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NEW HAZELTON THE SITE

ACCEPTED BY THE PEOPLE

Residents of Present Town Will Unite for Development of the Future City

MOVE WHEN STEEL IS LAID

General Acceptance of Decision As Final—Unanimous Disposition To Get Together and Work for Interests of New Town and District

Although Hazelton will not have to move to the railway until the steel is here, there is no longer any doubt as to the location of the city which will take Hazelton's place on the map. The Railway Commissioners have decided that New Hazelton is to have the station.

While the verdict of the Commission was unexpected, and, to some Hazelton people, not entirely welcome, citizens of the present town show a unanimous disposition to accept the decision as final, and from now on the residents of Hazelton will work unitedly for the development of the district and its commercial and mining center, New Hazelton.

Those who have heretofore pinned their faith to South Hazelton, relying upon the railway company's announcements that its station would be built at that point, are not disposed to cling to a lost cause, and will be found lined up for the new town.

Aldous & Murray, representatives in Hazelton of the railway company and its associates in the South Hazelton project, have given for publication the following statement:

"The Board of Railway Commissioners has issued an order compelling the Grand Trunk Pacific railway to build its Hazelton station on lot 882, and forbidding it to do likewise at South Hazelton. It therefore appears that New Hazelton will be the future city of this district, and, such being the case, we will assist in its development to the best of our ability. In supporting South Hazelton, as we have done in the past, we worked only for what we considered to be the best interests of the people of Hazelton, believing the station would be at that point. In view of the verdict of the Commission we can but bow to its decision and lend our assistance to make New Hazelton the one and only future city of Hazelton."

Many Lots Reserved

Frank McKinnon has been the busiest man in Hazelton for the last three days. The decision was no sooner announced than citizens began to besiege Harvey & McKinnon's office to secure lots in the business part of New Hazelton. Clements & Heyward, the fiscal agents in Vancouver, advised the local representatives that it was necessary to have Hazelton reservations wired early, owing to the demand which has developed on the lower mainland. Even though it is not necessary to move at once, the business men seem to consider it advisable to lose no time in securing proper locations in the new town. Ninth avenue appears to be considered the best street for business.

Hammond's Company In Line

The Natural Resources Security Company, in a despatch to The Miner, under Vancouver date of Dec. 21, says:

"We believe that the decision of the Dominion Railway Commission placing the station of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway at New Hazelton should be taken as final and conclusive by all interested, and we propose to boost for one Hazelton, and that New Hazelton, from this date.

"Natural Resouces Security Co., Ltd."

Premier McBride Speaks

(Special to The Miner)

Victoria, Dec. 21:—When questioned today regarding the position to be taken by the provincial government following the Mabee decision in the Hazelton townsite case, Hon. Richard Mc Bride said the government, in joining with the Grand Trunk Pacific in the sale of lots in South Hazelton, had acted in good faith, relying on the representations of the railway company that the Hazelton station would be located on lot 851, the site of South Hazelton. Nevertheless, the Premier said, the government would willingly listen to any complaints from those who had purchased lots. Pending consideration of the matter by the government, the Premier would say no more on the subject.

To many here the announcement of Judge Mabee's decision was disagreeable news. All those who purchased lots at the auction on Tuesday did so believing the railway announcements. Prices ranged from $225 for inside lots on streets back from the railway to $1,700 for well located corner lots. Morice and Omineca streets and Broadway boulevard were the favorites, bringing prices ranging from $1,500 to $1,700. The total sales were not announced.

It is expected that the exact course to be adopted by the government will be announced shortly.

COMMISSION HAS DECIDED

Grand Trunk Pacific Ordered To Locate Hazelton Depot On Robt. Kelly's Townsite

CENSURES THE RAILWAY

Judge Mabee Declares Railway Company Has Attempted Injustice and Must Carry Out Agreement with Kelly and Abandon South Hazelton Project

Ottawa, Dec. 19:—The Board of Railway Commissioners today rendered a decision on the application of Robert Kelly, owner of Lot 882, Cassiar district, which is subdivided as section 2 of the townsite of New Hazelton, to compel the Grand Trunk Pacific railway to locate and maintain a station at that point, in accordwith an agreement between the railroad and the owners of the land. The Board announced that an order would be issued for the establishment of a depot on lot 882, as originally agreed, and an injunction preventing the carrying out of the railway's own townsite enterprise at Hazelton would be granted.

