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LIGHTSHIP WAS WITHDRAWN AND NOT TORPEDOED

FIGHTING NOW AT VERDUN IS NOT ON LARGE SCALE

Zeebrugge Is Now A Wreck After The Allies' Air Attack

Rumania All Ready To Enter The War On Short Notice

Attack On Verdun Is Not Very Severe According To Reports

Paris, March 23.—An official report says, west of the Meuse the bombardment has diminished. The enemy did not renew its attacks upon Hill of Haucourt, part of which we hold.

East of the Meuse the bombardment has continued with violence at several points.

In the Woevre there has been no important developments to report, with the exception of an intermittent cannonade west of Pont au Mausson. A surprise attack upon a trench of the enemy, in the vicinity of Feyes-en-Haye, resulted in our taking several prisoners.

LIGHTSHIP HAS NOT BEEN TORPEDOED BUT WITHDRAWN

London, March 23.—It is reported unofficially that the lightship Galloper, near the mouth of the Thames, has not been torpedoed as was reported, but was withdrawn from the station.

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STEAMERS WERE SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINES, CREWS WERE LANDED

London, March 23.—The French steamer Bouganville of 3,700 tons was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. Twenty-three of the crew were landed.

The Norwegian bark Landfield was sunk also. There were thirty of her crew rescued.

For Spring Renovating—See the Big Values at Geo. D. Tite.

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RUSSIANS MOVE ON VILNA RAILWAY

AGGRESSIVE MOVEMENT MADE AGAINST NORTHERN GERMAN FLANK

Ten Mile Front Near Lake Narocz Is Now Being Attacked.

Petrograd, March 23.—In the region of Lake Narocz the Russians advanced along a ten mile front, threatening the Vilna Railroad. It is reported that this movement has been accompanied by manoeuvres against the northern German flank at Friedrichstadt.

March 27 and 28, the date of the Great Majestic Serial, "The Goddess" with Anita Stewart. tf.

Zeebrugge Has Been Reduced To Ruins By Allies' Air Attacks

London, March 23.—A despatch from Rotterdam says that as an airship and naval base, Zeebrugge is now of little value. The combined naval and aerial bombardment made upon this German base by the Allies reduced it to a chaos of crumbling masonry.

The majority of the air bombs fell within the works when the attack was made, which caused a fire in the harbor where several mine layers were badly damaged.

March First starts the Big Sale at Kirkpatrick's.

REVIVAL OF THE VLADIVOSTOK TRADE

Arrangements Being Made For Direct Freight Traffic.

Seattle has had the lion's share of the trade between Vladivostok and this coast since the beginning of the war and several of the companies operating from that port have found

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Hon. Wm. Manson Dealt With Government's Record In Legislature Defending Administration From Recent Attacks made By Opponents

Speaking in the Legislature last Friday in the debate on the address in reply to the speech of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, Hon. William Manson dealt quite fully with the political situation. He defended the Government against the unfair attacks made by the Opposition.

The Journal gives in part the remarks of Mr. Manson. Later the part of his speech dealing with Agricultural development and Fisheries will appear in these columns. Mr. Manson said:

Mr. Speaker: "I join heartily with other speakers in expressing appreciation of the services rendered by Sir Richard McBride while Premier of this Province for the past twelve years, and regret that the Province has lost his services in that capacity. It is a great satisfaction, however, to know that his great ability will find splendid scope in his new position as Agent-General to serve British Columbia in the centre of the Empire. I am sure the best wish of the members of this House and the people of this Province go with him for a long and successful career in the service of his country.

British Columbia is fortunate that, upon the retirement of Sir Richard McBride from the Premiership, we have a man in the person of the Hon. W. J. Bowser, now Premier of this Province, to take up the duties of that high office. His thorough knowledge of British Columbia and its affairs, together with his administrative ability, fits him particularly at this time to take charge of the business of the Province, when the unusual conditions brought about by the war exists. I wish here to express my appreciation of the consideration shown to the district I have the honor to represent in selecting me to a place in the Cabinet as President of the Council.

The Opposition.

