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STEWART, BRITISH COLUMBIA, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1924

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## RE DESTROYS POWER HOUSE AND BIG WATER WORKS TOWER

Spectacular Blaze Early Last Wednesday Morning Did  
Damage to the Extent of \$10,000—  
Origin Is Unknown

At about 5 o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, the 17th, residents of Stewart were startled from their sleep by cries of "fire," followed by a general alarm. Hurriedly dressing in the dark, the light being off, they rushed onto the streets, to find the power house a mass of flames beyond control. Those first to arrive at the fire hall and got the equipment, connecting with the hydrant at the court house, only to find that there was no water; the hose was then run out for a distance of a mile over 900 feet to the auxiliary pump on 5th street, but unfortunately the hose, in the half hour and amidst the hurry became kinked, which, when the water was turned on, caused the slipping of the gears of the pump, rendering it useless. However the water was only useful to case the flames spread to nearby residences, which for a while appeared to be a possibility. The big tower was for the time a menace to St. Mark's church and vicarage, on which a bucket brigade, supported by chemicals, was concentrated but required owing to the tower burning slowly. Some of the burned posts, being a menace to traffic, were blasted down.

It appears that about 4 a. m. Geo Stratford, who is in charge of the plant, went into the house to make a cup of tea; returning to the plant a little later he found between the big oil engine and the wall. Grabbing one of the pyrenes that were kept for emergencies, he tried for some 15 minutes to put it out; failing to get it under control, he awoke his family who resided in the house adjacent to the plant; in their assistance the neighbors were aroused, W. J. Crawford and Edna Stratford, former waiting only long enough to throw an overcoat and her night clothes and put on bedroom slippers, raced to town, arriving at the fire barefoot; with their hands shaking the glass under which the key is kept, they rang the bell and aroused the town. The fire remained at the fire and succeeded in saving the Stratford's piano and a few other pieces of furniture, though the bulk of their belongings were destroyed.

The power house and residence

were a complete loss, and 50,000 gallon water tank on posts elevated to 90 feet, likewise considerable of the machinery, an automobile and motorcycle that were stored in the building. The big De La Verne 40 horse power oil engine and the pumps, while being badly burned, appear to be easily repairable, while the generator and many tools are probably a complete loss. A lot of fuel and lubricating oils were burned, though a considerable amount was saved.

The true cause of the fire is unknown, according to Mr Stratford. Any one of several things may have happened, in his opinion; it may have had an electrical origin, or a piece of oily waste or other inflammable material falling into the exhaust. The total loss is estimated at \$10,000, none of which was covered by insurance.

Reconstruction of the plant by the Stewart Public Utilities has not yet been definitely decided upon, it depending entirely upon whether or not the International Electric Co. supply light and power to the town, it being the opinion of the Public Utilities management that they cannot afford to go ahead again unless they secure all the business. Some of the business houses are connecting up with the International Electric lines, the Stewart Drug Store, Stewart News Co. and Hotel King Edward having electric lights Thursday night.

### Sid. Fraser's Home Burnt

About 9:30 last Monday night, fire totally destroyed the tent house occupied by Mr and Mrs Sidney Fraser while their house was being built. There being no one near at the time, all their furniture and belongings were burned.

### Peculiar Accident

While re-stringing the Premier telephone line out of the local telegraph office last Wednesday, Fred Soski, who was strapped to the top of a pole by his climbing belt, released the wire with the result that the pole fell, carrying him with it. He had a miraculous escape, sustaining only a broken rib and some bruises.

For Sale—Complete bachelor's outfit; stove, table, spring, mattress, blankets, quilt, gas lamp, tub, pans, dishes etc., all in good condition. Enquire News office.

## STEWART-HYDER LOCAL NEWS

Harold Blanton left Saturday for a visit in Seattle.

Mrs W. J. Asseltine and son left Saturday for a visit in Vancouver.