Railway officials were severely slated by Hon. J. P. Mabee, the Chief Commissioner, who said: "If any private individual had done what the railway has attempted in this case, he would have been in the penitentiary, and rightly so. I have never known of a more deliberate attempt to deprive an individual of his rights, and I say so most emphatically." The Chief Commissioner further declared that so far as it lay in his power, he would put an end to the exploitation of public lands by railway companies or anybody else, when in violation of solemn agreements.

Steel Reaches Fraser

Victoria: Grand Trunk Pacific steel has been laid to the Fraser headwaters, thirty miles from the Great Divide. A big bridge is to be built at this point, and tracklaying has been discontinued for the winter, to be resumed in June.

Christmas Hockey Will Be Exciting

An exciting hockey game is looked for when the local team meets the seven stalwarts of the G. T. P. on Monday afternoon. Though somewhat handicapped by the absence of some of their best players, the Hazelton men are confident of success. The line-up for the game has not yet been decided upon, but the team will be picked from the following: A. E. Fawcett, A. C. Aldous, Roy McDonell, W. H. Larmer, L. Kenny, M. Tyler, H. F. Glassey, H. Welch, A. Johnson, S. B. Slinger.

The engineers are said to have a strong and speedy team ready for the game, and will have most of last year's stars on the ice when the puck is faced off. It is probable that George Larocque, a veteran hockeyist, will referee the game, assisted by E. B. Tatchell as judge of play.

KILLED IN AN EXPLOSION

Three Powder Factory Employees Lose Their Lives Near Nanaimo

Nanaimo, Dec. 21:—The powder works at Departure Bay were destroyed by an explosion which occurred at noon today. Three men were instantly killed and a number of others were injured. The buildings were blown to atoms. The dead are Wm. Dee, John Wilcox and Joseph Defries.

Stewart Recovering

(Special to The Miner)

Vancouver, Dec. 23:—Duncan Ross, who is here today, says Contractor J. W. Stewart, of Foley, Welch & Stewart, is rapidly recovering from his recent serious illness and expects to leave shortly for Paris, France, where his family is at present sojourning.

Steamers for Fraser

(Special to The Miner)

Vancouver, Dec. 22:—A special freight train of ten cars, containing the machinery of the steamers Distributor and Operator, left yesterday for Tete Jaune Cache, via Calgary and Edmonton. The work of taking apart and shipment was accomplished without mishap.

Biggest On Record

An Indian potlatch has been in progress at Kispiox this week, and the Hazelton village has been almost deserted. At the recent potlatch given by local natives $14,356 in cash and over $4,000 in goods were distributed. Including the horses and other presents given, the total is said to have exceeded $20,000, making the potlatch the most notable one on record in British Columbia.

A Leap Year Dance

A movement is on foot to have the ladies take charge of the first Assembly club dance in the new year, making it a "Leap-Year" dance. This would be a decided novelty in Hazelton, and would also give the ladies an opportunity to introduce any ideas they may have on dance arrangements.

Another Canadian Elected

London: Captain D. F. Campbell, the Canadian-born Unionist candidate in North Ayrshire, defeated Anderson, the Liberal Solicitor-general for Scotland, whose recent appointment made the bye-election necessary.

Boston Man Thinks the World Square

Boston, Dec. 21:—A reward of $1000 awaits the person who can prove to the satisfaction of Charles W. Morse of Brooklyn that the earth is round. The money is on deposit in a Boston bank. Mr. Morse does not expect to be called on to pay the reward to any astronomer or geographer, for he is certain the earth is square. The idea that the earth revolves around the sun at a terrific rate of speed is all nonsense, according to Mr. Morse.

Mr. Morse is ready for an argument with any disputant who might suggest that, if the earth were square ships sailing around it would drop over the edge. This never can happen, he said, because of the immense ice barrier which surrounds the habitable portion of the earth, which is in the shape of a flat circle.

WOMEN ARE TOO SCARCE

The Reason Why So Many British Columbians Remain Bachelors

Ottawa, Dec. 22:—A census bulletin just issued gives the population of the Dominion by electoral divisions and by sexes. Many constituencies, mostly in the west, have populations greatly in excess of the unit of representation, which has long been fixed at 30,800. British Columbia has 243,000 males and 136,000 females, the greatest disparity in Canada.

In response to the application of the McBride administration, the Dominion government has given the province jurisdiction over all water matters in the Dominion railway belt in British Columbia. The cost of administration will come out of the revenue, any surplus being paid to the federal government by the province.