Our friends opposite, have on the floor of the House and outside, offered all kinds of criticism of the Government led by Sir Richard McBride, and of this Government. We welcome all reasonable criticism, and concede to the Opposition the fullest freedom to do so. It is to be regretted, however, that men of the personal qualities of those opposite should descend to the unreasonable methods of misrepresentation, full of insinuations and innuendoes, with respect to every action of the Government. Nothing that the Government can do is any good in their eyes. When that stage is reached, and that kind of criticism is so freely indulged in, the best value of the work of the Opposition is lost. Some tangible suggestions of a practical kind of on constructive lines would be far more valuable, and more fitting for the Opposition.

Among the contributing causes of the defeat at the by-elections, is that times are hard and one of the platform contentions is that British Columbia is not as prosperous as the other provinces are, for which the Government is held responsible. That is among the fortunes of political warfare. There are, however, two considerations to be submitted in this connection, and the facts are indisputable:

Pertains To Coast.

The whole Pacific coast, including Washington, Oregon and California, is similarly affected. There is the information from one of the most reliable authorities on the Pacific coast that these states are practically bankrupt. Vacant buildings are everywhere in Seattle, and rents are lower than they ever have been. There are, according to this authority, five miles of vacant buildings in Spokane, and about one-third of the population have moved away from Portland, Oregon, it must be remembered, too, is where they have had initiative and referendum, or government by direct legislation for some years, and, therefore, according to our Opposition friends, should be ideal in conditions. California is quite as bad.

Similar conditions exist everywhere on the Pacific slope for similar reasons. In the Middle West of Canada and the United States crops have been immense and the demand and prices excellent. In Eastern Canada and the Eastern United States there is unusual prosperity on account of industrial demands created by the war. Wages are high and labor is being drafted from West to the East. If you could transplant British Columbia, Government and all, to the Atlantic coast, it would hum with industry. Our difficulty is we cannot reach the natural markets for our products for want of ships, and you cannot carry them across the

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REVIVAL OF THE.

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it necessary to enlarge their fleets in order to handle the trade which has grown very much. Only a few days ago it was announced that Frank Waterhouse & Co., have added four steamers to their fleet in this service. Arrangements are now being made at Petrograd, it is reported, which will result in a closer trade between the Dominion and Russia.

According to a despatch from Petrograd the Minister of Ways and Communications has now announced plans for promoting direct freight traffic facilities between Russia and Pacific coast ports. No details have yet been announced, but no doubt these will be speedily arranged, and it will be but a short time before the Dominion begins to benefit as a result of the increased facilities for traffic.

That there will be heavy traffic with Russia for some time seems certain, and a fuller statement regarding the arrangements which are being made by the Russian minister will be awaited with interest.

SPRUCE LOGS WANTED.

Wanted large quantity Spruce logs, of good size, and scaling at least 30 per cent. No. 1. Write particulars as to price, quality and earliest delivery to C. P. Coles & Co., Vancouver. tf

MINERAL ACT.

(Form F.)

Certificate Of Improvements.

NOTICE.

"WINER," "TERMINUS," "KANSAS," "BIG MISSOURI," "DAUNTLESS," "GOLDEN CROWN," "EPLURIBUS" AND "LAURA" Mineral Claims, situate in the Portland Canal Mining Division of Cassiar District. Where located: On Salmon River.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Daniel Lindeborg, F. M. C., No. 93,839B., acting for myself and as agent for Andrew Lindeborg, F. M. C., No. 93,838B., Hiram Stevenson, F. M. C., No. 93,844B., and D. C. Barbrick, F. M. C., No. 91,112B., Administrator of the James Proudfoot Estate, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issue of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 31st day of January, A. D., 1916. m-2-jly-2.

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"Tiger," Black Bear" and "Thelma" Mineral Claims, situate in the Portland Canal Mining Division of Cassair District. Where located, on Glacier Creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, George Rudge, Free Miner's Certificate No. 89,511B, acting for myself and as agent for James A. Robertson, Free Miner's Certificate No. 94,052B, Administrator of the Donald A. Robertson estate and George Matheson, Free Miner's Certificate No. 93,874B, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

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The next examination for the entry of Naval Cadets will be held at the examination centres of the Civil Service Commission in May, 1916, successful candidates joining the College on or about the 1st August. Applications for entry will be received up to the 15th April by the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, Ottawa, from whom blank entry forms can now be obtained.

