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Victory Loan Is Big Success

In Spite of lack of Early Organization Stewart is Making Splendid Showing - - - Only One Day More.

Although Stewart did get a late start in the Victory Bond campaign, a good-sized sum will nevertheless have been subscribed by Saturday night which is the end of the campaign.

Since the committe got busy a few days ago under direction of William Noble some tall hustling has been done with gratifying results. But there has not been time to get in touch with the officials of the big companies operating in the district.

In connection with the campaign a Victory Bond dance was held Wednesday night and three $50 bonds which were drawn for were won by Mrs. Will Cameron, P. S. Jack and William Noble. Little Miss Stratford drew the tickets.

Although confronted by the serious obstacle of a late start the committee is persevering and wants ever ass's chance possible given tomorrow.

B.C.A. GIVES SECOND DANCE

Another of the winter dances under the auspices of the Stewart Citizens Association was held last Friday night with notable success. A fair sized crowd put in an appearance and everybody had a good time. The refreshment booth was in charge of Mrs Hugh Stratford and assisting her were Mrs. Grant Mahood and Mrs. H. Horstmann. The piano had been moved to the front of the hall and the change was an agreeable one to members of the orchestra and dancers. Dances are planned for at least twice a month throughout the winter.

Help spread information about this district by subscribing to Portland Canal News.

NEILL OUTLINES MINE PROGRAM

R. K. Neill, general manager for the reorganized company which now owns the Premier mine, came in on the John from the south Thursday, and will spend a week or so in the district. Mr. Neill confirmed everything that was said in the interview published by the Vancouver Daily Province last week and went a little further.

As to working 60 men in the Premier this winter as reported, he said that it was the policy of the management to work every man on the property that it was possible to put in position to produce results. He is working in perfect accord with the Guggenheim and Keith interests who have bought into the property and they are of one mind in a determination to push development as fast as possible and to ship all the ore they can without delay.

The motor tractor which should have arrived on the John could not be handled by that craft, and will come in on a scow in tow of the Albert next Tuesday. This tractor is designed to haul 12 tons of ore, but Mr. Neill says he will be satisfied if it will keep the road "broke" so that teams can work without getting stalled. In this event he will ship in additional horses. He figures that under reasonable conditions the mine will ship this year from 2600 to 3000 tons of ore.

Mr. Neill also said that the company would build a combination flotation and cyanide concentrator next summer of from 80 to 100 tons daily capacity.

C. W. Homer, provincial tax collector for the district, arrived from Prince Rupert Thursday.

W. J. Crawford who did a packing and freighting business in Stewart during the first boom, came in on the John Thursday and will wind up the season's business relative to the pack train which his brothers, Ernie and Jack, have been operating this summer. Bill has been back in the cent belt as far as New York ahd says the west looks better to him.

A notable instance of a community pulling together was seen this week when the first big snow came. Shovels were put to work all up and down the main sidewalks.

Wm. Fillier, foreman of the Lake View mine up Bear river, mushed down Wednesday evening. He says that all outside work is finished and two shifts are now plugging away in the tunnel. The Lake View is fortunately situated, the camp being located with the best of wood and water handy, and only seven miles from Stewart.

A Victory Loan Message

THIS is the sixth War Loan floated in Canada since the War broke out.

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Surely it is the duty of British Columbia to show her gratitude for Peace to the Soldiers for what they have accomplished.

This is a Peace Loan and a War Loan combined. It should therefore, be readily subscribed, as any of the former Loans.

Our Soldiers have met their responsibility in every way as at home to make good.

British Columbia has never failed to answer a patriotic call.

She will not fail now.

W. H. HALLEN,
Chairman, Provincial Committee.

How to Finance Victory Bonds

F. W. ROUNSEFELL,
Treasurer Provincial Committee

FARMERS:

In the case of farmers, and others who do not receive returns until the end of season, bank managers are empowered to make loans against the 1919 Victory Bond issue for the period of one year, without requiring periodical reductions to be made in the interim.

BUSINESS MEN:

All business men may finance their Victory Loan purchases through their local bank, up to at least 90 per cent. of their purchases, without impairing their ordinary credits with the bank.

