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MINING NEWS.

THE LENORA — ANOTHER STRIKE.

"The cry is, still they come!" On the Lenora mine the richest ore yet found has just been struck in a drive north from the ninth floor, a short distance above and beyond No. 1 tunnel. The new ledge has already been driven on more than 20 feet, and is still in solid ore. Work on the Lenora goes on apace. Shipments are daily being made to Tacoma to fulfil the contract with the Tacoma Smelting Company, and of course the Crofton's smelter's bins are kept replenished, and later on will receive the entire shipments from the Lenora mine. A slight runaway accident of an ore train on the Mount Sicker Railway has necessitated the large engine being laid up for repairs for a few days.

THE COPPER CANYON.

On Saturday yet another lead was struck on the Copper Canyon mine. The new lead is located 240 feet north of the main ore body, and was two feet wide where struck. The intention is to work this new find by a crosscut from the 200-foot level of the proposed main shaft, for the sinking of which machinery is now being bought and preparations are being made.

The main tunnel has now been driven 256 feet, tapping a rich ore body, averaging at least three feet in width. The Mount Sicker & Mount Brenton Mines, Limited, propose to make an upraise at this point to the surface, and there to sink a double-compartment main shaft to a depth of at least 400 feet. The company has already some 220 tons of ore lying on their dump, but it is the intention to develop the mine thoroughly before attempting to commence shipping. Mr. Lewis, the manager, states that a diamond drill has been ordered for prospecting purposes.

THE COPPER KING.

Sixty feet down in the new shaft which is being sunk on the Copper King mine, a rich body of ore has just been discovered. It is six feet wide so far, and the ledge is improving, both in size and appearance, as greater depth is reached. The Copper King claim is situated on the Chemainus River, some distance below the Copper Canyon, and is the property of the Coronation Mining Company, of Nanaimo, of which Mr. J. M. Munro is secretary.

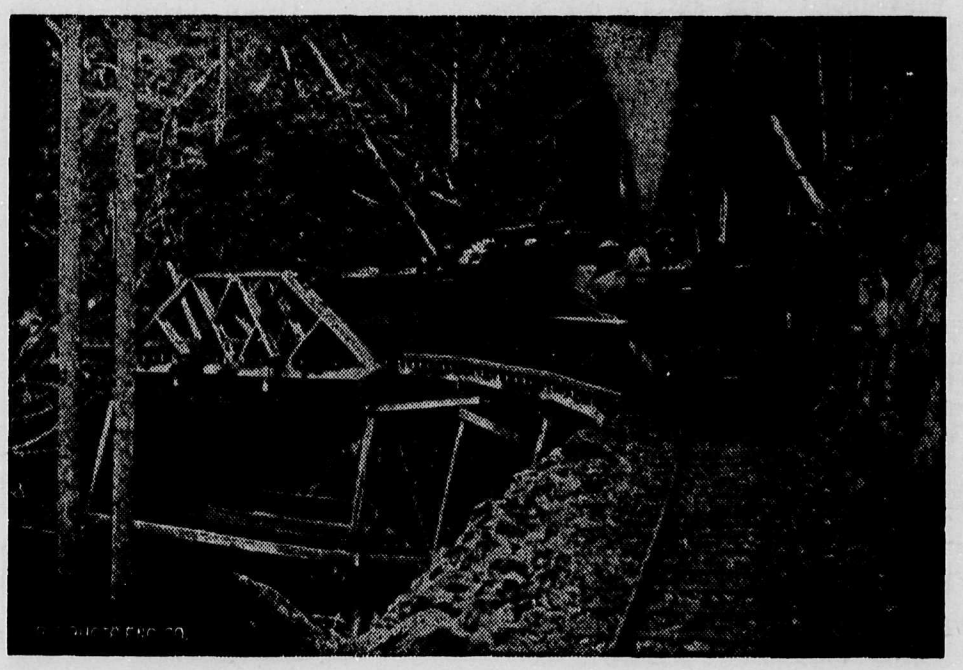
THE KEY CITY.

Captain Wasson, who with his newly installed hoisting machinery has been sinking a shaft in the Key City mine, has struck a fine body of ore at a depth of 120 feet. Its extent is not yet proved.

THE TYEE COPPER COMPANY.

The aerial tramway from the Tyee mine to the Somenos siding of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway is now in an advanced stage of completion. The siding itself is laid, and large ore bins are being constructed, with modern improvements to facilitate the handling of the ore. The work of smelter construction at Ladysmith is proceeding as rapidly as possible, though the non-arrival of machinery threatens to delay progress here as it did in the case of the Crofton smelter construction.

