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DONALDSON IS PLEASED

General Manager of G. T. P. Speaks Highly of District After Visit

On his return from a trip to the end of steel, Morley Donaldson, general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, told an interviewer that the scenery between Fraser Lake and the coast would bring many tourists to this district.

Mr. Donaldson and party had been gone four days on the trip and thoroughly enjoyed it. They were charmed with the magnificent scenery in endless variety which unfolds itself in the 300 miles between the placid mountain lakes and the tide water. "I consider it is the prettiest stretch of scenery on the continent," said Mr. Donaldson, and he predicts a tremendous tourist traffic in the years to come.

The general manager's party went out to the end of steel, where track laying is still in progress. The grading is pretty well completed on that section. There is one heavy piece which will be finished about January 10, when track laying will continue to Mile 344. Mr. Donaldson expects the grading to be completed about the first of April and a month later the tracks will probably be linked up. It will take all summer, however, to get the roadbed in shape for traffic. In fact Mr. Donaldson does not anticipate that the company will run any high class transcontinental trains before the beginning of 1915. If the traffic demands it they will put through a limited service in the autumn.

There are only temporary bridges being put over the Fraser and Nechaco rivers in order to rush construction. These will will have to be replaced by steel bridges, and that work will take some months. Mr. Donaldson says there are now about 7000 men on construction work, but this number will drop off automatically from now on.

Hotel Northern Opening

The social event of New Years was the dance given by R. J. McDonell on Thursday evening, to mark the opening of the big Hotel Northern in New Hazelton. A large crowd of Hazelton people went over to the new town to participate, and all enjoyed the affair. The dance was held in the Larkworthy building, a recherche supper being served in the hotel. Music was furnished by Teddy Quinn. The success of the affair may be judged from the fact that nearly all the dancers remained on the floor until after three o'clock.

Severe Cold in Europe

London, Dec. 31:— Blizzards and floods caused great destruction in various parts of France yesterday. Intense cold is being experienced in Spain and Portugal, many deaths from freezing being reported.

Briton and German Reach Agreement

London, Dec. 31:—Great Britain and Germany have concluded a comprehensive political agreement which will, it is believed, go far toward the eradication of all danger of war between the two empires. Part of the agreement, it is understood, provides for the joint purchase of Portugal's possessions in Africa. The upper portion of the district, it is said, will be taken over by Germany, and the lower part by Great Britain. The sum of $100,000,000 will be paid to Portugal.

Lisbon, Jan. 1:—The report that the African possessions of Portugal have been acquired by Great Britain and Germany is denied here. It is semi-offiicially stated that Portugal's African territory is not for sale, though it may soon be on the market.

Battle is Imminent

El Paso, Dec. 31:—A force of five thousand rebels is attacking the Mexican town of Ojinaga, near the American border. The town is practically the only stronghold of the federals in the north. Huerta is leading the government troops in person. A decisive battle seems imminent, while the whole Mexican situation is nearing a crisis.

MINERS BURY THEIR DEAD

Victims of Christmas Eve Panic Laid to Rest---Investigation of Fatality Ordered

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 29:—Yesterday was a sad day in the city when the victims of the terrible panic on Christmas Eve were buried. The strikers bore the coffins through the streets and as their arms wearied with the load and their feet tired from the slippery roads their comrades relieved them of their burden.

Thousands lined the streets. With men in tears and women sobbing openly, the scene was one of deep tragedy. Fifty miners, mostly Englishmen from Cornwall, chanted hymns as the procession passed.

The whole country is in great excitement over the recent happenings. A special grand jury has been called to consider the forcible deportation of President Moyer and condition of the strike among the copper miners. Warrants have been served on the leading persons on both sides.

Word has been received that the Chicago Federation of Labor will take the matter up with Congress. Resolutions of that body have been sent to Washington asking for an investigation.

A Socialist paper in Hancock is charged with publishing misstatements calculated to incite riot.

W. A.

The meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary will be resumed on Jan. 8th. All ladies are heartily invited to be present on Thursday next, in the Mission House at 3:15 p.m.

Local and District News Notes

Constable MacAulay, of Aldermere, was in town on Monday.