The government has decided upon the personnel of the commission which will investigate several public service departments at Ottawa. The men chosen are Hon. A. B. Morine, Toronto; Richard Lake, Grenfell, Sask.; G. N. Ducharme, Montreal.

Hon. Martin Burrell is arranging for a fruit convention at Ottawa early in the new year.

Santa Claus Was There

The first Christmas tree entertainment of the Presbyterian church was held last evening in the church rooms, and attracted a large crowd, in which, of course, the young folks were in the majority. The ladies of the church had prepared an interesting program of musical numbers, and succeeded in giving those present an enjoyable time. The distribution of presents, which developed some humorous features, provoked a good deal of amusement.

Ore Car for Harris Mines

A two-ton ore car for the Harris Mines has just been finished at Willis' blacksmith shop, and will be in use at the mine in a few days. It is an excellent piece of work.

"MOST-TALKED-OF TOWN IN NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA"

MR. KELLY STATES CASE

Owner of Lot 882 Tells of His Negotiations with the Railway Company

(Special to The Miner)

Vancouver, Dec, 21:—Robert Kelly was interviewed today, and threw additional light on the Hazelton townsite situation. His action, he said, was based upon the undertaking given by the Grand Trunk Pacific that it would locate the station on lot 882. In a letter to Mr. Kelly, from Assistant Solicitor Mansur, of the G. T. P., written in November, 1910, the railway company undertakes "that the company will construct a siding upon the land described in the enclosed conveyance, and that so long as the company's line of railway is in its present location, this siding will not be removed east or west of this land."

It was on this undertaking that the Railway Commission declared the railway would be compelled to erect and maintain a station on the Kelly townsite. The letter partly quoted was the conclusion of a lengthy correspondence between the railway company and the owner of lot 882. Nearly all of the railway company's letters to Mr. Kelly were written by G. U. Ryley. In one of these, written in July of last year, the latter says the railway company accepts the Kelly offer of 29 acres on lot 882 for railroad purposes, "but regrets you cannot see your way clear in giving the company an interest in the townsite."

In another letter the railway company asked Mr. Kelly for half of the townsite. Later in the negotiations the owner offered to compromise, giving a quarter interest; but the company still asked for one-half, in addition to the 29 acres already conveyed, although it was willing to allow a special commission of five per cent. on any lots sold by Kelly and associates.

"I originally purchased 640 acres," said Mr. Kelly, "which cost me about $100,000. One quarter of the land, upon subdivision, reverted to the provincial government. If I had agreed to the demand of the Grand Trunk Pacific for one half, what I should have had remaining would not have been much. The plan which accompanied the conveyance from me of 29 acres showed the station and siding in red ink, and it was on this, together with the assurances given in the letter first quoted, that the Railway Commissioners acted. We have been selling, and are going right ahead disposing of lots. Every man who returns to Vancouver from the east declares that Hazelton is the most talked-of town in Northern British Columbia."

Natural Resources Makes $400,000 Deal

J. H. Kugler, who is handling sections one and three of New Hazelton townsite, wired yesterday from Vancouver to The Miner:

"Have Sold to Natural Resources Security Company over $400,000 worth of lots in New Hazelton, at regular prices and on regular terms. First cash deposit made yesterday.

"J. H. Kugler."

TO CONTROL SITUATION

Well Known Company Announces It Will Concentrate Attention On New City

(Special to The Miner)

Vancouver, December 21:—In a full page advertisement, the Natural Resources Security company makes the following announcement: "Settled—Hazelton—We believe we control the situation of the railroad townsite at Hazelton. We shall issue a notice to the public within a day or two which will clinch matters for all time. There is going to be only one town on the railroad at Hazelton, and we shall tell you exactly where it will be located just as soon as necessary legal arrangements are made, which will be a matter of one or two days at most."

Surveyors Return

On Thursday P. C. Coates' survey party returned from Babine lake, where they have completed the survey of 16,000 acres of land for a Tacoma syndicate. The sections surveyed were located in 1910 by Gordon Wilson, who was with the party.

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Railway Commission Takes Decided Action

The Board of Railway Commissioners, a tribunal from whose decision there has seldom been a successful appeal, has announced that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company must build and maintain a station on lot 882. This, coupled with the declaration that the company will not be allowed to proceed with its South Hazelton project, would seem to settle once and for all the much vexed question of the Hazelton townsite.