At the mine itself, development — at the 100-foot level especially — is proceeding most satisfactorily. More rich ore has been found, and the ore bodies already blocked out will alone keep the company's new smelter going for years. A new sawmill has been instituted on the property, following the lead of the Lenora, and the lumber for use in the shafts and stopes is now being sawn on the ground. Mr. Weismiller is superintendent and Mr. Sam Kitchen sawyer. Mr. William Dwyer, of this company, has been out prospecting for a further supply of water, with satisfactory results. The new offices of the company at Duncans are now open, in handsome premises.



ON THE LENORA MT. SICKER RAILWAY.

MINING ON SALT SPRING ISLAND.

The Perseverance group of claims, on Salt Spring Island, was recently bonded by a Victoria syndicate to Mr. H. E. Neave, for $36,000. He did a considerable amount of work during the past few months, and proved the claims so far satisfactorily that he has been able to re-bond them to a wealthy Scottish syndicate, which has undertaken to put six men to work upon them steadily for six months, to prove them thoroughly.

In the course of a 15-foot tunnel which has been driven, two cross-ledges have been struck, and the ore from them has assayed high in copper and gold. The situation of these claims is an ideal one for water transportation, and the Crofton smelter is just across the bay. Should the results of development be anything like as good as indications promise, the Perseverance group of mines will be a very valuable property.

THE COMSTOCK GROUP, QUATSINO SOUND.

About 110 tons of ore were brought down from the Yreka Copper Company's Comstock property on Monday last by the steamer Queen City, which numbered amongst her passengers Messrs. Clarke and Gwin. The ore was taken on for delivery to the Crofton smelter, and is the first over-sea consignment to the Northwestern Smelting & Refining Company. The Yreka company have decided not to ship any more ore from their Quatsino property until the aerial tramway, which Mr. Riblet ofNelson has in hand for them, has been constructed from the mine to the waterway. Advices from this property continue to be very encouraging.

THE JUNE GROUP, QUATSINO SOUND.

Messrs. Clarke and Gwin, to whom the June group of claims belong, have bonded them to a Tacoma syndicate, with the express condition that development work is to be proceeded with on a larger scale. A crosscut recently made uncovered a large body of high-grade copper ore.

FIRE INCIDENT AT THE TYEE.

When the night shift, returning home, went to the wash-house a few days ago, they found it a curious scene. Every article of furniture was overturned, and the floor under other conditions might have been a swimming bath. But there was no water left in the basins or jugs to wash in. Unpleasant though forcible remarks flew round, and the boys turned in unwashed, vowing vengeance. The morning brought repentance. It transpired that Mr. Jack Charles, returning home at 2:30 a. m. from viewing the beauties of nature, had discovered fire in the said wash-house, and had, single-handed, extinguished it, at his own peril. Gallantry such as this could not but elicit three hearty cheers, even from the offended parties.

MINING NOTES.

Mr. Spittel, a prospector, has made an exceedingly rich strike at Kennedy Lake, Clayoquot. The surface ore has assayed as much as $144 in gold, with some silver.

Several parties are prospecting in the Koksilah Valley, and a good deal of work is proceeding. One party is driving on a vein of copper ore. At eight feet in, the ore body is about two feet square.

Mr. Little, of Port Townsend, has staked out an entire island at Rupert Arm, Quatsino Sound. He states that the island — known as Red Island — is practically a solid mass of low-grade copper ore. At the western extremity of the West Arm he also discovered lately a ledge of bornite 30 feet in width.

The Van Anda smelter, on Texada Island, will very shortly be "blown in." The English company which has taken it over is largely increasing the working staff of miners, and is making considerable expenditure on new and up-to-date equipment. The manager has already had enough offers of ore for reduction to keep the smelter going for some time, and the Cornell and Copper Queen mines will ship to the Van Anda smelter at no distant date.

DEVELOPMENTS AT THE CHEMAINUS MILLS.

The Victoria Lumbering & Milling Company for some time have been quietly extending their railroad and organizing new developments at their mills at Chemainus. Within a few weeks the railroad will have completed connection between their logging camps, the E. & N. Railway, and their sawmills, thus placing them in an exceptionally advantageous position with regard to transport. To the splendid waterfront which they enjoy now will thus be added facilities by means of the Ladysmith ferry for direct transportation over the main trunk lines of the Mainland. The company are erecting two new dry kilns with a capacity of 50,000 feet a day, also a shingle mill. The V. L. & M. Co. evidently intends to keep its foremost place in the lumber trade of theprovince.

EXPORT OF TIMBER PROHIBITED.