F. A. Brewer has been appointed manager of the skating rink.

Hazelton St. Andrew's Society will hold its regular social meeting on Friday evening next.

The Hospital staff enjoyed a sleighing party on New Years night, as the guest of Hugh Harris.

Constable Peters is preparing apartments over the drugstore for his family, which will arrive next week.

Mrs. Wrathall and children, accompanied by Miss Wrathall, left on Thursday for Prince Rupert, where Mr. Wrathall is now in business.

Owing to the lack of ice at Smithers, the first hockey match of the season for the Ross cup, scheduled to take place there tonight, has been postponed by the league executive.

All are heartily invited to attend St. Peter's Church on the first Sunday of the New Year. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Holy Communion at the close of the morning service.

J. P. Thorkildson returned on Saturday from Los Angeles, where he established his family for the winter. He will leave shortly for Tacla lake, where he has a small crew at work on his big copper group. Negotiations for the sale of the property to American capitalists are in progress.

R. E. Allen, forester for this district, is expected to return from New Denver about the fifteenth, accompanied by Mrs. Allen and their children. They will reside in Hazelton in future.

Bert Schooling and Bert Markell returned yesterday from 20-Mile, having freighted the construction outfit from Smithers to that point, where it was taken in charge by teamsters from the other end.

"Remarkable improvements have been effected on many of the Kispiox ranches," says Road Superintendent Carr, who recently visited the Kispiox Valley. A largely increased appropriation for road work in that district has been recommended.

The hockey team was out for practice last night. Some of the recruits made a good showing, and there is every prospect that Hazelton will have a good chance to retain the championship, notwithstanding the absence of several of last season's stars.

The climax of the Indian potlatch which has been in progress for some time was reached on Thursday evening, when the natives of the Hazelton village gave an exhibition of their potlatch rites in the big hall on the reserve. Whites were invited, and a large crowd attended. The various shows and dances proved highly entertaining, while the Indian band, in popular selections, made a good impression.

HUERTA LEADS ARMY AGAINST REBEL FORCE

Mexico City, Dec. 29:—President Huerta of Mexico has grown weary of the lack of success of his generals and has decided to take the field himself. Enrique Gerosticta, minister of justice, will become provincial president, and thus relieve Huerta until he has accomplished his task.

Chihuahua, Mexico, Dec. 29:—Nothing less than the fall of Huerta and his banishment from the country will be considered a preliminary step toward the peace of Mexico, said General Villa today. He further added that any other overtures would be treated with contempt by the revolutionists. They demand a complete surrender of Huerta and his followers and that an independent person be chosen for provisional president. The constitutionalists would guarantee a free election, reform of the land laws, ratification of the confiiscation by rebels of estates valued at many millions and the nullification of all acts of the Huerta regime. The opinion of General Villa is that Huerta will not resign and that the rebels must fight their way to Mexico City. Within a few months they have won the whole north and their forces are increasing. The fact of Huerta taking the field has no fear for him.

TYRANNY AND TERROR RULE IN PORTUGAL

Lisbon, Dec. 29:—While a large part of the world fancies that Portugal is now one of the homes of liberty, and a place where speech is unrestrained and freedom of thought encouraged, yet in reality the three years of Republican rule since Machado Santos, an officer of the naval commissiariat, drove King Manuel from his palace, have reduced the country to a frightful condition.

The Republicans are more autocratic than any king could be, and Lisbon and all the big cities are filled with spies, representing the government, and known as Carbonaries or "white ants." The jails are packed with men arrested merely on suspicion and kept for months before being tried. Speech, religion and all forms of expression are checked if they are against the views of Alfonso Costa, a lawyer, who is now Prime Minister.

Spies search the houses at will and keep the people in a state of terror by dogging the footsteps of any one suspected of royalist or syndicalist tendencies, constantly framing up indictments against them.

Road Superintendent Carr left this morning for Smithers, to begin construction of a bridge over the Bulkley at that point.

