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## A Happy New Year! Folks.

What the coming year may hold, none of us can forsee. May it see your hopes fulfilled and may it be rich in the successful accomplishment of your highest aims. A year rich with affection of those who are dear to you, a year mellow with happiness and content.

## Christmas Tree

### Young Show Keen Appreciation And Prove Capable Entertainers

Santa Claus and the citizens of Stewart and Hyder were agreeably surprised last Tuesday night after all had gathered in the Stewart hotel building for the joint Christmas tree given to the children of the two towns. The first surprise was the number of children over fifty being present, ranging from fifteen years down to "tiny tots" not yet able to walk.

The second surprise was the talent and ability displayed by the children as performers, and particularly in the matter of dancing.

Credit is due Miss Thompson for the arrangement and get up of the entertainment.

Miss Daphne Workman and Muriel Forsyth led off the program with a "Butterfly" dance, which was the feature of the evening, and drew forth a great applause and much favorable comment. Joan Mellor followed with a recitation entitled "A Christmas Egg," in which two rats endeavor to take a Christmas egg to their mother. After breaking many they adopt heroic measures, only to take home a nest egg. The third item was a minuette staged in Seventeenth century costumes, by Donna Balch and Edna Stratford as Beau Brummels and Mabel Ward and Hazel Stratford as "belles of the ball." This was followed by a presentation of Mother Goose by the school children. Mother Goose was bemoaning her loneliness, but her children came back with stronger love than ever.

The fifth item was the Kutie Kids dance by Vera Workman, Mildred Jankowski and Violet Watson, all under seven years of age. The little girls carried their parts through without a hitch and were loudly applauded.

Ida Watson then gave an interpretation of a "solo Dance" which would have done credit to any city stage.

The program was then concluded by a chorus entitled "Hurrah for Santa Claus" and sung to Marching Through Georgia.

The sound of bells soon followed and Santa Claus soon announced himself as ready to begin the distribution of presents to all good children. The children then took charge and the walls resounded with merriment.

The floor being cleared, a dance started for their benefit, which continued until one o'clock.

## RAILWAY COMMUNICATION FROM STEWART TO PEACE RIVER DISTRICT OPENS AGRICULTURAL COUNTRY

Railway communication with a coast terminal is what is needed to make the Peace River district one of the greatest agricultural countries in the world. Stewart is the most northerly seaport in Western Canada. It lies at the head of Portland Canal, a wonderful inland waterway, a mile wide and about 100 miles long.

A railway from Stewart to the Peace River valley, would mean that practically no section of the country passed through would not be rich in either agricultural or mineral lands.

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 mill on 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.

## HYDER DANCE

Stewart citizens went to Hyder en macse on the night of Dec. 23 to attend the Christmas ball given by the Pioneers of Alaska. Dog teams, automobiles and sleighs plied their way between the two towns to handle the crowds.

A grand and glorious feeling pervaded the atmosphere as well as the revellers, and needless to say joy and re-joy-cing were rampant.

The music supplied by Mrs. Hodgkinson Messrs P. S. Jack and J. P. Scarlett was par excellence. The floor was better than ever, and the service supplied to the gallery was another feature of the evening.

## PREMIER SHIPS ORE

The Premier Gold Mining Company made their first big shipment of ore for this winter, the Albert taking out in the neighborhood of 600 tons, which it is expected will average $500 to the ton.

The Hyder wireless is now connected by telephone with the Premier mine, which service it is understood the company intend to make exclusive use of in regard to outside communications.

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## WEATHER SYNOPSIS

For the week ending Dec. 30

| Date | Max | Min |
|---|---|---|
| 24 | 19 | 8 |
| 25 | 32 | 23 |
| 26 | 32 | 22 |
| 27 | 38 | 32 |
| 28 | 35 | 29 |
| 29 | 37 | 30 |
| 30 | 34 | 30 |

Snowfall 32 in

Rainfall .5

## STEWART LOCAL NOTES

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Homer Porter returned from Salem, Oregon, on the Albert last Monday. He states the roses were in bloom when he left.