Candidates for the examination in May next must be between the ages of fourteen and sixteen on the 1st July, 1916.

Further details can be obtained on application to the undersigned.

G. J. DESBARATS.

Deputy Minister of the Naval Service.

Department of the Naval Service, Ottawa, January 10th, 1916.

Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for. —90,793. 3-m-j-30

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NOTICE.

"TIP TOP," "RAMBLER," "BUENA VISTA," "PROVINCE," "JAIN" AND "KNOB HILL," Mineral Claims, situate in the Portland Canal Mining Division of Cassiar District. Where located: On Salmon River.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Daniel Lindeborg, F. M. C., No. 93,839B., acting for myself and as agent for Andrew Lindeborg, F. M. C., No. 93,838B., Hiram Stevenson, F. M. C., No. 93,844B., and D. C. Barbrick, F. M. C., No. 91,112B., Administrator of the James Proudfoot Estate, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issue of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 31st day of January, A. D., 1916. m-2-jly-2

TAX NOTICE.

Prince Rupert Assessment District.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Statutes that all assessed taxes, income and school taxes, assessed and levied under the "Taxation Act" and "Public Schools Act" are now due and payable for the year 1916.

All taxes collectable for the Prince Rupert Assessment District are due and payable at my office, situated in the Provincial Land Registry Building, in the City of Prince Rupert, B. C.

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

Dated at Prince Rupert, B. C., January 8th, 1916.

C. W. HOMER,

Assessor and Collector for the Prince Rupert Assessment District.

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(Form F.)

Certificate Of Improvements.

NOTICE.

Blue Bird Mineral Claim, situate in the Skeena Mining Division of Cassier District. Where located: On Glacier Creek, Goose Bay, B. C., about 2 miles from mouth.

TAKE NOTICE that I, J. Fred Ritchie, Free Miner's Certificate No. 90,071B, acting as agent for Arthur C. Crookall, Free Miner's Certificate No. 94,053B, intends, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 2nd day of February, A. D., 1916.

J. FRED RITCHIE,

w-f-9. Agent.

SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS.

Coal mining rights of the Dominion in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 per acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Applications for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only; but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10 per acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

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LAND REGISTRY ACT.

Notice Under Section 36.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to register Mitchell Albert, of Prince Rupert, B. C., as the owner in Fee-simple, under two Tax Sale Deeds from the Collector of the City of Prince Rupert, to Mitchell Albert, bearing date the 10th and 15th day of September, A. D., 1915, in pursuance of a Tax Sale held by said Municipality on or about the 9th day of September, 1914, of all and singular certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying, and being in the City of Prince Rupert, in the Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as: Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block Forty-five (45), Section Seven (7), and Lot Thirty-eight (38), Block One (1), Section Eight (8), Map 923.

You and those claiming through or under you, and all persons claiming any interest in the said land by descent whose title is not registered under the provisions of the "Land Registry Act" are required to contest the claim of the tax purchaser within forty-five days of the service of this notice upon you. Otherwise you and each of you will be for ever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the said land, and I shall register the said Mitchell Albert as owner in fee.

Your attention is called to section 36 of the "Land Registry Act" and amendments, and especially to the following extract therefrom which relates to the above notice:—

"And in default of a cavet or certificate of lis pendens being filed before the registration as owner of the persons entitled under such tax sale, all persons so served with notice, or served with notice under subsection (6) of section 155 of the "Municipal Clauses Act, 1906," or section 293 of the "Municipal Act," or section 139 of the "Assessment Act, 1903," or section 253 of the "Taxation Act," in cases in which notice under this Act is dispensed with as hereinafter provided, and those claiming through or under them, and all persons claiming any interest in the land by virtue of any unregistered instrument, and all persons claiming any interest in the land by descent whose title is not registered under the provisions of this Act, shall be for ever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the land so sold for taxes."