J. A. Stephen, Public Works Engineer, returned last Tuesday morning from Anyox.

Dale L. Pitt, manager of the Premier mine, and Mrs Pitt, returned Saturday from a trip outside.

The Cardena brought in large shipments of hay and oats for Bryson & Harner, Fred Young and Ernie Armstrong.

Sam McNeil has sold his Buick car to G. W. Russell of the Northern Rooms, for whom Berney McDonald is now driving.

F. C. Winkler, a pioneer of the camp who has various mining interests, principally in the Salmon basin, arrived Saturday from Victoria.

Wanted—Chorus girls and entertainers for Stewart's new Cabaret. Apply Hotel Stewart Hall, 8:30 p. m., October 3d. One Lung, Prop.

About the first of October Mrs Stickney will move the Stewart Style Shop into the store room in the Gibson block now occupied by the Canadian National Express.

Members of the International Service Club are requested to fall in at the Hotel Stewart at 7 Sunday evening ready to move off at 7:15 for the W. C. Sim memorial service.

Albert Sandstrom has completed two and one-quarter miles of trail from the Silverado to the Silver Bell and is now making good progress on a 30-foot tunnel contract on the latter property.

The International Service Club will hold their next meeting in the Silver Grill dining room at 7 p. m. Thursday evening, Sept. 25. This meeting will be preceded by a supper, after which the business of the evening will be attended to.

Miss Leatha Davis of Hyder was taken to the Rupert hospital on the Prince George last Saturday in a very serious condition caused by heart trouble. She was attended by Mrs H. H. Hicks, who returned on the Cardena Tuesday morning.

George Wall has a contract for moving the 30 x 40-foot barn recently purchased by Owney McFadden, from its present location near the Stewart waterfront to the Marmot river, where Owney has a string of pack horses. George is building a log float to carry the building, and will tow it over on the next full tide.

Gus Erickson left Saturday on a visit to Rupert.

C. W. Homer, provincial assessor, returned to Rupert Saturday.

E. T. McQuade left Saturday for Victoria after a visit of two weeks.

A. St. Claire Brindle, Victoria mining engineer, left for the south Tuesday morning.

Joe Jackson, vice president of the Texas Creek Comstock company, left last Saturday for Vancouver.

Mrs T. H. Lee and son arrived from Victoria Saturday to join Mr Lee, of the plumbing firm, Bryden & Lee.

J. F. Ritchie Jr. "Happy" arrived on the Cardena. He has been at Fourth Cabin on the Yukon telegraph line.

J. S. Brooks of Rupert is temporary ledger keeper at the Bank of Montreal, relieving Gerald Service, who has gone south on a vacation.

In defiance of inclement weather good progress is being made on the new business block being built on Fifth street by McLeeman & Hooton and P. S. Jack.

A memorial service for the late W. C. Sim will be held in St. Mark's Church next Sunday evening at 7:30, followed by a recital on the organ by Rev. A. W. R. Ashley.

Mrs O. F. Hill of Hyder has gone on a trip to Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles. She intends purchasing, while outside, a Christmas stock for the Hyder Drug Store.

R. R. Wilson, M. E., who had charge of the Big Missouri operations while Trites, Wood and Wilson had that property under bond, arrived from the south last Tuesday morning.

C. C. Labrie, who was on the office staff of the Portland Canal Short Line here in 1911-12, and is now connected with the purchasing department of the Canadian National, arrived Saturday from Vancouver.

The Good Eats Cafe has been purchased from Dave Joinville by G. W. Russell, proprietor of the Northern Rooms, and will be continued by him. He has recently established a taxi stand in front of the premises, and will operate the whole as a small hotel.

Brdg. Gen. A. E. Ross, formerly D. D. M. S. Canadian Corps in France, now M. P. for Kingston Ont. and a director of the British American Holding Co., visited the district during the past week end, and looked over the holdings of the company and also the Premier.