Dr. H. C. Davis and wife returned from a round trip to Vancouver on last Monday's boat.

Geo. Frizell's gas boat had a rough trip on her return to Prince Rupert last week. Three days it took to make the run and we understand that some anxiety was felt by those on board.

A heavy rain last Monday cleared away a good half of the snow that was lying on the ground.

Mable Mellor came in on the Prince Albert for her Christmas holidays. She is attending the Convent school in Prince Rupert.

Ernie Armstrong came in last Monday. He brought his favorite saddle horse and intends to become a permanent resident.

Jack Stanier and son left for Vancouver on the Prince Albert. Jack intends to outfit and trek in to the Mackenzie River country in the spring. (We hope he strikes it.) Mr. Stanier still retains his intesests in Stewart.

Godfrey Anderson came in from the Spicer mine this week.

Mrs. W. C. Cameron, Phyllis Cameron and little Billy Cameron went south on the Albert last Tuesday for a vacation.

Everyone is promised a good time at the dance at the Ocean View cabaret on January 14th.

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

## H. F. Kergin Elected

Official count of the Absentee votes gives Kergin 390; Casey 300; Ross 229; King 86; Daley 30 Bush 28.

## MINING NOTES

That the Rex mine at Herb lake has enough ore in sight to return a profit of $3,000,000, is set forth in the report of an independent mining engineer. He states that the vein has been traced for 2,000 feet, and the outcrop is strong for 1,800 feet. The vein has an average width of 3 feet, and in two places it widens to 10 and 20 feet. A shaft has been sunk along the vein to a depth of 150 feet, with a station at the 100 foot level, where drifting to the north was done for 100 feet and to the south for 250 feet. Above the north drift a stope has been developed. Considerable ore in the stoping areas has been mined and milled.

Granby stock has dropped to $20 and Anaconda to $40. With the low price of copper the Anyox management, which by dint of the strictest economy hoped to break even, has found it necessary to reduce the working force by 250 men. This does not mean that this number of men have been discharged, but that each man employed will work a lesser number of hours.

More than 200 men have been dropped from the payroll of the Britannia mine at Howe Sound and the company will ship no more copper ore to the smelter while the price remains below the cost of production.

Recent reports from Alice Arm by the managers of the Moose Mining group states that a cscsscut has been made at the end of the tunnel, now in sixty feet, which shows the ore body to be seventeen feet in width and the footwall has not as yet been reached. Assays recently made in the tunnel give values of from twenty to seventy ounces per ton. The work which is being carried on cautiously with two shifts is gradually proving up the presence of enormous ore bodies.

## ST. MARK'S CHURCH

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Many do with opportunity as children do at the sea-shore; they fill their little hands with sand, then let the grains fall through one by one, till they are all gone.

Four things come not back; the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life, and the neglected opportunity. Opportunity has hair in front, behind is bald; if seized by the forelock it may be held, but if suffered to escape not even Jupiter himself can catch her again. Opportunities are the offers of God. Heaven gives us enough when it gives us opportunity. Great opportunities are generally the result of the wise improvement of small ones. Wise men make more opportunities than they find. If you think your opportunities are not good enough, you had better improve them. Remember you are responsible for talents, for time, and for opportunities; improve them as one that must give an account. Make hay while the sun shines. Gather roses while they bloom.

As a general rule, those who have no opportunities despise small ones; and those who despise small opportunities never get large ones.

Opportunity does not only do great work, but if not heeded is often most disastrous.

Accident does very little toward the production of any great result in life. Though sometimes what is called a "happy hit" may be made by a bold venture, the old and common highway of steady industry and application is the only safe road to travel.

It is not accident that helps a man in the world, but purpose and persistent industry. These make a man sharp to discern opportunities, and turn them to account. To the feeble, the sluggish and purposeless, the happiest opportunities avail nothing---they pass them by, seeing no meaning in them.