Captain Bonser Joins The Great Majority

Vancouver, Dec. 27:—Hundreds of pioneers, especially those acquainted along the northern coast, will regret to learn of the death of Captain J. H. Bonser, aged 50, who passed away last night at his home at Portland, Ore. Captain Bonser was the first shipmaster to navigate the Upper Skeena River and the Upper Fraser and no man was better known or more highly respected in the north than he. The funeral will be held at Portland. The deceased leaves a wife and a daughter, Mrs. Harry Godfrey of Vancouver.

Captain Bonser was popular with old-timers in Hazelton. He came on the Skeena in 1892, taking command of the first sternwheel steamer on the river, the Hudson's Bay steamer Caledonia, which had reached Hazelton the previous year. He continued in charge of the Caledonia until 1900, when he took command of the Monte Christo, of which he was part owner. Later he commanded the Pheasant. He went to the Fraser river in 1907, returning in 1911 to take over the Inlander, which was his last command. His death will be regretted by many throughout this district.

MEETING OF INSTITUTE

Annual Gathering of Bulkley Valley Farmers to be Held at Telkwa On January 10

The annual general meeting of the Bulkley Valley Agricultural Association and Farmers' Institute will be held at Svenson's hall, Telkwa, on Saturday, January 10, at 2:30 p.m. The attendance of all members is specially requested.

Business:—1. President's Report and discussion thereon. 2. Secretary-Treasurer's report and adoption of same. 3. Election of officers for the year 1914. 4. General business and discussions.

Topics to be discussed:—"Field crop competition." "Formation of two separate organizations." "Co-operative buying and selling." "Can more be done to obtain an experimental farm?" "The possibility of holding a farmers' picnic." "The holding of a show next fall."

The directors will welcome discussion on the above subjects, or any other matter of material interest to the association.

London Times on B. C.

London, Dec. 31:—The London Times pictures a bright future for British Columbia in its special Panama Canal number, which deals comprehensively with every part of the Pacific Province. The Times calls Vancouver a "miraculous city" and believes a large share of the immigration which now goes to the prairie provinces will be diverted to British Columbia, while a huge volume of grain will find an outlet through the Pacific ports.

A PROSPEROUS GROWTH

Premier and Ministers Review Progress of B. C. During the Year

Victoria, Jan. 1:—The premiers of all the provinces, in their New Year messages, sound a note of optimism, predicting record prosperity for 1914. Premier McBride, in a two-column review of the year, deals with every phase of development in British Columbia. He emphasizes the work of railroad building, the greatest in any of the provinces. The Grand Trunk Pacific will be connected in May, providing a new steel highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific. On the Pacific Great Eastern five thousand men are working, and the first passenger train on the road ran today from Vancouver to Dundrave, eight miles out. The premier reviews the many activities on the Island and Mainland, declaring his confidence that the coming year will bring even greater things.

Hon. Thos. Taylor, minister of railways, says, in the course of an extended review of the year's work, that the Canadian Northern expended $30,000,000 on construction in British Columbia last year.

The other cabinet ministers also gave reviews of their various departments. Hon. W. R. Ross reported that the forest revenue for the year had exceeded all records, reaching a total of nearly $3,000,000. During the year one million acres of land had been surveyed, eight hundred thousand acres being in advance of settlement.

The year's expenditure on public works was approximately ten million dollars.

The total mineral production of the province for the year will be $29,500,000, which is two and a half millions less than the production of the previous year, the falling-off being accounted for largely by the prolonged inactivity resulting from the coal strike.

Hospital Fund Grows

Dr. Wrinch has met with encouraging success in his campaign for funds to equip the Hospital with X-ray apparatus and electric lights, The Dominion and provincial governments have each appropriated $1500 in aid of the fund, while other subcriptions are already nearly sufficient to guarantee the raising of the $7,000 required. The best equipment possible will be obtained, including a modern ambulance. Dr. Wrinch and the advisory board of the Hospital request those who have not yet taken the opportunity to assist in this work to advise the medical superintendent of the amounts they are willing to subscribe.

Tenement Inmates Burned

New York, Dec. 31:—In a big tenement house fire here today five men and three women lost their lives. Many were injured.

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The Omineca Miner has the largest bona fide circulation of any newspaper in the Northern Interior of British Columbia.