EMPLOYEES:

All bond purchases of employees may be financed by the employer through his local bank, up to 90 per cent. of the amount of the purchase. Weekly or monthly payments on account of purchase may be arranged through the employer.

INDIVIDUALS:

Anyone may purchase 1919 Victory Bonds on ten monthly instalments, by paying 10 per cent., and filling out an instalment card. These cards are handed to the bank specified by the purchaser, and the payments during the ten-month period paid in to the bank.

POWER OF LOCAL BANK EXTENDED:

By arrangement between the Finance Minister and the Canadian Bankers' Association, it is announced that where branch managers have a loaning limit for their branches, such limits are to be disregarded insofar as they may be affected by advances to finance 1919 Victory Loan subscriptions.

EVERYONE CAN AFFORD A BOND!

PACK HORSES GO OUT FOR WINTER

Forty head of pack animals were shipped out on the John Thursday and will be wintered on Porcher island. Thirteen of them belong in the Crawford train, twelve to Thornton and Creelman, eight to Al Harris and seven to the Forty Nine Mining Co.

Loading them on the scow at Hyder, taking them to Stewart, unloading them from the scow to the mudflats, hazing them around to the wharf and loading them on the John, was not easy and tried the patience of the professional packers. However, a packer is supposed to get into anything that comes in the way, and from the appearance of this bunch Wednesday night they had done so. They were covered with the muddiest kind of mud from head to foot, and faint sulphuric fumes still linger in the air above the route they took. What made it more exciting, the work had to be done in the dark because of the tide.

One mule in the outfit, that had made innumerable trips up the Salmon with heavy packs, raised his voice in a pean of praise when he saw the barge that was to take him from Hyder, and the floor joists of many a building shook and shivered as his siren notes smote them. The mule, understand, was under the town, the eastern part of which is built on piling.

Porcher island has been selected for their winter abode because of its mild climate which enabled stock to winter out in most seasons. Keeping them here and feeding them hay would eat up all the profits of their summer work.

Mrs. M. E. Jamieson returned Thursday from South Fort George, B. C., where she has been visiting her parents.

Roy Clothier and wife, and Miss Clothier, left for Victoria Thursday where the ladies expect to spend the winter. Roy intends returning in a couple of weeks, as his duties as president of the Salmon River Trading Co. will demand his attention through what he expects to be a busy winter season.

ORE HIGHWAY NEAR FINISHED

With the last connecting link in the rock work on the ore highway between between Hyder and Stewart finished Tuesday night, Supt. Hugh McMillan laid off 20 of his crew, retaining 18 to complete the approaches to the three bridges, work which is progressing at the present time.

The pile driver made the crawl from the wharf approach to the north end of the middle bridge and this gap is being spanned at a good rate considering the difficulties to be overcome. A ledge has been shot across, over which it is now possible for foot passengers to warily make their way with the aid of some planks at the southern end, and part of the piling rests on the rocks while the outside tier is in deep water.

The superintendent says that within three weeks the pile driver will be finished both here and at the lower bridge the latter presents no difficulties being straight pile driving work.

Jack Stanier and family arrived from Victoria Thursday and will make their home in Stewart. Until Mr. Stanier builds they will occupy the Nesbitt house. Mr. Stanier bought a lot on Sixth street before he had been in town 24 hours. He is another of the pioneers of 1910 who have returned and whose faith in the district never wavered.

George Hauck who had been working at the Premier for some time came down this week and left for Prince Rupert and Hazelton. George is a pioneer of many camps including Omineca, Hazelton and Cariboo.

J. Frank Breeze of the Forty Nine staff has gone to Vancouver to spend the holidays with his family.

Bill Hamilton is laid up with a game leg. He hurt it some time ago by breaking the bone and recently gave it a hard start by bumping against a range door which was open.

G. E. Austin of the Stewart Trading Co. went out on the Tees Wednesday on his way to Kitchener on business. He will return next week.

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

LUMBER IS NOW PLENTIFUL

The cry for lumber which was heard on every side a few weeks ago has been answered by W.H. Campbell whose scow at the Premier wharf adjoining Hyder is still weighted with many thousand BM. Mr. Campbell has established himself permanently and the business will be known as the Portland Canal Lumber Co. In providing the lumber he calculated not only present needs, but for early spring as well. It seems likely, however, that the present supply will not outlast the immediate requirements of Hyder. Stewart was built in the snow in 1910 and much of Hyder will be built this winter. As lumber prices are on the incline it is fortunate lumber is available now.