By an order-in-council, the Provincial Government have made an effort in the right direction to discourage the export of timber. The order as published in the "British Columbia Gazette" reads :

"Notice is hereby given that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 50 of the 'Land Act,' has been pleased to order that all timber cut from provincial lands, under authority of special licenses heretofore issued, or which may hereafter be issued, shall be manufactured within the confines of the province of British Columbia, otherwise the timber so cut may be seized and forfeited to the Crown, and the license cancelled."

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ANTHRACITE COAL IN THE KOKSILAH VALLEY.

The latest sensation in the Cowichan district is the discovery of good anthracite coal near the head of the Koksilah Valley. Considerable secrecy surrounds the undertaking, but it is understood that two Victoria capitalists are about to prove in a practical way the value of the new coal field. The claim comprises some eight hundred acres contiguous to the Koksilah River, and it is proposed to utilize the waters of that stream for power purposes. A waggon road will be cut from the most feasible point on the E. & N. Railway, and experimental exploration will at first proceed on the property with a diamond drill. The surface coal is stated to be a true anthracite. The "Colonist" thus narrates the strange history of this perhaps invaluable bit of wild land:

In September, 1865, W. A. Robertson and Hector McPherson discovered indications of coal on the north fork of Koksilah River, ten miles from the Glenora farm in the Cowichan Valley, or about 15 miles from the present site of Duncans. They reported their find in Victoria and formed a company, which was composed of Hon. Amor DeCosmos, the Bunting brothers, Mr. Coldwell, Julian Harris, Hugh Moore Jr., Capt. Torrance and themselves. The company employed a miner, Jimmy Johns, to examine and develop the property, and in October of the same year a party under his supervision did considerable work on the property, making several open cuts, which disclosed three seams of coal, two of which were 18 and 20 feet in width respectively, while the third was much narrower. In the following spring Messrs. Robertson and McPherson made another expedition to the property and put in some hard work, getting out samples of the coal, which was of excellent quality for surface showings, but owing to the difficulty of reaching the property, the obstacles in the way of conveying the coal to Victoria and the want of a market, the company decided against expending any more money, and in consequence work was abandoned, and a majority of the partners withdrew from the enterprise.

Nothing daunted, Mr. Robertson formed a new company, in which he was associated with John Spratt, John Boyd, Chauncey Nuttall, Capt. Spring, Mr. Roscoe, John Graham and Mr. Findlay. Mr. McPherson had gone to California in the interim, and was accidentally killed at Oakland. The new company made a trail from the Cowichan Valley to the coal deposits, and let a contract for 200 feet of tunneling. This work was left entirely to the discretion of the contractor, who was supposed to be an expert miner, and in consequence a considerable amount of energy was wasted, as the contractor, instead of driving a tunnel at the most likely place, contented himself with sinking test pits here and there on the seams—fossiking, in fact, to no good purpose. This led to a lawsuit, and the company, discouraged, finally abandoned all active interest in the property. They had taken the precaution, however, to secure a crown title to the property as tenants in common, and consequently, after the lapse of all these years, Mr. John Graham found himself the sole owner, all his partners having died, and from him the present owners acquired title. Mr. Robertson, who had worked the hardest and most earnestly to develop the property, disheartened by the apathy of his associates, had parted with his interests many years ago, but he is so embued with enthusiasm for Vancouver Island and its possibilities that he voluntarily guided the latest owners to what may in all probability insure them a fortune.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING.

At the North Cowichan Municipal Council meeting held at Duncans on Saturday, the 26th instant, the chief business to be transacted was the consideration of the amended by-law to grant the requisite rights and privileges to the newly-formed Duncans Waterworks Company, to enable them to put in and operate a waterworks system throughout the town, and levy rents, etc. This was finally approved of and passed. The meeting also decided to hold the postponed coronation celebration on the 9th of next month, and to carry out the original programme with the exception of the bonfire.

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

The following are the successful candidates at the Duncans Centre for entrance to the Central High School, and the number of marks obtained. The percentage of successes is fairly satisfactory:

Duncans—Candidates, 10. Passed: Alan B. Ford, 873; Lewis Clark, 828; Geoffrey Lomas, 732; Margaret Robertson, 694; Hattie Whidden, 688; Margaret E. Duncan, 652; Jennie Lomas, 614.

Mount Sicker—Candidates, 3. Passed, none.

Somenos—Candidates, 3. Passed: Mary Anne Evans, 836.

Quamichan—Candidates, 3. Passed: T. A. Wood, 690.

Sahtlam—Candidates, 1. Passed: Lillie L. Robinson, 806.

Cowichan—Candidates, 2. Passed, none.

Maple Bay—Candidates, 3. Passed: Harriet R. Symons, 630.

Chemainus—Candidates, 1. Passed: Lilly McBride, 613.