Dated at the Land Registry Office, at the City of Prince Rupert, Province of British Columbia, this 3rd day of January, A. D., 1916.

H. F. MacLEOD,

District Registrar.

To Celia Chesterfield, John Hagaman, Fred Kuyath. f-19-1-m.

LAND ACT.

Form Of Notice.

Skeena Land District, District Of Coast, Range 4.

TAKE NOTICE that F. W. Holler, os Surf Inlet, occupation mine superintendent, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted about 150 feet South of the Northwest corner of Lot 11, Range 4, Coast District thence South 20 chains; thence West 20 chains more or less to the shore of Surf Inlet; thence following the shore line Easterly and Northerly to the place of commencement, containing 40 acres more or less.

February 18th, 1916. f-a-24

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NOTICE.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF LAND.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

BETWEEN: C. L. Queen, Plaintiff;

AND

The Pine Creek Flume Company, Limited, Defendant.

Pursuant to the order of the Honourable Mr. Justice MacDonald made herein, I will offer for sale at my office in the Court House, Prince Rupert, B. C., on Thursday, the 20th day of April, A. D., 1916, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, the following lands and leases: —

Lot 254, Group 1, Cassiar District, Province of British Columbia; and three hydraulic leases, known as "Dynamite," "Dewdney" and "Vancouver," all being situate and lying on the North side of Pine Creek, Province of British Columbia.

The only charge appearing against Lot 254 is a conveyance in fee by way of mortgage to secure debentures to the amount of Ninety-eight hundred ($9,800.00), and the Judgment herein for Sixteen hundred and ninety-five ($1,695.00), and costs, filed the 14th day of June, 1915, under number 202.

Further particulars may be obtained at my office.

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HON. WM. MANSON.

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continent by rail and compete with the products of the East. We are, for that reason, only getting about one per cent. of the contracts for munitions and supplies of war placed in Canada.

Critics would have you believe that everything is wrong, that the Government is blocking development, and that any lack of progress which can be pointed to here and there is all the fault of the Government.

Provincial Finances.

Notwithstanding these criticisms, we find that in almost all lines substantial progress and development is taking place. Financially, the Province of British Columbia stands in good shape, as will be seen by a comparison of the other two Western provinces of Canada, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

British Columbia.

Assets—$612,924,608; net debt—$18,379,275; railway guarantees—$80,322,072, (of which $47,000,000 only has been issued).

Alberta.

Assets—$114,399,679; net debt—$26,233,833; railway guarantees—$55,810,450.

Saskatchewan.

Assets—$101,310,405; net debt—$20,885,540; railway guarantees—$41,625,000.

Our net debt and guarantees are less than one-sixth of our assets, or as 98 to 612. Alberta's net debt and guarantees amount to over two-thirds of their assets, or as 82 to 114. Saskatchewan's net debt and guarantees amount to six-tenths of their assets, or as 62 to 101.

Surely, if the Province of Alberta is justified in incurring debts and guarantees to the extent of 82 dollars for every 114 dollars of assets, and Saskatchewan to the extent of 62 dollars for every 101 in assets, the Province of British Columbia might be allowed to incur net debts and guarantees to the extent of 98 dollars for every 612 dollars in assets.

Governed By Liberals.

Do our friends opposite find any fault with the financial position of the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, which have been governed by the Liberals ever since they were organized? If they do not, is there any need, then, to go frantic over the position of British Columbia?

It is to be regretted that the members of the Opposition, in this House and outside, continue to decry the financial position of the Province as they do. Is that course calculated to bring any benefit to the people of this country? Is not all that talk of Blue Ruin for one purpose, that if it were possible these gentlemen might be able to discredit the Government and get across and take possession of the Treasury benches. It is but natural that the success they have had in the recent by-elections would give them some encouragement, and after their long journey in the wilderness I would begrudge them the comfort they may take out of it. I would caution them, however, not to be over-sanguine, as they have a long way to go yet—"It's a Long Way to Tipperary."