The news of the decision was not received with unmixed satisfaction in Hazelton, as many people in the old town were disposed to look with favor on the South Hazelton location. As soon as the finality of the pronouncement was recognized, however, the business men showed a disposition to fall into line for New Hazelton, and the townsite problem may be regarded as solved.

Robert Kelly, owner of lot 882, known as New Hazelton, section two, was able to show the Commissioners that the railway company, in consideration of the conveyance of twenty-nine acres for railway purposes, agreed to maintain a station and siding on the property, and the Board ordered the company to carry out its undertaking. The correspondence between the parties to the agreement casts an interesting light upon the townsite methods of the railway company.

With regard to the position of the Provincial government in the matter, the Premier states, and no one will doubt, that in joining the Grand Trunk Pacific in the sale of South Hazelton lots the Lands Department acted in perfect good faith, relying on the representations of the railway company that its Hazelton station would be located on lot 851. The exact course to be adopted by the government, following the Mabee decision, has not yet been announced; but all concerned are justified in expecting fair treatment from the administration.

A concern which bids fair to prove an important factor in the development of the new town and the district is the Natural Resources Security Co., which has done a great deal to give the Omineca district publicity. This company, in a special despatch to the Miner, states that it accepts as final the decision of the Railway Commission. This is confirmed in a most convincing manner by the messuge from J. H. Kugler, announcing the purchase by the company of New Hazelton lots to the value of over $400,000.

We are confident that the publicity which Hazelton and its tributary district is receiving as a result of the townsite difficulty, and its settlement by the Railway Commission, will redound to the advantage of our people in the near future. Robert Kelly says Hazelton is the most-talked-of town in Northern British Columbia, which means that thousands of people have turned their attention to our resources and possibilities, with the certainty that the completion of the railway to New Hazelton will bring the influx of people which alone is now needed to make this one of the most prosperous sections of British Columbia.

With the possibility of a townsite contest eliminated, the business men of the old town have only to act in concert to keep Hazelton on the map as the commercial center of the Northern Interior. When the time comes to remove to the railway there will be no question as to the proper place to move to.

For An Improved Trail To Groundhog

At a special meeting held on Thursday evening, the executive committee of the Hazelton Conservative association formulated a request for a provincial appropriation of $26,000 for the improvement of the trail to Groundhog mountain coal fields.

It is proposed to have supplies and tools sufficient for six weeks' work sent in over the snow and cached at the junction of the telegraph and police trails and at the point where the proposed new trail will leave the police trail to proceed up the Skeena.

Between the third and fourth telegraph cabins, the trail crosses Poison mountain, on which snow lies until the middle of June, making early packing impracticable, while beyond the fourth cabin, where the trail will follow the Skeena, the ground is bare almost as early as at Hazelton. By sending supplies in on toboggans in March it will be possible to have much of the necessary work done before the packing of supplies to the coalfield begins.

It is hoped that a better route than the present trail over Poison mountain will be secured, but that must be left for later action. All efforts at present will be devoted to securing the construction of a passable trail in time to serve next season's needs.

The route proposed is via the telegraph trail to the mounted police trail (76 miles) thence following that trail to where it leaves the Skeena at Bear river, from which point a new trail is to be constructed along the Skeena to Groundhog basin, which is near the headwaters of the river. The trail from Hazelton to Groundhog basin will be under 150 miles in length, and besides being shorter than the present route, will afford a much easier grade and better footing. One bridge will have to be built, to replace that over the Slamgeese, carried away by high water.

Some Mining Problems

At one of the largest and most representative mining conventions ever held in British Columbia resolutions were passed here asking the federal government to appoint a commission to investigate thoroughly the various questions affecting the silver-lead-zinc industry, and to create a separate portfolio of mines to be held by a minister who will devote his entire time to the work, says a Nelson exchange.

The meeting suggested to the government that the inquiry by the proposed commission might include the questions of a tariff on lead and zinc and the by-products of the two metals; of continuing the lead bounty at the expiration of the grant at present partly disposed of; of the granting of a bounty on zinc and of the offering of some reward to the person or persons inventing a process for the treatment on a commercial scale of the complex low grade ores of the Kootenays. Each of these suggestions found strong advocates at the convention, which was unanimously in favor of some form of protection for the industry.

A committee was appointed to investigate the various questions affecting the industry in British Columbia. The chairman of this committee is W. E. Zwicky, who will be glad to receive suggestions in writing affecting the industry from all interested in the subject. Such communications should be addressed to Kaslo.