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THE LENORA-MOUNT SICKER RAILWAY.

A DETAILED history of the gradual evolution of the Lenora-Mount Sicker Railway would be interesting reading. From waggon road to wooden tramway, and wooden tramway to a fully-equipped narrow-gauge railway, this route from Mount Sicker to Westholme, on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway and Crofton, on the sea, has been built up and improved until now it offers a complete system of transportation from the Mount Sicker, Mount Brenton and Mount Richards mines to the coast. The full significance of this simple statement is not readily grasped. Mining developments in the districts served by this railway have latterly made enormous strides. Mount Sicker is rapidly growing into an important mining town. The older established mines in the district are already shipping regularly, or are preparing to make regular shipments of ore; activity is increasingly apparent in the lesser known or until lately neglected neighbouring mines; and new claims are being taken up and worked on every side. Far-seeing capitalists and sound mining men are beginning to take stock of the situation and to perceive that here in the heart of Vancouver Island lies one of the most promising mineral areas in the province. The day is not far hence when Mr. Henry Croft will be called upon to extend his railway—it may be only in short arms or branches to reach and serve other shipping mines in the district, but it may be to make an extension up the Chemainus or Cowichan valleys, with a final western outlet on the sea. From sea to sea this little railway will probably one day extend, for, if developments warrant, Mr. Henry Croft (as he has shown consistently by his actions hitherto) is certainly not the man to be backward in satisfying any demand in the interests of Island progress.

But the point is that the Lenora-Mount Sicker Railway is becoming the central means of communication of this progressive mining district. If advantage be taken of the conditions, Crofton can be made the source of supply and feeder of the mines and the mining town of Mount Sicker, and this, too, without any detriment to the trade of Duncans. The railway will carry local agricultural produce daily to the markets of the mining districts, and, moreover, the merchants of thriving Duncans will eventually find it to their advantage to import goods direct through their natural seaport. The wonderful little mountain railway of which we speak will one day no doubt become an important trunk line.

We have received the first two numbers of the "British Pacific," a new monthly magazine published at Cumberland, at $1 per annum, and ably edited by Mr. Henry F. Pullen. It aims "to give expression to Anglo-Saxon points of view as they relate to the twentieth century." The initial numbers are really interesting, and we wish our new contemporary the success which the neatness of its get-up and the excellence of its reading matter well deserves.

Several articles are held over this week, owing to the publication of the proposed Duncans Waterworks By-Law, to which we draw attention.

The first consignment of ore received over-sea by the Northwestern Smelting & Refining Company arrived by the "Queen City" on Monday evening last. This consisted of about 110 tons of ore from the Yreka Copper Company's property at Quatsino Sound.

Postal conveniences have induced us to make Wednesday our publishing day, instead of Tuesday, as we anticipated last week.

DUNCANS CORONATION CELEBRATION.

THE postponed Coronation Celebration will be held (as arranged for the 26th of last month) on the 9th of next month. The programme will include a coronation service at St. Peter's, officially attended; a basket picnic on the Recreation Ground if fine, in the Agricultural Hall if wet; a baseball match, Crofton vs. Duncans; and sports as follows:

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Bun-and-treacle contest	2 00	1 00
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Grinning through horse collar	3 00	1 50
Pole jump	3 00	1 50
75-yard flat race (handicap), for girls under 14 years	1 50	50
Jockey race	3 00	1 50
Steeplechase (the course to cross the river)	5 00	2 00
Egg-and-spoon race (handicap), for girls under 14 years	1 00	50
Wheelbarrow race	3 00	1 50
Potato race (handicap), for boys under 14 years	1 00	50
Siamese race	3 00	1 50
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The bonfire on Mount Prevost will probably not take place, in consequence of the dry weather and the risk of a bush fire; but there will be fireworks in Duncans instead.

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TRAIN No. 2—Leaves Sidney 8.30 a.m. Arrives Victoria 9.30 a.m.
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THE SAMPLING WORKS.

THE neighbourhood of the sampling house is now a very busy scene. The samplers are now putting through 25 to 30 tons an hour, and later on, when the new machinery is working more easily, they will put through 35 to forty tons an hour. Lines of small cars laden with ore from the dump are being pushed in rapid rotation along rails to the foot of the sampling building, where they are run on to a weighing platform, their weight taken, and then they are emptied into the big rock crusher on the ground floor of the works. Thence, after being crushed, the ore is carried up by a lift to the top floor samplers. The sample taken from them is passed down to the next smelter, crushed again in a second rock crusher on the third floor, and again sampled, the discarded ore passing by gravity either into one of the east bins, or out by a chute from the north side of the sampling house, at will. Just at present, pending the fixing-up of the closed furnaces, ore is being passed out by this chute into cars and run along a trestle-way behind the works to where a heap is being formed for experimental open roasting.