It has been frequently demonstrated that a section of the opposition press is willing to stoop to any means in its unavailing efforts to discredit the provincial government. It is a commentary on the weakness of the Liberal cause that, in the absence of effective arguments, opposition newspapers must resort to misrepresentation and falsehood as a basis for their tirades against the McBride administration. The Vancouver Sun, perhaps the leading offender in British Columbia against journalistic decency and political fairness is a glaring example. Many startling headlines and much verbiage are regularly devoted by the Sun to the alleged shortcomings of the government, and it does not appear necessary that truth should have any place in its attacks. For instance:

In a recent issue, the Sun accuses the provincial government of doing everything possible to harass the settler. In support of this statement, the recent sale of lands in this district for delinquent taxes is cited, and the Sun says:

> In the list were seventy-six properties, all farms, not less than three-quarters of them being occupied by settlers and very few, if any, more than a year in arrears of taxes, most of them in fact only in arrears since last January. The sale was advertised on September 13 to take place a month hence. So that they were actually only a little over seven months in arrears when the government seized the farms and auctioned them off. The total arrears amounted to about $5,600, a little over an average of $75.00 apiece, and each farmer is taxed $2.00 costs, interest at 7 per cent on the arrears and the costs of the sale.
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> If there are no bids on a farm the settler has the right to redeem it in two years, while if there are bids he has only a year in which to save his home. If the land sells for more than the amount of the taxes the government keeps the surplus.

Contrast the above statement with the facts, which are these: Of the seventy-five parcels of land advertised for sale, only six were pre-emptions. Of these, four had been sold by the locators, while not one of the owners of the seventy-five lots was in occupation of his land at the time of advertisement and sale. The taxes on every lot advertised were unpaid for over twenty months. The regular government rate of interest, six per cent, was charged against the arrearages, and not seven per cent, while no costs of sale were charged beyond the advertising charge of two dollars. In any case, the owner of land sold for taxes has two years in which to redeem his property, which he may do by paying the taxes to the government and twelve per cent. interest on the money paid by the purchaser, which, with the principal, is returned to the latter by the province.

Although the truth is easily ascertainable, the Sun pretends that speculators and settlers are not treated alike. If its editor were at all familiar with the laws of the province, he would know that, while all alienated lands are subject to taxation, only crown-granted lands may be sold for taxes. If he took the trouble to investigate, he would find that people who hold land as an investment or for speculation are required to pay their taxes or bear the consequences. We believe the number of bona fide settlers on the delinquent tax lists of the province is so small as to be negligible, as investigation proves it to be in this district.

Information for Settlers

The Department of Lands has issued another valuable pamphlet which adds to the information available for intending settlers in British Columbia. The new book deals with the Fort George land and recording division and forms the second of the series being issued by Hon. William R. Ross, Minister of Lands.

The pamphlet should aid those seeking knowledge regarding the territory contiguous to the new northern railroad as it deals with the Skeena land recording district embracing the Queen Charlotte Islands, the Naas Valley and other portions of that district, to which the attention of settlers has been attracted.

The territory dealt with in the pamphlet issued yesterday covers a wide area, for the Fort George land district is traversed across more than five parallels of longitude by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, with which the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, which follows the Fraser Valley northward, connects at Fort George, and the Canadian Northern Railway, which enters the district from the East at the Yellowhead pass in the Rockies, parallels the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway to Tete Jaune Cache, where it turns southward down the McLennan valley toward the North Thomson river, which it follows to Kamloops. The western boundary of the district follows the Telegraph trail from Blackwater northwesterly, and joins the Nechako, at the 124th parallel, and north of the river it follows the height of land east of the Stuart valley until it again follows the 124th parallel. The eastern border follows the Rockies, the boundary of the province. The office of the government agent, to whom application for pre-emptions must be made, is at Fort George.

Pre-emptors' maps No. 1 Fort George sheet, No. 2 Neebako sheet and No. 3 Stuart Lake sheet, cover much of the area dealt with in the pamphlet, which will no doubt be of great value to those interested in the northern district of this province.

Records from Glengarry

Among the records collected by the dairy division, Ottawa, this season, are some from Glengarry that show the average yield of 155 cows to be 4,540 pounds of milk, 3.5 test, 159 pounds of fat. Included in that is the yield of one herd of 9 cows including one three-year-old that averaged 6,209 pounds of milk, 3.3 test, 205 pounds of fat.