## WINTER WORK ON LAKE VIEW

In preparation for winter work the Lake View management is constructing two cabins, 30 x 16 inside; this will accommodate a total crew of 15 men, which will be ample for the time being.

The west drift is being continued with very satisfactory results, but still has 250 feet to go to get under the outcrop on the Cabin vein. In prosecuting this work the hanging wall has been followed so far, thus the width of the vein has not been determined, but this will soon be decided by crosscutting.

On the surface the Cabin vein has been traced for a matter of 200 feet by open cutting and stripping, beyond which point it will be still further traced by sluicing, the creek having been diverted for that purpose.

If the new trail, running from the present Lake View camp to the Dunwell, a distance of one and one-half miles, is constructed, it is the intention to work this property throughout the winter. This new trail will afford a very good grade, and thus be a big improvement over the present route. Length has been sacrificed to grade, therefore considerable winding will be necessary to gain the 1000 feet difference in elevation between Lake View and Dunwell camps.

## PROGRESS ON PORTER IDAHO

High-grade ore is still being packed down from the Porter Idaho, and another shipment of something over 50 tons will go south at the first opportunity. This will make well over 150 tons shipped from this property since the 1st of August, netting the Syndicate treasury something like \$14,000 clear profit when the returns are received. The last shipment, owing to the heavy lead content, has been sent to the Selby smelter, and the one now being accumulated will be sent to the same plant.

Lumber is now being packed up to the property for the construction of a 14 x 36 cabin, that will enable the crew employed to be better housed. Up to the past week or so it has been impossible to get lumber up the hill, owing to several bad spots on the trail, but these were eliminated by the management and packers, and now materials for camp construction are going forward. Geo. Clothier, resident engineer for the Department of Mines, accompanied by J. A.

## DUNWELL AND GLACIER CREEK

Mining Operations Are To  
Be Resumed At Once—  
Work Now Being Rushed  
On Dunwell Road

Mining operations will resume on the Dunwell and Glacier Creek properties on Sunday, or at the latest Monday, when the water will be turned into the new flume which will be completed Saturday evening. A complete new section 150 feet long and 80 feet high, containing 14,000 feet of timber, has been built across the Glacier creek canyon and will insure a far more satisfactory water supply for power purposes than has heretofore been the case.

The entire plant supplying power has been thoroughly overhauled; a switch has been laid in Dunwell No. 4 tunnel and enough one-ton ore cars placed on the track to carry away the muck from the two heavy Ingersoll Rand drifter drills that will be used two shifts in the face of the tunnel, rushing the work and making up for lost time.

In Glacier Creek the present crosscut tunnel will be continued another 15 or 20 feet in order to be certain that the big mineralized zone, which so far is something over 40 feet wide, has been completely crossed. As soon as this has been determined drifting to the north, where three cross-fractures are known to exist, will be started on one of the two veins cut in this zone.

The Government has appropriated \$8,000 for constructing the 2½ miles of Dunwell road, and 27 men are now employed with a view to pushing this road through before snow falls, in order to facilitate high-grade ore shipments from Dunwell this winter, arrangements for which are now well under way. It is anticipated no difficulty will be experienced in making regular and heavy shipments as soon as the snow affords a good road.

Stephen, Public Works Engineer, visited the Marmot trail during the week, and as a result it is understood Mr Clothier has made very strong recommendations to his Department for sufficient appropriation to make a number of very necessary improvements, the lower end of the trail being nearly impassable on account of mud. If this is granted a crew of men will be put on at once and the work rushed.



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### CLOTHIER'S SUGGESTION

GEO. CLOTHIER, Resident Mining Engineer in this district for the Provincial Government, advocated a very good idea in his Annual Report of last year.

This was to the effect that the Provincial Department of Mines issue a pamphlet for the use of, and circulation among, prospectors, detailing for their information localities in which to prospect, how to get there, and the logical outfitting points for each area. Such a pamphlet could give an outline of the geological features of each district, and the nature of the mineral occurrences. It could also detail the various methods and tests by which a prospector could determine the various metals he might discover, and in addition to these features it could contain a synopsis of the mining laws of the Province.

