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COMMERCIAL TIMBER.

Lillooet district, always famed for its magnificent stretches of open grazing and agricultural lands, which are at the present time becoming known far and wide, to many people of an enquiring turn of mind, has invariably been described by the traveling public as being devoid of commercial timber, some going so far as to say that there is not sufficient to meet the needs of the fast-increasing flow of population. These statements, emanating from people who probably never left the high road, are very misleading, and were they to have looked more deeply into the subject, would have found that they were untrue.

The records of the past year show that to Dec. 31, 1913, 1,641,-672 feet B. M. of logs were sawn into lumber by the 11 mills operating, this being entirely for the local demand in the various parts in which the mills are located. During the winter several other mills have begun to operate; notably, A. W. Hambrook, Pavilion; J. B. Uren, Upper Deadman Creek, and in a short time C. Kostering will put in a mill at Kelly Lake.

At Clinton Botterill & Fry have sawn steadily all winter, and have a large stock of building lumber on hand, both rough and dressed, for the spring demand. There are at present 18 small mills throughout this district, their total daily capacity approximating 100,000 feet B. M., which are well able to cope with an increasing demand for lumber when called upon. The Fountain creek sawmill, cutting exclusively for railway construction, has, up to the present, cut 1000,000 feet, and as the timber is mostly cut into 12x12 for bridge work, it requires logs of fairly good dimensions.

It is of course apparent that the present available timber is in small scattered areas, there being but few large bodies of standing timber in the district, and this being the case, logging methods, here, are reverse to those on the coast, where the logs are taken to the mills, whilst here the mills are taken to the timber.

The present government regulations in respect of the purchase of crown timber, have made it possible for an operator to get available crown timber in small quantities to suit his requirements, which have proved most beneficial, to the small operator in the Lillooet district.

A number of North Fork ranchers were in town this week, and, as usual, the absence of a road to that district was their only grievance. They report the Evans bungalow completed, that Harold Burkholder has made an extensive clearing on his homestead, and that the Gibson ranch is now under the efficient management of our old friend W. Elliott. Birch and his partner are now conducting a cougar rendezvous in conjunction with their ranch business, and prospering. They stipulate, however, that when "Farmers" visit them for that purpose they must do their own "Russelling."

Mr. E. Mellott, the Anderson lake logger, is in Lillooet on business connected with his camp.

BIG GAME IN LILLOOET.

The following is taken from a Vancouver paper of 16th inst.:

Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell, of Lillooet, are at the Commercial. Mr. Russell is deputy game warden. He is on a holiday trip, and will visit Victoria, Seattle and Portland before returning home. Mrs. Russell is a native daughter of Lillooet, her father being Mr. J. R. Williams, one of the pioneers of the district. Mrs. Russell, who is the mother of several children, never rode on a railroad train before, and never saw a street car until this trip.

Mr. Russell states that this has been one of the best game seasons in eighteen years. There were not as many hunting licences taken out, but more game was secured. The hunters were principally from England, with a few others from other parts of Europe. The American Nimrods gave Lillooet the go-by this season. Thirty big horn rams were shot, and some of the heads were the finest Mr. Russell had ever seen. Some fine specimens of mountain goat were also secured, and the hunters got all the deer they cared to shoot, as the deer have increased greatly in numbers the last few years. Ten grizzlies were shot last fall, some of them being of enormous size. The principal guides of the district, H. Swartz, Frank Gott, James Retasket, and Michel, all reported to Mr. Russell that, from a hunter's standpoint, the season had been the best in the history of the district. Four mountain ewes and two rams were sent to Washington to be mounted to make a group for the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Mr. Russell says that they will be a splendid advertisement for the district.

THE TRAVELER'S DREAM.

(BY SHORTFELLOW)

The Excelsior Hotel in Lillooet
For looks is not so swell,
But for real accommodation
It is laid out very well.

The bar is on the corner
Next to Dunn's barber shop,
Where the townsmen and the boarders
Go to get their "little drop."

The sitting-room is separate
Only next door down the street,
Which, for perfect, quiet comfort,
In Lillooet can't be beat.

The dining room is large enough,
The service VERY GOOD!
The diners all look satisfied
And get the best of food.

The kitchen's very neat and clean,
The chef is not for show;
Ask anyone in Lillooet—
The truth you soon will know.

The business starts with Frank & Bill
Who open eyes each morn;
In the evening Jim and Oscar
Dispense John Barleycorn.

Abercrombie—wealthy man!
Cashes time-cheques by the ton;
Smokes the very best of stogies—
Has his money's worth of fun.

The stable boss is Red LaVelle,
He grooms the parson's horse!
When making extra charges
He hides some sad remorse.

Benson George—the nightwatch-man
Catches burglars by the score;
Does type-writing in the night
To drown some roomer's snore.

(There is about a yard more of the foregoing, and it has just occurred to us that this spring poet is a little ahead of time; so we squash the balance of his verse, and hope that he will never come back.—PROSPECTOR MAN).

Prov. constable McLeod, the Short Portage man, paid Lillooet an official visit this week. He returned yesterday.

LOCAL ITEMS.

After a trip east, contractor Rankin is again on the line of the P. G. E.

Prov. constable Baker, with Benj. Blakeley in charge, left for Kamloops on Wednesday.

Mr. A. A. Brett has been seriously ill this week; last evening a decided change for the better took place.

It is reported that Mr. Alex. Lochore has sold his ranch to an English syndicate, and that negotiations are under way for the disposal of several adjoining properties.

District Forester LeMar returned this week from an extended trip through the northern part of this district, where he had been on business connected with his department.

As will be seen by an advertisement in another column, the cattle, farm implements, produce and household effects belonging to the Half-way Ranch, Lytton road, are for sale.

