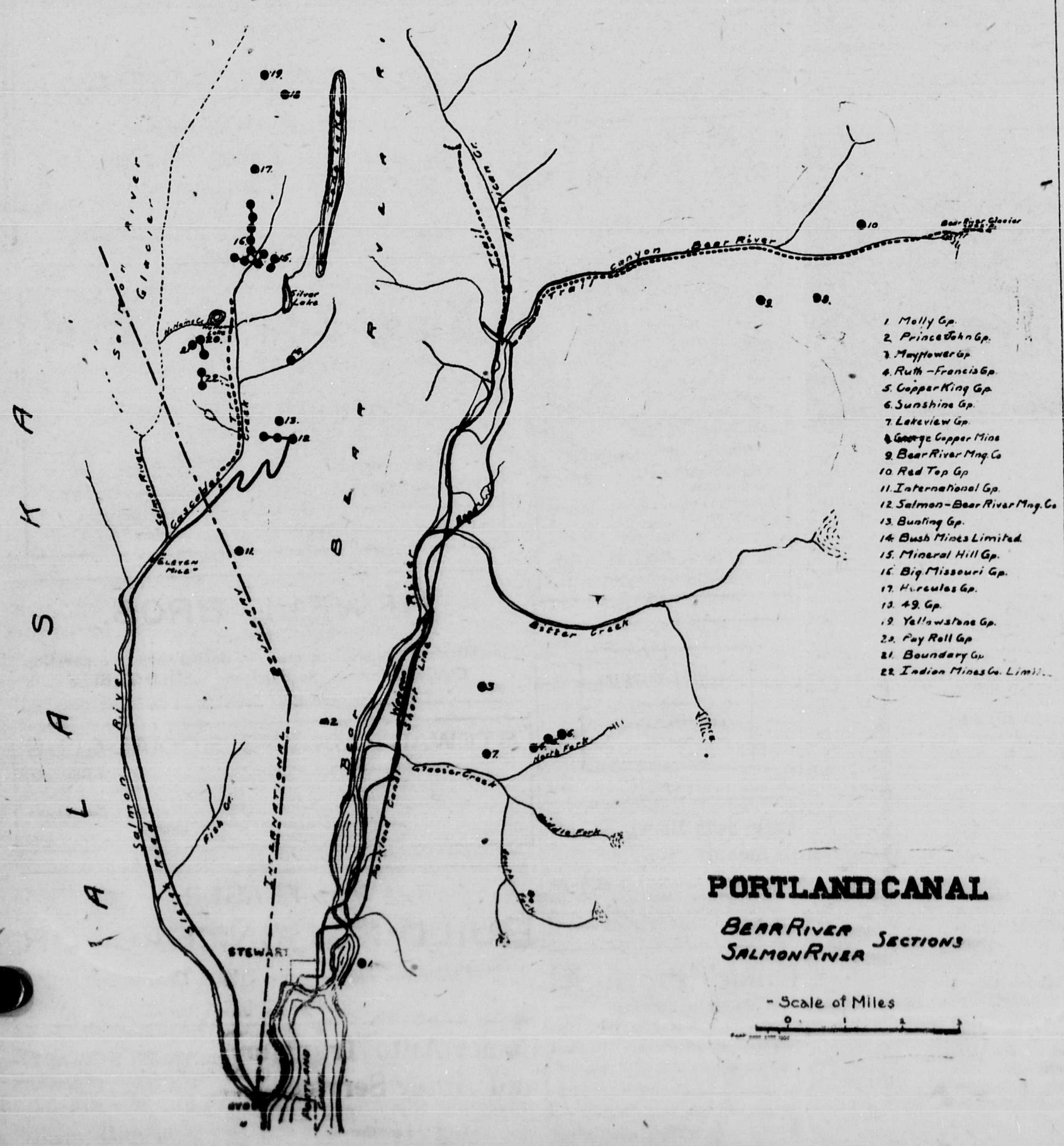

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MINERAL ACT,

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

"Boundary," "Cabin," "Grub," "Grubstake," "Lucky," "International Fraction," "Daly," "Group," mineral claims, situate in the Portland Canal mining division of Cassiar district.

Where located: In the Salmon River Valley, in the Portland Canal Mining Division, and lying east of the Premier Group of mineral claims.

Take notice that I, William C. Ross, of Stewart, B.C., acting as agent for Amos B. Trites, Free Miner's Certificate No. 16311C; Roland W. Woods, Free Miner's Certificate No. 16310C; W. R. Wilson, Free Miner's Certificate No. 16312C, and Patrick Daly, Free Miner's Certificate No. 31468C, 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 issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this fifth day of March, A.D. 1921. 44

LAND ACT

Cassiar Land District—District of Skeena, near Stewart, B.C. ... corner of Lot No. 792, Cassiar District:

Take notice that Lawrence & Wor... man, of Stewart, B. C., occupation Millmen, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted ... feet south of the northeast corner of Lot No. 792, Cassiar District, thence south ten chains; thence east ... chains; thence north fifteen chains; thence west to right-away of Portland Canal Shortline; thence south along ... said line of right-away to point of commencement, and containing ... acres, more or less.

G. B. LAWRENCE, Applicant

Dated March 14, 1921.