As subjects for discussion he suggested the question of the continuance of the lead bounty: the present low duties on lead and zinc; the high United States tariff on the same metals; further experiments toward the solution of the zinc problem, and the appointment of a federal commission to inquire into the various questions affecting the industry. He suggested the selection of delegates to present any resolutions which might be passed by the convention.

James Johnstone said he thought the question of expense should not be considered by the government in carrying on further experiments toward the solution of the zinc problem. If it cost $300,000 or $400,000 it would would be a profitable investment. He offered the following resolution:

"In view of the partial success which has attended the work done by Dr. Haanel in Ottawa and Montreal during the past year toward the solution of this most important problem and in view of the fact that the money set aside by the late government for this purpose was insufficient to bring the work to a successful conclusion, this meeting does hereby urge the Dominion government to set aside a sum of not less than $50,000 to be used for this purpose.

"And we do further recommend that an award of $25,000 be offered any individual or company who shall perfect any process on a working commercial basis for the separation of zinc ores as found in the mines of the Slocan and Nelson districts of British Columbia."

E. W. Widdowson seconded the resolution. He thought the prize of $25,000 should be awarded to any person solving the question, whether by a perfected old invention or a new.

C. F. Caldwell thought that the greatest aid to the solution of the zinc problem would be adequate tariff protection for the industry. By protection only could the permanency of the silver-lead-zinc industry be assured. Under present conditions the Canadian mine owner could not compete with the American competitor. He expressed an abounding faith in the mines of British Columbia. The lead industry affected every person in the Dominion, he declared. Mr. Caldwell said that he pleaded not for the operating properties, but for the prospects and mines which were idle. He described the present condition as unhealthy and tending to make the high grade properties pay for the low grade properties, which, he said, could only be operated at a profit by a big smelting company.

Efforts to treat sulphide zinc ores with or without lead, by an electric heating process was a physical impossibility, declared Mr. French, who explained in technical terms his reasons for the statement.

He advocated not only a bounty on lead but also a bounty on zinc. He thought there was a good market in Great Britain for all the zinc Canada could produce. Mr. French was not in favor of the offering of a prize by the government for the solution of the problem. If the bounty on zinc was given it should be seen that the bounty was proportionately divided between the prospectors and the smelters, who stood at the two ends of the industry.

Mrs. Walters offers 1-4 off on Children's Buster Brown suits and overcoats for the holiday season.

LAND NOTICES

Omineca Land District. District of Coast Range V.

Take notice that I, Frank White, of Kitselas, farmer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of the Kitselas Indian reserve, thence north 20 chains, east 20 chains, south 20 chains, west 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres more or less.

Oct. 13, 1911. Frank White.

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Omineca Land District. District of Coast, Range 5.

Take notice that A. P. Augustine, of Vancouver, occupation land surveyor, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Lot 4012, thence 40 chains east, 80 chains south, thence 25 chains more or less to east boundary of C. A. Newitt's pre-emption, thence north along eastern boundary of C. A. Newett's pre-emption 20 chains to south boundary of Frank Zolier's application to purchase, thence east 5 chains more or less to south-east corner of Frank Zoller's application to purchase, thence north 40 chains, thence west 20 chains to south-east corner of Lot 4013, thence north 20 chains to point of commencement, and containing 200 acres more or less. Alpheus Price Augustine.

Nov. 14, 1911.

Omineca Land District. District of Cassiar.

Take notice that Fred Allan and Joseph Sleath Hicks of Hazelton, miners, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on the Bear river trail, 23 miles from the mouth of Bear river and 4 miles from Babine trail, thence north 80 chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains, east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres acres more or less. Fred Allan

Sept. 25, 1911. Joseph Sleath Hicks.

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The Board of Railway Commissioners, upon considering the evidence, decided last Tuesday that the railway station for Hazelton should be located on lot 882, New Hazelton, Section Two. This decision solves for all time the question of the site of the future city. : - : - : - : - : - : - :

BUY LOTS NOW

THERE is no longer room for doubt as to the future of New Hazelton, Section Two. It is the location of the commercial and mining center of the northern interior.

Many applications for lots in New Hazelton are being received in Vancouver, Victoria and other outside points; but these have been held in abeyance for a few days, in order that the people of the old town may secure locations in the business center of New Hazelton

MAKE your reservations at once, as when outsiders start buying all the remaining choice locations will be quickly taken.