SAM FITZGERALD INJURED BY FALL

Sam Fitzgerald, one of the original locators in this district, and one who stayed with the camp through all the lean years since the original boom up Bear river, is laid up with a lame back, the result of falling from the roof of his Hyder cabin while shoveling off the snow. Dr. M.W. Bruner, who attended him, says that it is a case of concussion of the spinal cord, but that he does not anticipate any serious results. Sam has many friends here who hope for his speedy recovery.

SILVER FROM FORTY NINE

Foreman Vince Lade and Assayer Percy Jenns of the Forty Nine mushed down from the mine Wednesday to break the trail for the pack train which is to take up a shipment of belated supplies which came in on the John. They brought down word that the ore in the face of the Occidental tunnel on the Forty Nine property seems to be richer than ever, and to substantiate the statement brought down samples which are about as fine as any that ever came down the river. Native silver predominates, with more than a sprinkling of ruby and brittle.

Jack Kinnear, who has been bookkeeper at the Premier, left on the John for his home in Spokane.

BRUNER LEAVES FOR SOUTH ON MINE BUSINESS

Declares the Portland Canal Mineral Area is Richest and Most Promising He Ever Saw.

Pioneer Medical Man of Many Camps May Visit Europe in Connection With Interests Here.

"This is the most wondeful mineral belt I have ever seen and I have been in many camps," said Dr. M.W. Bruner Thursday as he went aboard the Prince John on his way to the outside for the winter. The well known mining man will go first to Juneau. He will return to this district in the spring in connection with his mining and transportation interests and it is in furtherance of these that he is leaving at this time. Before returning he will go south and east and possibly to Europe.

During the summer Dr. Bruner was one of the busiest men in the district. Much of his time was devoted to the establishment of the route of the proposed railway up Salmon River, and with his mining ventures. He is interested in a number of properties.

Latterly, owing to the absence of a medical man from the district, Dr. Bruner had turned to his profession and was kept quite busy. But at the time of his leaving the camp was in good health and what minor accident cases were under his care are on the road to recovery. Dr. Bruner had postponed his trip to the outside and remained as long as he was required for emergency.

GOOD PROGRESS ON NEW ALASKA

O.S. Caldwell came down from Eleven Mile Wednesday and says that Nielson and McKenzie, who have the contract for driving the 100-foot crosscut tunnel on the New Alaska are breaking about a foot a day, and are now in over 35 feet. They are doing the work for Chas. F. Caldwell, the well known Slocan mining man who has the charter for a railroad up Salmon river.

Hugh Creelman went along as far as Prince Rupert as valet to the Creelman and Thornton bunch of horses which were shipped out on the John.

A Victory Loan Message

NO soldier who fought in France and Flanders with the Canadian Corps was doing his full duty unless he was at all times prepared to go the limit; to pay with his life, if there was need of it, for the victory of the principles he was fighting for. No one who stayed at home does his today unless he is prepared to give up his last dollar if it is required to discharge Canada's debt to the men who, by fighting for her, were disabled for life; to the widows and orphans of her glorious dead; and to the returned men who need work provided that they may re-establish themselves and their homes. Canada's honor is her own sons is at stake with the success or failure of the Victory Loan.

Canada must not fail!

VICTOR W. ODLUM,
Vice-Chairman, Provincial Committee.

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STEWART, B. C., Nov. 14, 1919

Only one day is left of the Victory Loan campaign and the spirit everywhere is to pile up as large an amonnt as possible and make up for lost time owing to lack of organization at the beginning.

Stewart has settled down for the long winter. About everybody who contemplated wintering outside has departed, and though some may go out for holidays, the winter population may now be estimated. It is gratifying to the oldtimers who spent so many winters here during the lean years to know there will be so many here this winter. There will be no lack of amusement dnring the long evenings for the Stewart Citizens Association has prepared dances and entertainments.