A pamphlet of this nature should be of considerable influence in re-generating that necessary element in the mining in-

dustry, the prospecting fraternity. Many young men in British Columbia would, by its assistance, be considerably encouraged to prospect, who at the moment are reticent in doing so, from lack of knowledge and experience. The same would possibly apply to young men from points outside the Province. It would also be of service to these prospectors outside the Province who may wish or by it would be encouraged to come here.

The capital outlay necessary for the fulfilment of the idea need be very small, for the Resident Mining Engineer in each district could supply the information, which could be compiled by departmental officials, printed by the King's Printer and circulated by the various Mining Recording officers, Resident Engineers and the Department.

The idea initiated by Mr. Clothier is an exceptionally sound, sane, and in every way progressive suggestion, and one that would be of considerable stimulus to the industry in general. In fact so eminently beneficial and practical is the idea, that in the interests of the development of the industry in this Province, the Department should lose no time in putting it into effect.

### THE BOY SCOUTS

THE development of the Boy Scout movement in Stewart under the able direction of the Rev. A. W. R. Ashley, is meeting with the success that such a movement warrants, and is a great source of educational recreation to the boys participating.

Contrary to the opinion held in some quarters, the Boy Scout movement is not for the purpose of inculcating militaristic ideas in the minds of the young, but rather to develop a spirit of service to others.

An age of materialism, selfishness, is the major root of all the troubles of our present-day civilization. The motto practised by all, of material gain for the indi-

vidual, has bred widespread selfishness which, in turn, leads to selfishness of people against people, class against class, nation against nation, terminating in endless strife and misery for countless numbers.

It is to combat this over-development of materialism, and develop to a greater degree the kindness of heart, and instinct to serve that is inherent in all mankind, that is the direct objective of the Scout movement. By the stimulation of character, handicraft and physical health, these three points of efficiency are harnessed to the service of others, thus engendering a larger freer, more generous, happier civilization.

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Full information concerning regulations regarding pre-emption is given in Bulletin No. 1, Land Series, "How to Pre-empt Land," copies of which can be obtained free of charge by addressing the Department of Lands, Victoria, B.C., or to any Government Agent.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes, and which is not timberland, i.e., carrying over 5,000 board feet per acre west of the Coast Range and 8,000 feet per acre east of that Range.

Applications for pre-emption are to be addressed to the Land Commissioner of the Land Recording Division, in which the land applied for is situated, and are made on printed forms, copies of which can be obtained from the Land Commissioner.

Pre-emption must be completed five years and improvements made to value of \$10 per acre, including clearing and cultivating at least five acres, before a Crown Grant can be received.

For more detailed information see the Bulletin "How to Pre-empt Land."

#### PURCHASE

Applications are received for purchase of vacant and unreserved Crown lands, not being timberland, for agricultural purposes, minimum price of first-class (arable) lands \$1 per acre, and second-class (grazing) land \$2.50 per acre. Further information regarding purchase or sale of Crown lands is given in Bulletin No. 10, Land Series, "Purchase and Lease of Crown Lands."

Mill, factory, or industrial site on timber land, not exceeding 40 acres, may be purchased or leased, on conditions including payment of stumpage.

#### HOMESITE LEASES

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 40 acres, may be leased as homesites, conditional upon a dwelling being erected in the first year, title being obtainable after residence and improvement conditions are fulfilled and land has been surveyed.

#### LEASES

For grazing and industrial purposes areas not exceeding 40 acres may be leased by one person or a company.

#### GRAZING

Under the Grazing Act the Province is divided into grazing districts and the Game Commissioner, after consulting the Land Commissioner, issues grazing permits, priority being given to established owners. Black cattle may form associations for grazing management. Fees for permits are available for stock campers and travellers, or by head.