It will be noticed that this herd produced 1,669 of milk and 46 pounds of fat above the average of the 155 cows. Another herd averaged 220 pounds of fat, or 61 pounds per cow above the average; with fat reckoned at thirty cents per pound, this is equivalent to over eighteen dollars per cow, indicative of the thousands of dollars extra that might be coming into a district if the cows were keyed up to a higher producing level.

One noticeable feature of this section is the large number of poor yields from two and three year olds. But it is not only the heifers that are responsible for lowering the average yield. There are cows from six to ten years old that gave only 2,800 pounds of milk and 102 pounds of fat as compared with that average of 4,540 pounds of milk and 159 pounds of fat.

So that instead of a contrast of only eighteen dollars, it is found that there is an actual difference of over forty one dollars in the cash received from mature cows in the same period. This is surely a statement strong enough to cause every dairyman to examine closely into the performance of each cow he keeps. Milk records are easily kept and a composite sample from each tenth day's milk can be tested once a month. Is not this worth doing?

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LAND NOTICES

Omineca Land District. District of Coast, Range V.

Take notice that Charles Hicks Beach of Hazelton, B. C., occupation clerk, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of Lot 349, Range V, Coast District, and being the northeast cor. of land applied for, thence west 20 chains, south 40 chains, east 20 chains, north 40 chains to point of commencement and containing 80 acres more or less.

Charles Hicks Beach,
Oct. 11, 1913. Dan McDougall, agt.

Omineca Land District. District of Cassiar

Take notice that James Bell, of Glasgow, Scotland, occupation telegraph operator, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of Lot 2391 Cassiar, thence 20 chains west, 20 chains south, thence following Skeena River to the southwest corner of Lot 2391 Cassiar, thence north to point of commencement, containing 40 acres more or less.

Nov. 10, 1913. 14-22 James Bell.

Omineca Land District. District of Coast, Range V.

Take notice that John Jaynes, of Duncans, British Columbia, occupation clerk, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the south-west corner of Lot 349, Coast District, Range 5, and being the north-west corner of the land applied for, thence south 40 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 20 chains to point of commencement.

John Jaynes.
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

KITSUMGALLUM SCHOOL

SEALED TENDERS, superscribed "Tender for Kitsumgallum School," will be received by the Hon. the Minister of Public Works up to noon of Monday, the 29th day of December, 1913, for the erection and completion of a large one-room school at Kitsumgallum, in the Skeena Electoral District.

Plans, specifications, contract, and forms of tender may be seen on and after the 10th day of December, 1913, at the offices of Mr. J. H. McMullin, Government Agent, Prince Rupert; Mr. S. H. Hoskins, Government Agent, Hazelton; Mr. W. J. Goodwin, Secretary to School Board, Kitsumgallum, B. C.; or the Department of Public Works, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C.

Intending tenderers can, for the sum of ten dollars ($10), obtain one copy of plans and specification by applying to the undersigned. This sum will be refunded when the plans and specifications are returned in good order.

Each proposal must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, for a sum equal to 10 per cent. of tender, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. The cheques or certificates of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

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Public Works Engineer.
Department of Public Works,
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News Notes from Many Sources

German engineers are planning two new railways in China, to cost $20,000,000.

Twenty-two insane Chinamen, held in Oregon State asylum, have been returned to China.

Three vessels are reported lost and several missing as a result of a storm on Christmas day in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Consolidated, which operates the Trail smelter and a number of mines, made a million dollars last year.

Government engineers state that in four years the Columbia river will be made navigable from Revelstoke to the Pacific coast.

Altogether 125,000,000 bushels of grain were handled in Port Arthur and Fort William between Sept. 1 and Dec. 5, when navigation closed.

Only 44 lynchings, known to be such beyond doubt, have occurred in the United States during the year 1913. This is the lowest number on record.

There has been a stampede to Scott creek, in the Chisana district. Over two hundred claims had been staked when the first report was sent out.

The fishing steamer G. R. Hughes was completely wrecked on Hope Island, while on her maiden trip. The G. T. P. steamer Henriette picked up the crew, all of whom were saved.