Timber Resources.

Timber and lands have been fully discussed by the Hon. the Minister of Lands, whose department has been most active in widening the scope of the Timber Department. The service rendered by securing markets for our lumber has been most successful, and its effect is now showing itself in the increased demand for our lumber, and the steady operation of the sawmills. In the northern portion of the Province the lumber business is developing with the general improved conditions of that industry. Four mills have recently commenced operations on Massett Inlet.

The large pulp plant at Ocean Falls is about to be opened up, financial arrangements having been completed, and will employ a large number of men during this year. This will provide a splendid market for the farmers of the Bella Coola Valley, and will very materially aid in the development of that thriving settlement.

Land Policy.

The land policy of the Government is one which always comes in for its share of criticism. There is no more important part of the Government service than the administration of the land. In British Columbia we have many adverse conditions in the matter of settlement, which are hard to overcome no matter how far the Government may go. A great deal has been said about the alienation of lands, yet I believe the chief trouble lies in the difficulties of land clearing. As a policy of business necessity certain quantities of land had to be sold to assist in obtaining money from the sale of land, and from taxation afterwards to provide roads, trails and bridges and other public requirements for settlers who are pre-empting lands. It may be true that some lands have been sold that should have been reserved for pre-emption, owing to lack of information in earlier days, but reserves were placed by the Government just as soon as information could be secured by surveys, which has protected the situation. Lands pre-empted and purchased in the last two years are as follows:

1914—Pre-empted, 4,304, 668,-480 acres.

1914—Purchased, 206, 45,000 acres.

1915—Pre-empted, 2,277, 351,-840 acres.

1915—Purchased, 48, 9,500 acres.

In 1914 the number of parcels specially opened for pre-emption were 979.

In 1915 the number of parcels specially opened for pre-emption were 699.

Making a total of 1,678.

Number pre-empted to date, 767.

Still vacant, 911.

In Skeena District.

In the district of Skeena I made an investigation of one part of that district, in the section lying between Francois and Cotsa Lakes, which contains a total acreage, exclusive of waterways, of 636,800 acres. It was claimed by critics that all the land there had been sold, and that it was not paid for and was not paying taxes. I found that 80,000 acres had been sold, of which 50,000 had been paid for in full, and paying taxes, leaving 30,000 acres on which there was a balance of money remaining unpaid; 29,000 acres is held under pre-emption record. The remainder of this land is under reserve for pre-emption only, 140,000 acres has been surveyed and is available for settlers.

Men who have purchased land there, as well as pre-emptors, were plowing their land when I visited the locality last fall. One purchaser had then plowed 40 acres.

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IN THE MATTER Of an application for the issue of a fresh Certificate of Title to an undivided half interest in Lot Forty (40), Block nine (9), Section five (5), City of Prince Rupert, Map 923.

Proof of the loss of the Certificate of Title to the above mentioned lands having been filed, Notice is Hereby Given that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of one month after the first publication hereof, a fresh certificate of Title to the said lands in the name of William H. Vickers, which Certificate of Title is dated 24th August, 1915, and is Numbered 7953—I.

H. F. MacLEOD,
District Registrar.

Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert, B. C., January 27th, 1916. 5-w-j-28.

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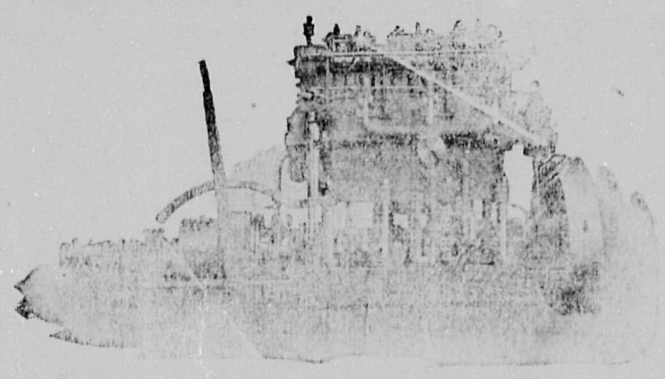

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