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## ORE AWARDS RUPERT FAIR

"The mineral collection this year is very creditable and is probably the best that Prince Rupert ever had. All the large mining companies in the surrounding district have contributed handsomely and deserve special credit," said A. C. Garde, M. E., of Smithers, at the conclusion of judging the mineral display at the exhibition, according to the Prince Rupert News. Mr Garde stated that the various classes of ore were well represented, which spoke well for the whole of northern British Columbia for values and high character of ore. Mr Garde considers that the mineral sent in this year to the fair goes to show that northern B. C. has taken seriously to mining and has a very bright future ahead for eventual shipping.

The Bulkley Valley display was awarded the silver cup for the best district exhibit, the display being put in by the Smithers Board of Trade. The district display was a keen contest between the Bulkley Valley and Usk districts.

### Awards

Belmont Surf-Inlet Mines Ltd. first prize for gold ore.

Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Co. Ltd., Anyox, (shipping mine,) first prize for copper ore.

Premier Gold Mining Co. Ltd. Stewart, (shipping mine,) first prize for best display of silver ore.

Kitselas Mountain Copper Co. Ltd., Usk, first prize for best collection of gold ores.

Copper Queen Mine, Jedway, first prize for best collection of copper ore.

Dunwell Mine, Stewart, first prize for silver ore.

Basin property, Kitsault river, Alice Arm, owned by Angus McLeod, first prize for best collection of copper-silver ore.

Geo. J. Frizzell, Prince Rupert, first prize for best collection of zinc ores.

Geo. J. Frizzell, Prince Rupert, first prize for best collection of iron ores.

A special prize for the best collection of gold and arsenic ores was awarded to the Golden Zone group, owned by F. M. Crosby, Prince Rupert.

Phil McDonald was awarded the prize for the best prospector's individual collection. He also won the prize for the best collection of crude oil and tar from the Queen Charlotte Islands.

### MINERAL ACT Certificate of Improvements NOTICE

"Maggie Jiggs Fraction", "A. M. Fraction" and "O'Brien Fraction" Mineral Claims situate adjoining the Indian Mine on Salmon River in the Portland Canal Mining Division of the Province of British Columbia.

TAKE NOTICE that the Indian Mines Corporation Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. 44191C 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 each 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 25th day of August, A. D. 1924.

The Hyland Basin group, Babine mountains, owned by Cain & King of Smithers, was awarded the prize for the best collection of lead ores.

## TELLS TOURISTS

Dr. C. S. Kirkwood, who will be remembered as a visitor to this district, is telling the people of Chicago about the attractions of the Portland Canal from the tourists' standpoint. In the British American of August 16 appears the following:

"No where in the world, says Dr. C. S. Kirkwood, dentist, of 1562 Milwaukee avenue, can you take a vacation trip to equal climate, land and water travel, prairie expanse, snow capped mountains, gorges, ravines, raging waters, mirror lakes, waterfalls, timber, foliage, ocean, islands and general scenic beauty, with a profusion of wild flowers included, as can be had by visiting Stewart, British Columbia.

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The worm, or reptile, or whatever it may be, is about a foot in length, the thickness of an ordinary lead pencil with white and black stripes running its entire length. On his arrival in Seattle Mr Wilson will turn the specimen over to the University of Washington for identification.

The writer asked Bill Fraser, one of the oldest prospectors of the district, whether he had ever seen an ice worm, and received an affirmative answer. His description tallied with Mr Wilson's specimen, which he had not seen.

Mention of ice worms almost invariably causes derisive laughter except on the part of old-timers who know they exist. In fact there is a common variety resembling the little white wire worms found in the ground and about an inch in length. When the sun forms puddles of water on the ice, these small worms may be seen in myriads wiggling about in the little pools. But that a variety attaining a foot in

length exists will be news, even to many of the pioneers who have spent days on the glacial ice.

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