Estimates of the damage inflicted by the Christmas storm along the Atlantic coast from Sandy Hook to Atlantic City range all the way from $500,000 to $1,000,000.

Marines have been stationed on the British Honduras frontier, to prevent the passage of arms to Mexican rebels and to guard British territory against violation by Mexican forces.

Japanese in the provinces of Isomori and Hokkaido are suffering from the worst famine since 1869. On account of the failure of crops and fisheries, thousands of persons are starving.

The deaths from industrial accidents throughout Canada last year numbered no less than 1220 workmen, while 5780 workmen received serious injuries. Thus 7000 workers in Canada met fatal or serious accidents.

Another brutal murder has been committed at Fort George. Harry Porter, a young Englishman, was clubbed to death and his pockets rifled. Robbery was apparently the motive. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the deed.

The Canadian government has contracted for the construction of what will be the largest telescope in the world. The tube will be seven feet in diameter, while the principal lens will be seventy-three inches in diameter, ten inches thick, and will weigh two tons. The entire apparatus will weigh fifty tons.

The annual report of the fisheries department shows that British Columbia easily leads the provinces in the value of its fishing industry. The total market value of the fisheries of the province for last year was $14,455,488. This is an increase of $778,363 over the total of the preceding year and establishes a new record.

According to Dr. L. S. Sugden, who has spent the past fifteen years in the Yukon, and has travelled extensively during that period through the north, the Canadian route via the White Pass and Yukon railway to White Horse and the Kluane trail, or the White river, is the only practical way of getting into the Chisana gold diggings.

New Steamship Lines

Two important new lines of steam-ships are to be placed in service out of Vancouver early in the new year. The Merchants' and Shippers' Steamship Company of San Francisco will place some big steamers in commission between Vancouver, Puget Sound and Australian ports. Three new 100,000-ton boats will be provided. A new Japanese line is building two 16,000-ton steamships for trans-Pacific business but pending their completion it is intended to place some smaller steamers on the Vancouver run. It is expected by the Japanese that they will obtain a share of the silk business now handled by Canadian Pacific liners.

It is estimated that Canada's fur will be worth approximately $2,000,000 this season.

Cancellation of Reserve

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the reserves existing upon Crown lands in Range 4, Coast District; Range 5, Coast District; and in Cassiar District; and situated in the vicinity of Ootsa and Francois Lakes; in the Watershed of the Morice River; in the vicinity of Endako and Bulkley Rivers; in Townships 1A, 2A and 3, Range 5, Coast District; on the Kispiox River; on the Kitsumkalum River; and on the Naas River, which said reserves were established respectively by two notices appearing in the British Columbia Gazette in the issue of May 5th, 1910, and by notices appearing in the British Columbia Gazette in the issues of May 26th, 1910; Novhmber first, 1906; September 10th, 1908; February 25th, 1909; and July 2nd, 1908; are cancelled in so far as the same affects the acquisition of said lands under the provisions of the "Coal and Petroleum Act."

R. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Minister of Lands
Lands Department,
Victoria, B. C.,
11th November, 1913. 12--20

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tenders for Public Building, Port Alberni, B. C.," will be received at this office until 4.00 p. m. on Wednesday, 31st December 1913, for the construction of a Public Building at Port Alberni, B.C.

Plans, specification and form of contract can be seen and forms of tender obtained at the office of the undersigned, Postmasters at Alberni and at Nanaimo, and Mr. A. J. Chisholm, caretaker, Public Building, Vancouver.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures, stating their occupations and place of residence. In the case of firms, the actual signature, the nature of the occupation, and place of residence of each member of the firm must be given.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent. (10 p. c.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the person tendering decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

WM. HENDERSON
16—17 Resident Architect.
Department of Public Works
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 9th, 1913.

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Smithers Notes

(From Thursday's Review)

Constable MacAulay paid a visit to Hazelton early in the week.

A Masonic club is being organized by local members of the Craft.

Sleighroads throughout the district are reported in excellent condition.

R. L. Gale, of Telkwa, returned on Friday from a business trip to the coast.

Miss Fakeley, of Kispiox, was the guest of Rev. C. E. and Mrs. Batzold over Christmas.