Maps and Plans are to be seen at our office.

The Bulkley Bridge

Now in regards to a bridge across the Bulkley river, connecting the roads from the mines with the railway. It has been quite extensively advertised, although very little in Hazelton, that a bridge was to be constructed at a point farther down stream than the present bridge.

To anyone who knows the location of the mines and the topography of the country, this idea is comedy. If there is a mine owner on Nine-mile mountain, or Four-mile mountain, who is willing to say that there is any other route from the mines to the railway that will favorably compare, as to distance and grades, with that to New Hazelton, over the proposed high-level bridge across the Bulkley at Haguelgate, we have a special cash prize of $250.00 awaiting him in our office to be paid over on his word.

We have received the following telegram from Robert Kelly, owner of New Hazelton, Section 2:

Harvey & McKinnon, Hazelton.

Please engage competent engineer at once have him survey for high level bridge at Haguelgate. Issue specifications and call for tenders for immediate construction. Arranging with Indian Department at Ottawa for right-of-way through the reserve.

(Signed) Robert Kelly.

An engineer will be on the ground next week and as soon as he has completed the necessary surveys and plans, construction will be proceeded with.

With this bridge constructed at this point all traffic from the mines and Kispiox agricultural district—practically all of the produce of this district—must find an outlet at New Hazelton. This one thing alone should satisfy the most skeptical that New Hazelton is the inevitable townsite of the district.

Stop and Think!

Here we come to one of the most important features in regard to the station grounds. The grade through New Hazelton allotted to the G. T. P. is on level grade.

New Hazelton is the only point on the G. T. P. from the bridge across the Skeena where a level grade can be procured. From New Hazelton west the grades are maximum.

The Road to Ground Hog

The cheapest route, the shortest route, and the route with the easiest grade to the Groundhog Coal Fields from the G. T. P. main line is from New Hazelton. In fact this is the only feasible route, according to the engineers and those pioneers who have covered every foot of the country.

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The greater part of the block is being taken in Hazelton. It is a source of great gratification to us and we consider it an emphatic endorsement of the property and management that we should be able to sell 100,000 shares of mining stock in less than 60 days and without any advertising campaign other than small ads in the local papers. We would thank those who so promptly came forward with their money to purchase our offering were we not confident of making good in every way; and a substantial profit is the best form of thanks we can think of.

Rosenthal, Harris & DeVoin
HAZELTON, B. C.

News of Town and District In Brief

R. J. McDonell left for Telkwa yesterday morning.

Graham Rock returned on Monday from Babine lake.

N. D. McMillan has returned from a visit to Vancouver.

G. O. Graham is confined to his home by an attack of grip.

John O'Herin, of Glentanna, is paying a holiday visit to Hazelton.

James T. Bates returned on Thursday from a visit to Kitselas.

Mark Brennan, an Ootsa lake settler, is one of the week's visitors in Hazelton.

Constable Belson returned on Wednesday from an official trip to New Westminster.

Charles Barrett, proprietor of the Diamond D ranch, is paying a holiday visit to Hazelton.

At the Ingineca hotel an especially good menu has been arranged for Christmas dinner.

Special Christmas music will be a feature of the Presbyterian church service tomorrow evening.

Carr Bros. brought several loads of hay from the valley during the week for R. S. Sargent.

T. E. Hankin and Robert Mc Donald are expected to arrive from Groundhog within a few days.

C. H. Munro, who has spent a few weeks rusticating on Buck river, came down the valley yesterday.

A. V. Clark, of the Hudson's Bay post at Babine, has returned to that point, after spending a few days in Hazelton.

One of the handsomest calendars which has reached the Miner is that issued by the Prince Rupert Tent & Awning company.

W. J. MacAfee and Hans Bergquist returned on Thursday from the end of steel with a dog toboggan loaded with Christmas poultry.

Edgar Boling has made another discovery of galena in the vicinity of Tatla lake, judging from samples of rock sent out the other day.

Fourteen inches of snow fell on Thursday night, ensuring good sleighing for some time, and gladdening the hearts of the freighters.

W. W. Wrathall has issued some handsome holiday cards, on which appear photographs of the hockey games. The cards should be favorites.

L. L. DeVoin will go up to the American Boy mine in a few days, and will probably remain until the cross-cut tunnel strikes the No. 2 vein.