Stewart offers opportunities. The New Year is with us---1921 offers opportunities to us all.

Stewart Dog Team

We do not wish to appear to put ourselves forward unduly, but, Stewart, B.C., as a mining camp is unquestionably a permanent one, and it also has every prospect of becoming a seaport town with the largest coal and oil fields in North America behind it. Therefore we believe, in justice to yourself you should be a subscriber to your local paper. City papers are delivered.

Signed
The Portland Canal News

Twenty new names were were added to our paid subscription list last month.

Is Your name there?

MINERAL ACT.
Certificate of Improvements.
NOTICE.

Spider No. 1, Spider No. 2, Spider No. 3 mineral claims, situate in the Portland Canal mining division of Cassias district.

Where located: at the head of Long Lake about twenty miles from Stewart.

Take notice that I, William C. Ross, free miner, certificate No. 37457C, d ly authorized agent of William Hamilton, free miner ce tificat No. 43492C and Charles Larson, free miner, certificate No. 43499C, owners, 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 claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 10th day of December, A. D., 1920.

W. C. ROSS,
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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, fees 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.

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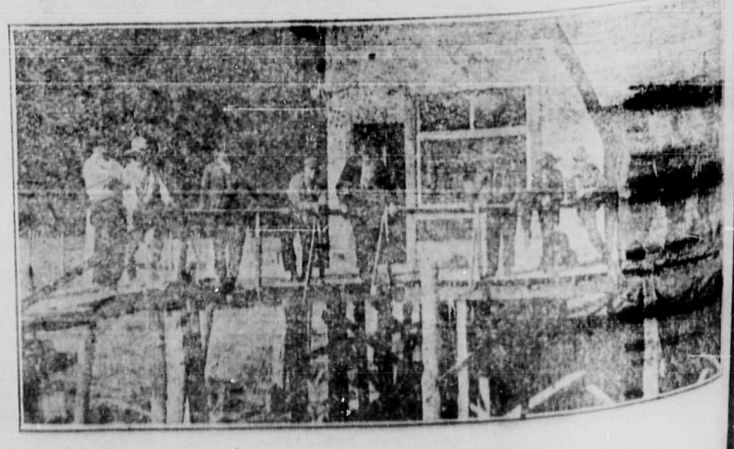

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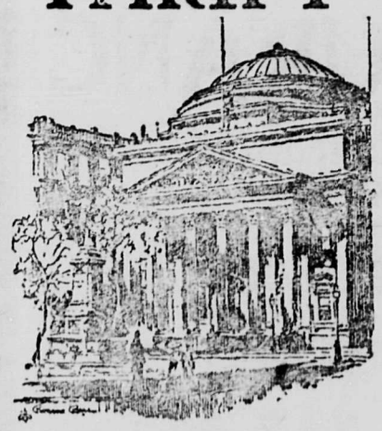

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MINERAL ACT.
Certificate of Improvements.
NOTICE.

Oakwood, Hooligan, Oakville Fraction, Oakville No.2 Fraction, Texada, Texada Fraction, Humbolt Fraction, Humbolt No.2 Fraction mineral claims situate in the Portland Canal mining division of Cassiar district.. Where located: On east fork Cascade Creek, Salmon River Valley.

TAKE NOTICE that Dalby B. Morkill, of Stewart, B.C., acting as agent for C3 Silver Mines Llmited, N.P.L., FMC No. 41854C, Charles H. Lake FMC No. 43445C, David O'Leary FMC No.43446C, intends, 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 19th day of August, A.D.1920

MINERAL ACT.
Certificate of Improvements.
NOTICE.

Cascade Forks No.1, Cascade Forks No.2, Cascade Forks No.3, Cascade Forks No.4, Cascade Forks No.5. Cascade Forks No.6, Wood Fraction, Forks, mineral claims, situate in the Portland Canal mining division of Cassiar district. Where located: Cascade creek, Salmon River valley.