Mrs. E. E. Orchard, of Telkwa, who was seriously ill of pneumonia, is recovering at Hazelton Hospital.

Monday next will see the beginning of work on the big bridge over the Bulkley river at Smithers. Superintendent W. J. Carr will be on the ground to oversee the preliminary work of preparing camps and constructing the falsework. Several teams are now engaged in freighting the outfit and supplies for the work.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Carr have returned from Vancouver, where they were engaged in choosing furniture for the Hotel Bulkley.

Government Agent Hoskins has issued notice calling an election of fire wardens for Smithers, to be held on Friday, January 9.

The appeal of Wm. Shannon against his conviction for illegal selling of liquor at Decker lake has been dismissed, and he will have to serve out his six-months' sentence.

A number of Hazelton people went to the Diamond D ranch on Sunday, to spend New Years as guests of Mr. Barrett. The party included Mr. and Mrs. Hicks Beach and children, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Graham, Miss Steele, Miss Peel, and Fred Field.

Fire on Monday morning destroyed the large residence of Wilson Bros., the ranchers and freighters, located at 38-Mile, eight miles from Smithers. The proprietors had started out with freight teams for the Upper Bulkley, leaving the Chinese cook in charge. An hour after their departure the fire broke out, and within a very short time the building and its contents were consumed. The loss will be considerable.

Indians Rewarded

In recognition of the services of Weemanosiks, Indian of Kisgegas, in having some years ago rescued a demented old white man, on his way to the Klondyke, who otherwise would have perished from exposure, the Department of Indian Affairs awarded him $100.00 worth of supplies. For similar services Sam Batiste, Indian of Fort Babine, was given a like amount of supplies for the rescue of Frank Rahnor and W. H. Wrigley, and additionally a medal from the Royal Canadian Humane Society.

These awards were made through R. E. Loring, Indian Agent at Hazelton, who arranged for the presentation of the gifts to the Indians at Babine, where a large number of natives gathered for the Christmas holidays. Rev. Father Coccolla, O. M. I., made the presentation in a suitable manner.

WATER FAMINE AND FIRES IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 29:—A water famine has resulted from the collapse of the waterworks conduit, with very serious results. Factories and railway shops are closed, throwing thousands of workers out of employment.

A fire which started at St. Hubert and Ontario streets this afternoon destroyed an entire block of stores and houses, the firemen being utterly helpless to prevent its spread. Only the chemical engines were in commission. The damage exceeds $500,000.

Montreal, Dec. 30:—The second big conflagration since the waterworks breakdown occurred today. Buildings in the business district valued at $300,000 were destroyed.

An investigation of the water failure has been ordered.

OMINECA ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that all Assessed Taxes and Income-tax, assessed and levied under the "Taxation Act," are now due and payable for the year 1914. All taxes collectable for the Omineca Assessment District are due and payable at my office, situated in the Provincial Government Building, in the Town of Hazelton, B. C.

This notice, in terms of the law, is equivalent to a personal demand by me upon all persons liable for taxes.

Dated at Hazelton, B. C., December 26th, 1913.

H. WELCH,
Assessor and Collector for the Omineca Assessment District.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
IN PROBATE

In the matter of the estate of EDWARD COURTENAY STEPHENSON, late of the town of Hazelton, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands against the estate of the above-named Edward Courtenay Stephenson, late of the town of Hazelton in the County of Atlin, in the Province of British Columbia, deceased, who died on the 19th day of September, 1913, and whose will was proved in the Supreme Court of British Columbia on the 18th day of November, 1913, and to whose real and personal estate letters of administration with the will annexed were granted to Frederick Lambert Stephenson of the Town of Quamichan, Vancouver Island, in the Province aforesaid, are hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claims or demands to the undersigned, the administrator with the will annexed, on or before the 2nd day of February, 1914, at the undermentioned address, after which date the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Edward Courtenay Stephenson deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands of which he shall then have had notice, and the said administrator with the will annexed will not be liable for the assets of the said Edward Courtenay Stephenson deceased, or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands he shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 30th day of December, 1913.

FREDERICK LAMBERT STEPHENSON,
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