The Assembly club's dance, postponed on Friday on account of the Christmas tree, will be held Christmas night, when a large attendance is requested.

Arthur Skelhorne has been asked by the relatives of the late John A. Blume to look after the property of the deceased pending the arrival of one of the family.

Complaints are made that the railway contractors are not using sufficient care at points in the Bulkley valley where the grade is immediately above the wagon road.

The annual meeting of the Hazelton Hall association will be held in the hall on Thursday, Dec. 28th, 1911, at 8 o'clock. All shareholders are requested to be present.

Charles Anderson is said to have an excellent showing of concentrating galena ore on the Silver Fox group on 15-mile creek, in the Babines. He is developing the ground.

A few non-resident landowners were represented at the court of revision held by Mr. Allison on Monday. Residents of the district are apparently satisfied with the assessor's work.

Toney Pete, who was brought from Aldermere by Constable Calkins to answer a charge of supplying liquor to Indians, was convicted in the police court and sentenced to six months in New Westminster jail.

Roy McDonell sustained a rather severe injury during hockey practice on Thursday afternoon. He collided with a goal post, cutting his face badly. The injury will not prevent his playing in the Christmas game.

Beirnes & Mulvany have inaugurated a regular express service between Hazelton and the railhead, and are prepared to bring consignments through from Prince Rupert with all despatch. Their advertisement appears in this issue.

Dan Redish, employed on the Ross construction contract, was killed on Monday. With others, he was riding on a wagon conveying timbers to the long tunnel, when he fell off and was crushed between the wheels and a log, dying ten minutes later. The coroner decided an inquest was unnecessary.

At Skeena crossing, a few miles below Hazelton, where the bridge which is to carry the G. T. P. track across the Skeena is being constructed, over 300 men will spend Christmas. That their holiday will not be a cheerless one is to be judged from the announcement that the Y. M. C. A. will keep open house in its commodious club rooms. Secretary W. H. Morrison has been busy with preparations for some days.

Basketball Proposed

An ideal indoor sport for the winter season is basketball, which may be inaugurated in Hazelton in the near future. The proposal to organize a local league is meeting with considerable favor, and success is likely to attend the efforts of the promoters of the game. A meeting of those interested will be held in the reading room on Wednesday next, at 8 p.m., with the object of organizing an association. If the auditorium or some other suitable place can be obtained for matches and practice no difficulty in promoting a basketball league is anticipated.

Harris Mines Announcement

The management of Harris Mines is justifiably proud of the fact that the block of 100,000 shares of treasury stock offered for sale has been taken up within two months. Most of the stock was bought by Hazelton men. The treasury of the company now contains funds sufficient to carry out the program of development under which it is expected that between 1200 and 1300 tons of ore will be ready for shipment to the smelter by the time the railway is ready to take it to tidewater. It is quite possible that the Harris Mines will not find it necessary to sell any more of its treasury stock.

The Police Calendar

Among some of the residents of New Hazelton the holiday spirit is manifesting itself in a manner which fails to meet with the approval of the police. In the local police court this morn-Chief Constable Wynn had half a dozen residents of the new town before the magistrate on charges of gambling, evidence having been secured on Thursday night, when the police visited a resort of which complaints had been made. The players were each fined $20 and costs, while the owner of the house was assessed $50 and costs. The campaign against the blind pigs is still in progress, the police activity for the week resulting in the conviction of two New Hazelton offenders, who each paid $300 and costs.

A Special Stock Offer

An interesting offer is made by Harvey & McKinnon, who are handling Rocher de Boule stock. For the benefit of local people, and to show their confidence in the property, they say:

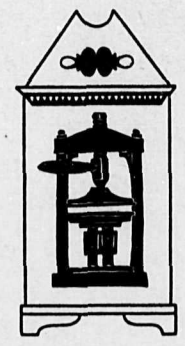
"Anyone can purchase 500 shares of Rocher de Boule stock at the present price of twenty-five cents. The money paid for same will be placed in trust in the Union Bank of Canada together with the stock certificate until the 31st March, 1912. On that date the buyer can take either the stock or the money, which will be paid by the bank."

Only one block of 500 shares can be purchased on these terms by any person. The offer will remain open until January 1, unless the available stock is sold before that time.

Good Wild Hay for sale by the ton or bale, at Sargent's warehouse.

Hazelton Rifle Association

Members are required to return rifles, in good condition, to police station immediately. Unused ammunition must be returned to the secretary.



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