THE FURNACE AND CONVERTER HOUSE.

The framework of this building has been completed some time, and is now nearly enclosed with sheets of corrugated iron. A large matte furnace is in place. This will roast 300 to 350 tons of ore a day. Besides this, a small cupola furnace is to hand, and a garrison furnace is on its way to Crofton. It is expected that the furnace will be ready to be "blown in" by the 15th August.

THE NEW WATER SUPPLY.

The new well which is being sunk to provide an extra water supply for the town is making a good showing, under the capable superintendence of Mr. Jeffrey, who has three shifts of men working upon it.

BALL AT CROFTON.

Mrs. Conlin gave a ball last week at the Crofton Hotel, in honour of Miss Genevieve Devitt, who was leaving on a visit to Victoria, after a long stay at the hotel. Mr. H. C. Bellinger was present, and opened the ball with Miss Devitt, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by a large party of guests. Carriages were ordered at 12 p. m., but it was early morning before the party broke up. Amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. Rombauer, Mr. and Mrs. Parker Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Anderson's sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cayzer, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Jack, Mrs. Voss, Mr. Voss, Mr. J. T. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Whittingham, and Messrs. Fred. Young, J. Bye, George Williams, and other distinguished residents. Music, consisting of violin, banjo, guitar and mouth organ, was kindly supplied by Messrs. Deasy, White and Perkins, and Mr. Bellinger generously offered his piano.

LOCAL NOTES.

Mrs. Snowden, Miss Gertie Loewen and Mrs. Harvey Combe drove over from Duncans to Crofton on Sunday last. They broke down half way, but, nothing daunted, picked up the bits and continued their journey to the new town, where they "took in" the sights and refreshed themselves with tea at the Osborne Hotel.

Of the four houses which Messrs. Craig & Mackintosh are building for Mr. Crofton Arthur Street, Mr. Jeffrey, the townsite agent, has taken one, Mr. Walter Harvey has rented another, and Mr. George Williaims, of the smelter, a third.

Early inthe morning one day last week, some of the smelter boys when going to bathe pursued a one-year-old buck into the water and secured him for an hour or two, but let him free later.

Mr. Walter Harvey, who has been painting, is now checking samples in the moisture assays at the smelter. Mr. Mountain is also a checkman.

Messrs. Macleod and Lidgate, smelter employees, went sight-seeing to Sidney on Sunday last.

A well-known city tobacco merchant called in at Crofton on Monday last. He had been spending his honeymoon at Nanaimo; but when he came on board the Strathcona again after viewing Crofton, his bride was gone. The affair is a mystery. However, we are happy to state that the bereaved bridegroom was not inconsolable.

Miss Celia Carroll and Messrs. C. A. and W. H. Shewan, of San Francisco, J. A. Daley and W. Carse have been staying at the Crofton Hotel, and thought the new town and its surroundings so charming that they propose to come again and camp here next month.

Miss Genevieve Devitt, went down to Victoria last week to meet her mother and family. Mr. and Mrs. Devitt, Miss Genevieve, and Misses Winifred and Pearl, and Masters Joe, Clare and Bernard Devitt are shortly moving into a cottage on Robert Street. Mr. Devitt is furnace master to the smelter company.

Hotel lists have been crowded out this week.

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LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The annual tournament of the Cowichan Lawn Tennis Club took place on Friday and Saturday last, and will be concluded on Saturday next. Mr. Pimbury's grounds were filled with a large assemblage of members and visitors, numbering several hundred. The play was good throughout, but that of Mrs. Burton amongst the ladies and Mr. R. Barkley amongst the gentlemen was exceptionally fine—indeed, irresistible. Only the open events were played off last week, the handicaps being left until the 2nd instant. Subjoined are the results of the finals:

Ladies' Open Doubles—Mrs. Burton and Miss Maitland-Dougall beat Mrs. Leather and Miss Musgrave. The prizes for this are a silver bonbon dish and a silver clothes brush.

Gentlemen's Open Doubles—Messrs. R. E. Barkley and R. St. G. C. Master beat Messrs. R. Musgrave and C. F. Rivaz. For this the prizes are a silver pencil case and a silver cigarette holder.

In the Gentlemen's Singles, for which the prize is a silver-mounted flask, Mr. R. E. Barkley beat Mr. E. W. Shaw.

Fuller details will appear in our next issue.

LOCAL NOTES.