The business outlook for the winter, furthermore, is especially bright. The mining companies which are operating and will continue throughout the winter are the Premier, Big Missouri, Mineral Hill, Forty Nine, Bnsh Limited and Lakeview. A substantial payroll is assured and nobody will be idle.

A vigorous kick against a fortnightly mail service has been made, and if a weekly service is not granted this winter there will be trouble in sight for those responsible for forcing an inadequate service upon the district. To inaugurate a weekly service such as was given during the summer would require but little more money. And as the increased postage is still in force in Canada the revenue must be something tremendous. Why not use some of the money toward a better mail service? No department in Canada is so under paid and this is especially true with the small postoffices. It would seem there are enough postoffice inspectors and officials of one kind and and another running around to keep headquarters posted on development and requirements. But they do not appear to do that. It should not be necessary for a community to get up petitions and fight for a square deal. The department ought to know of the increased population and development here. It would know if the inspectors attended to their business. One was here a few weeks ago but very few knew it. Had it been generally known the matter of the mail service could have been discussed with him.

It does not seem quite the right thing that the people of Stewart and district should be compelled to go to Hyder, Alaska, to get the benefits of a weekly mail service. But that will have to be done under present circumstances. The time-worn system of studying the voters lists in a case of this kind wont do at all, at all. And we have no local politicians who cut any ice in the matter. This is a case where the community is of one mind.

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Synopsis of Land Act Amendments

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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 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.

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Eighteen years ago the Ymir mine was the largest free milling gold property operated in the province, and employed more than 200 men. At present only a watchman is on shift.

A. J. Harris of Whitewater, one of the pioneer miners and prospectors of the Slocan district, has bonded the Carleston group and other claims to Winnipeg capitalists. The group adjoins the famous Whitewater mine and has good transportation.

Mercury group, in the gulch just west of the Payne mine on Payne mountain, three miles from Sandon, has been taken under lease by W. J. Hendorf. It is understood that he represents Seattle interests. The property is owned by Bob Cunningham, mayor of Sandon.

Carnation group, on the east side of the summit between Sandon and Four-mile creek, has been systematically developed during the past two years with important results. A huge blowout of ore found on the surface in early spring has been proved but a slip from the main ore body and a tunnel has found the vein in place.

Albert Cramer has brought some splendid samples of copper ore into Princeton which he took from claims on Horsey mountain.

Edward Terzick of the Molly Gibson and Big Basin Mining company's property near Paulson, says that the tunnel work is proceeding nicely and the officials expect to put the mine on a shipping basis.

For the first time in a long period the Hedley Gold Mining Co. has passed the dividend says a New York report. In the last two quarters, ended on March 31 and June 30, dividends of [illegible] for each period or at the rate of [illegible] cents a share for each quarter were paid.

Excavations are being made for the the new 75-ton mill at the Carmi mine. H. H. Lawyer is the manager.

A Nelson report says that work on the Ruth mine at Sandon, on the lower or mill level, has resulted in cutting the vein about 600 feet from the portal of the tunnel. The vein at that point is about eight feet wide.

The Panama dry-silver property on Bear Lake in the Lardeau section has been reopened.

Send in your subscription to the Portland Canal News.

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. 2328 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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STEWART LOCAL NOTES

Dr. M. W. Bruner left for the south on Thursday's boat.

Mr. and Mrs. George Zabriskie left for the outside yesterday.

H, C. Magee, the pioneer mining man of the Marmot River section, left for Vancouver Thursday.

Wm Fillier, foreman at the Lakeview, on Glacier Creek, was in from the mine early in the week.

With more than a foot of snow on the level now, those who say the ground will be clear at Christmas are in the minority, Oldtimers are of the opinion the snow has come to stay.

Have you ordered your coal supply yet? Better get busy for reports from the south indicate a shortage.

H. F. Kergin was in from Alice Arm with his launch this week.

George Young, provincial public works supeaintendent, spent part of the week here.

Grant Mahood and Fred Young returned from Prince Rupert on the former's launch early in the week. Grant still has his arm in a sling, the result of a painful accident when he was fixing the engine in his launch a few weeks ago.

Snow shovels are in demand again. Some of the home made ones are designed not for show.

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

Help spread information about this district by subscribing to Portland Canal News.

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

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