Take notice that I, Dale L. Pitt, acting as agent for Charles Bunting, F.M.C. No.43444c, William Bunting, F.M.C. No.37592c, D. O'Leary, F.M.C. No. 43446c, Premier Gold Mining Co. Ltd., F.M.C. No.43442c, 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 18th day of October, A.D. 1920. 36

MINERAL ACT,
Certificate of Improvements.
NOTICE.

Mountain, Grandview, Simcoe Halton, U and I, Rincon, Neil Fractional, Bush Fractional mineral claims, situate in the Portland Canal mining division of Cassiar district.

Where located: on east side of Cascade Creek, Salmon River Valley.

Take notice that Dalby B. Morkill, B.C. Land Surveyor, of Stewart, B.C., acting as agent for B.C. Silver Mines, Limited, N.P.L., Free Miner's Certificate No. 41854C, 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 twelfth day of October, A.D. 1920. 33

MINERAL ACT.
Certificate of Improvements.
NOTICE.

Native, Argentite, Polybacite, September Fractional, Proustite, Cerargyrite, Stromeyerite, Hessite, Stephanite, Pyrargyrite, Silver Crest Fractional mineral claims, situate in the Portland Canal mining division of Cassiar district. Where located: Head of Silver creek. Salmon River Valley.

Take notice that Dalby B. Morkill, of Stewart, B.C., acting as agent for Silver Crest Mines, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. 45734C, 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 24th day of September, A.D.1920. 33

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MINERAL ACT.
Certificate of Improvements.
NOTICE.

Dixie mineral claim, situate in the Portland Canal mining division of Cassiar district. Where located: On east fork Cascade Creek, Salmon River Valley.

Take notice that Dalby B. Morkill, of Stewart, B.C., land surveyor, acting as agent for B.C. Silver Mines, Limited N.P.L., Free Miner's Certificate No. 41854C, 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 claim.

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

Dated this eleventh day of October, A.D.1920. 33

MINERAL ACT.
Certificate of Improvements.
NOTICE.

Lesley, Mahood, Lesley No. 4, Lesley Fractional, Limit, Lesley No. 6, Ten Fractional, Bell mineral claims, situate in the Portland Canal mining division of Cassiar district.

Where located: on east fork of Cascade Creek, Salmon River Valley.

Take notice that Dalby B. Morkill, B.C. Land Surveyor, of Stewart, B.C., acting as agent for Bush Mines, Limited, N.P.L., Free Miner's Certificate No.41853C, 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 eleventh day of October, A.D. 1920. 33

WATER NOTICE.
USE AND STORAGE

TAKE NOTICE that W.A. Meloche whose address is Stewart, B.C., will apply for a licence to take and use 50 cubic feet per second and to store 5000 acre feet of water out of Cascade creek which flows southwesterly and drains into Salmon river about twelve miles from its mouth. The storage dam will be located at the outlet of Long Lake. The capacity of the reservoir to be created is about 5000 acre feet, and it will flow about 200 or more acres of land. The water will be diverted from the stream at the dam site or at a more suitable point between Long and Silver lakes and will be used for mining (hydro electric) purposes upon the mine described as the Spider group of mining claims consisting of Spider No.1, No.2 and No.3 claims. This notice was posted on the ground on the 6th day of October, 1920. A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto, and to the "Water Act, 1914", will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Prince Rupert. Objections to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. within **in thirty days** after the first appearance of this notice in a local newspaper.

W.A. MELOCHE, Applicant,
By William Young, agent
Per W.C. Smith.

The date of the first publication of this notice is Oct. 16, 1920.

MINERAL ACT.
Certificate of Improvements.
NOTICE.

Lesley M, Bell No 2, Climax, Lesley No 2, Lesley No 3, Ax Fractional, Lesley No 5, Gun Fractional Mineral claims situate in the Portland Canal Mining Division of Cassiar district. Where located: On east fork of Cascade Creek.

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Dated this 10th day of June, 1920. 40


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