Our felicitations to Mrs. E. C. Musgrave, wife of the popular superintendent of the Tyee mine, Mount Sicker, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. Freeman, who has been working with Messrs. Lamb and Mutter at Somenos, has taken Mr. Harrison's ranch, in the same district.

An unfortunate accident occurred on Friday during the tennis tournament. Miss Loomis, a visitor from Tacoma, sprained her ankle in one of the early rounds. Mr. Fisher, from Metchosin, managed to bind it.

We understand that Mr. Cheek has bought the property between Shawnigan and Cobble Hill.

Mr. James Murchie's new house has been let to Mr. Hearn, bookkeeper to the Tyee Copper Company.

Mr. Watson, of Watson & McGregor, Victoria, has been doing the plumbing for the new Quamichan Hotel, and has put in the new ice chest.

At the Tzouhalem Hotel during the week the following have registered, amongst others: Miss Dunsmuir, Victoria; Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Laing, Miss G. Loewen, Miss Pemberton, Dr. Dickson; Mrs. Donagan and Miss Harding, Port Townsend; Mr. and Mrs. Lowe and family, Mr. J. Byers, San Francisco; Mr. Alex. Rennie, Sydney, N. S. W.; Mr. James Lowe, Sausalito; Mr. Louis Stormbrink, Yokohama; Mrs. W Jennings; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Longmaid, three children and nurse, Helena; Mr. and Mrs. Master, Mr. and Mrs. Dunne, Westholme; Mr. and Mrs. Langley, Victoria; Mrs. N. P. Snowden; Mrs. and Master Boyce Harvey-Combe; Mrs. F. Besford; Mr. H. W. Banbury, London, England; and Messrs. B. Orth, J. Fannin, F. S. Bour, E. W. Molander, E. Carr-Hilton, C. H. Beadnell, L. Blank, J. McNeil, J. S. H. Matson, B. S. Oddy, and W. Fisher, of Victoria.

Amongst those registered at the Quamichan Hotel have been: Mrs. E. J. Bellamy, Miss Bellamy, Miss Rene Bellamy, Mr. J. H. Moseley, Victoria; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Dunn, Victoria; Mr. A. Lindsay, Mr. Albert Lindsay, Victoria; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Barker, Vancouver; Mrs. N. S. Clarke and children; Mrs. and Miss Campbell, Mount Sicker; Mrs. G. S. Graham, Vancouver; Mr. H. T. Porter, Ladysmith; Miss McAfee, Victoria; and Messrs. George F. Owen, Moosomin, N. W. T.; W. J. Gate, Lillooet; A. C. C. Stratford, Auckland, N. Z.; W. O. Wallace, T. M. Hickey, S. M. Pearsall, P. J. Nearn, S. W. Bodley, W. Peters, E. D. Dier, H. H. Clarke, L. Bond, E. C. B. Bagshawe, R. B. Anderson; J. Clark, Chemainus; R. K. Mulford, Mutelaar, N. Z.; James Eccles and C. F. Owen, Tacoma.

Mr. R. C. Barker, who is train despatcher for the C. P. R. at Vancouver, has, with Mrs. Barker, been spending his holidays with his brother-in-law, Mr. F. Nelson, our host of the Quamichan Hotel.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs. F. Nelson is much better after a three weeks' illness.

Mr. W. E. Blythe, we are sorry to say, has lately been indisposed with colds and rheumatism. We have missed him.

Messrs. C. Bazett, G. H. Hadwen and P. C. Peterson, of Duncans, have been visiting Victoria during the week.

Blackberries are very plentiful just now around Shawnigan Lake.

A picnic and bazaar was held at Mr. Mainguy's last week, in aid of the English Church, and was most successful.

Mr. O. M. Vesper, vice-president of Messrs. Welsh & Co., of San Francisco, has been the guest of Mr. E. J. Palmer, of Chemainus. He left by the "Strathcona" on Friday.

Capt. Gibson has returned to Chemainus.

A lodge of Woodmen of the World, with an initial membership of 22, has just been formed at Mount Sicker.

A BY-LAW

To grant certain powers and privileges to the Duncan Waterworks Company.

A BY-LAW to enable the Duncans Waterworks Company, Limited, to construct and operate a Waterworks System within certain portions of the Municipality of North Cowichan.

Whereas the Duncans Waterworks Company, Limited, hereinafter called the Company, was specially incorporated within the meaning of Part III. of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, being Chapter 190 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia (which said Act is hereinafter referred to as "the said Act") and amending acts, for the sole object of constructing and operating a Waterworks System within the Municipal limits of the District of North Cowichan, and for the purposes accessory and incidental thereto.

And whereas the Company has given notice of application under Part II. of the Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897, to record the right to take, divert, convey and use 300 inches of water from Skinner Creek, in the District of Quamichan, at a point on said Creek about 40 feet from the south side of the Victoria and Nanaimo Waggon Road.

And whereas by Section 46 of said Act it is necessary that the Corporation of the District of North Cowichan should give its consent to the construction and operation by the Company of such Waterworks System.

And whereas under and by virtue of the "Municipal Clauses Act" the Council of every Municipality may from time to time make by-laws for granting aid by way of bonus to certain works therein specified, by exemption, for a period not exceeding ten years, from municipal taxation, subject to such terms, conditions, and restrictions as the Council may deem expedient.

And whereas the Company has proposed to construct and maintain a Waterworks System within certain portions of the Municipality of North Cowichan, upon the terms set forth in a draft agreement submitted to and approved by the Council, and which said draft agreement is as follows:

Agreement made the ..... day of ....., 1902, between the Duncans Waterworks Company, Limited, being a Company specially incorporated within the meaning of Part III. of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act," Chapter 190 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, and amending Acts, for the sole object of constructing and operating a Waterworks System, hereinafter called the Company, of the one part, and The Corporation of the District of North Cowichan, hereinafter called the Municipality, of the other part.

Whereas the Company has given notice of application under Part II. of the Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897, to record the right to take, divert, convey and use 300 inches of water from Skinner Creek, in the District of Quamichan, at a point on said Creek about 40 feet from the south side of the Victoria and Nanaimo Waggon Road.

And whereas the Company is desirous of obtaining the exclusive privilege of operating a Waterworks System within that area or tract of land hereinafter specified, lying and being within the corporate limits of the Municipality, and is desirous of obtaining the consent of the Municipality thereto, as required by said Statutes, and exemption from Municipal taxation for ten years, upon the conditions hereinafter contained.

And whereas, in order to encourage and assist the said undertaking, the Municipality has agreed to grant or assent to the privileges and exemption from taxation hereinafter referred to.

Now This Indenture Witnesseth that the parties hereto mutually agree with each other as follows:

1. The Company shall, on or before the 1st January, 1903, commence the construction of a good and sufficient Waterworks System, with all modern improvements, to supply with wholesome water fit for domestic purposes that portion or area of the Municipal limits known and described as Section 20, Range 4; Sections 17, 18 and 19, Range 5; Sections 17 and 18, Range 6; and Sections 16 and 17, Range 7, in said District of Quamichan, and that portion of Section 15, Range 7, in said District lying within the Municipal limits, and shall diligently proceed with the construction of said Waterworks System, and will within eighteen months from the final passage of this By-Law have the same in operation, so that the same will and the Company shall thenceforward supply all the water reasonably required by the inhabitants of the townsite of Duncans (otherwise Alderlea) and extensions thereof as shewn upon the map thereof filed in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, B. C.

2. The Company shall thenceforward maintain the said Waterworks System in good and efficient order and operate the same continuously, so as to, and the Company shall, supply all water that may be necessary to meet the reasonable requirements for the time being of the inhabitants within such portion of the above described area as shall at any time hereafter have situated on each acre thereof not less than four dwelling houses or other buildings in respect of which separate services are required.

3. The quality of the water supplied by the Company shall at all times be such as shall meet with the approval of the Board of Health of the Municipality.

4. The Company shall at its own expense include in its said system, and maintain for the exclusive use of the Municipality, six hydrants (but no more) of a character suitable to the Municipality, at such points as may be designated by the Municipality, and at all times supply such hydrants with a sufficient quantity and force of water for the use of the Municipality in the prevention and extinguishment of fires; and the Company shall also supply the Municipality, free of charge, with such water as it may require for use in or about the Municipal Buildings situate in said town of Duncans or Alderlea.

5. Subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement, the Company shall have the exclusive privilege, for fifty years from the final passage of this By-Law, of supplying the area described in Clause I. hereof with water, but the privileges by these presents granted or assented to shall not extend outside said area.

6. The Company shall proceed with all its work with due care and regard to the safety and convenience of the inhabitants and property owners, and when work is commenced on any street, road or thoroughfare within the Municipal limits, it shall be proceeded with steadily and without interruption, and shall be carried on as rapidly as possible, having due regard to the proper and efficient construction of the same, and all streets, thoroughfares, roads and sidewalks shall be replaced in as good order as the same were immediately prior to the commencement of the work, to the satisfaction of the Municipality.

7. The cost of constructing and operating said system shall be paid by the Company, and the Company shall be liable for all damages and consequences arising through the act, neglect or default of the Company occurring in the construction or operation of any works hereby authorized, and shall pay all claims for compensation or damages arising in respect thereto (if any) for which the Municipality would be liable.

8. The Company shall comply with all the requirements and conditions of the Water Clauses Act and amending Acts applicable to its undertaking.

9. If and in case the Company shall fail to well and faithfully comply with this agreement, or any part thereof, for 30 days after it shall have been notified by the Municipality in writing, delivered or posted up at the Company's office or works, of any such default, then the Company shall forfeit all its rights and privileges, and all its lands, property, plant and works shall become the absolute property of the Municipality, which shall thereupon be at liberty to enter into possession thereof for its own use and benefit, without paying any compensation therefor, any law or equity to the contrary notwithstanding; provided always that if the Company shall fail to commence the construction of the Waterworks System as provided in Clause 1 hereof, it shall incur no further liability beyond the forfeiture of its rights and privileges under this agreement; provided that, notwithstanding anything herein contained, the lands, property, plant and works of the Company shall not be forfeitable to the Municipality or become the property thereof by reason of any failure to supply water as herein provided, in the event of such failure being caused by reason of the inability of the Company to obtain the necessary water from Skinner's Creek aforesaid: but in the event of such scarcity of water causing a failure by the Company to comply with the provisions of this agreement, the Municipality may give three months' notice of their intention to cancel the exclusive privilege given to the Company by clause 5 hereof, and the exemption from taxation mentioned in Clause 10 hereof, and upon the expiration of the time limited in such notice, the privilege granted to the Company shall cease to be an exclusive privilege, and the said exemption from taxation shall cease.

10. In consideration of the Company well and faithfully observing and performing this agreement on its part, and so long only as it shall so observe and perform the same, the Company and the whole of its waterworks system, offices and other property, of what nature or kind soever, shall be exempt from all taxation by the Municipality for a period of ten years from the date of the final passage of this By-Law.

11. The Municipality shall not be liable in the event of any right or privilege granted or intended to be granted under this agreement infringing upon any right or privilege of any other company or person, nor in the event of the Municipality not having power to grant any such rights or privileges.

12. The term Company shall mean and include the Duncans Waterworks Company, Limited, and its assigns.

In witness whereof the said Company and said Municipality have hereunto caused their corporate seals to be hereunto affixed the day and year first above written.

The Corporate Seal of the said Company was hereunto affixed by order of the Board of Directors passed the ..... day of ....., 1902, in the presence of .....

The Corporate Seal of the said Municipality was hereunto affixed in the presence of .....

And whereas the Corporation of the District of North Cowichan (hereinafter referred to as the Municipality) is willing to assist the Company in constructing and operating such Waterworks System by giving the Company immunity by way of bonus from Municipal taxation for a period of ten years from the final passage of this By-Law, upon the terms set out in said draft agreement:

Therefore the Corporation of the District of North Cowichan enacts as follows:

1. The terms of said draft agreement hereinbefore recited shall be and are hereby accepted, and upon and subject to the conditions and restrictions in said agreement contained, the Municipality hereby consents to the construction and operation of the Waterworks System referred to therein being undertaken by the Company, and said agreement is hereby incorporated with and shall read as part of this By-Law in so far as the same contains any grants or covenants on the part of the Municipality, and the acceptance of any of the benefits thereof by said Company or its assigns shall bind the Company or its assigns to all the terms and conditions therein expressed to be performed by them respectively.

2. This By-Law shall be void unless the works referred to in said agreement are commenced and completed within the periods specified therein in that behalf.

7. This By-Law shall, before the final passing thereof, receive the assent of the ratepayers of said Municipality in the manner provided by the "Municipal Clauses Act."

4. This By-Law may be cited as "The Duncans Waterworks Company, Limited, By-Law, 1902."

Passed the Municipal Council the 26th day of July, 1902.

NOTICE.

Take notice that the above is a true copy of the proposed By-Law upon which the vote of the Municipality will be taken in the Council Chamber, Duncans, B. C., on Wednesday, the 13th day of August, 1902, between the hours of 8 a. m. and 4 p. m., and that the undersigned will be the Returning Officer to take said vote.

JAMES NORCROSS, C. M. C.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

THE DUNCANS WATERWORKS COMPANY BY-LAW, 1902.

I hereby give notice that the electors of the Municipality of North Cowichan are requested to attend at the Council Chamber, Duncans, on Wednesday, the 13th day of August, from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., to record their votes for or against the passage of the Duncans Waterworks Company By-Law, 1902, a copy of which By-Law is published in the Crofton Gazette, and copies whereof are posted at the Council Chamber and in each ward of the Municipality, of which each person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

JAMES NORCROSS,
Returning Officer.

Council Chamber, Duncans, B. C., July 28, 1902.

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