The Governor-General of Canada received the first package through the recently-inaugurated parcel post system, so all the newspapers say. Nevertheless, W. L. Dickey, Esq., of Pascelqua, was the first to mail a package through the Lillooet postoffice.

Old-timers of the Lillooet district will very much regret to hear of the feeble condition of Mr. Owen Williams. For a great many years the old gentleman has made his home with Mr. John Dunlop, who is now taking great care of him.

Master Kitchener Bell, a pupil of Lillooet school, was one of the successful competitors for the five hundred dollar prize awarded by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co. for re-naming Newport. "Squamish" will be Newport's new name.

Benj. Blakeley appeared in the police court, on Saturday last, charged with the murder of A. Thievarge, on May 30, 1909. The evidence of the Indian woman Agnes, who was an eye-witness to the crime, was taken, as well as that of several other important witnesses. Chief Constable Forsyth conducted the hearing. The prisoner reserved his defense, Magistrate Saul committing him to stand trial at the forthcoming assizes.

Last November Wm. Wilkinson and partner set out a line of traps in the Bridge river district and attended to business. They arrived in Lillooet this week with a nice bunch of furs, consisting of 1 silver fox, 1 wolverine, 6 lynx, 3 mink, 35 martin, and 52 weasel. The skins are all in prime condition, the silver fox especially so, which is said to be worth about $500. The furs were shipped east this morning.

The Prospector office has been presented with an exceedingly neat volume, entitled "Songs of a Sick Tum-tum;" by "Skookum Chuck." The Chinook title made us take notice immediately; we had a sick tum-tum of our own, and wanted sympathy. We did not find much of that; but it induced us to read a little book that is original in everything and penned by some one of more than average poetical ability.

BAD PROSPECTS AHEAD.

Old Jack Lyne—who does not know him? Good fellow—sometimes. But who would have thought that he belonged to the Suffragette party? The other day he dropped into this office as if he owned it, occupied the only chair in the shack, filled his old clay pipe from our scanty stock of tobacco, and demanded the news. We informed him that the B. C. Legislature had thought fit to grant the ladies of this province the privilege to vote. He seemed greatly pleased at this news. Said he: "That will be a great thing for Lillooet. It is to see the saloon man put out of business that has prompted me to remain in this town so long. Hurrah! It will be much satisfaction to see all these well-dressed chaps working in a gravel pit for the P.G.E. and get cussed every hour of the day. This will be a great town yet!" He took the balance of our tobacco and departed.

HISTORICAL.

The British Columbia Express Company, who have just sold out to the Inland Express Co., was started in 1862 by Mr. F. J. Barnard, for many years a member of the House of Commons, and the father of the sitting member for the city of Victoria. It carried the first letters ever distributed by mail in the Cariboo, when the charge for delivery was $2 per issue. In 1864 the charter of the British Columbia Express Company was granted, and the concern was carried on by Mr. Barnard and his associates until 1886, when the business was disposed of to Mr. Stephen Tingley and a Mr. Henderson. Mr. Tingley, who had been connected with the company since its incorporation, lost the mail contract in the fall of 1897, and then disposed of his interests to Messrs. Charles Miller and John Shields, and Mr. Kilgore, of Toronto, who carried on the work for several years, during which time Mr. J. Leighton, now of Savona, was the superintendent.

The town is now getting "good," and the police court seems to be correspondingly neglected by its former visitors. And a good job, too, for we have very little space since the arrival of the spring poet. On the register we noted a few names: John Anderson, Phelix Jaspar, Adam Bob, Sam Paul, Mrs. Joe Paul, and Agnes McGillivray. They were all fined $5 each for being drunk at the time of their registration. E. Gott was fined $50 for supplying Indians with liquor, and Frank Sibbi contributed $20 for assault.

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R. A. HUME, Manager.

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THE B. C. PIONEERS.

No country in the western hemisphere has been so happy in its builders as British Columbia. The pioneers of the Pacific province of Canada were a class apart; their virtues were many and they had no faults. But even the best are mortal. Our pioneers are passing one by one, but it will not be their loss but British Columbia's if they vanish without recognition.

The first white settlement was made at Kamloops in 1812. Victoria was next in 1842. The Fraser valley, from New Westminster to Ashcroft, was settled between 1850 and 1865 and many a veteran of those days is still living.

It is hard to define in a sentence the distinction between British Columbia's pioneers and those of other provinces and states. It is well known that this province never knew an epidemic of crime such as the neighboring states. The reason was not only the superior efficiency of the Canadian courts or police, it was the character and conduct of the pioneers. They were law-abiding and law enforcing. The criminal had no friends to help him to fight the courts. A man in distress could count on the friendship and the kindness of every man, but, if he outlawed himself he had no friends. This salutary feature made administration of law easy and has given British Columbia a reputation that is not likely to be surpassed.

Our pioneers are passing. Every year sees a few "drop silently to rest." They don't need, and they don't want, any public assistance or any publicity of any kind, but they deserve, and the province owes them, a formal recognition for their priceless services.

They were empire builders in the best and grandest sense. They kept the law when there no one else to keep it. They made this country inhabitable when, without them, it might have been lynch law or no law.

A few of the pioneers survive. The resident of this province today who denies or ignores his debt to them deserves the ancient Anglo-Saxon reproach and title of "niddring."—Review.

For years the immense earnings of the express companies operating in Canada in proportion to their capital invested has been an open secret and has been the subject of much comment. Under the late government the matter was many times before parliament, but for some reason or other no steps were taken to secure a reduction of the exorbitant charges which were in effect. Promptly upon attaining office the present postmaster-general took in hand the question of introducing competition in the form of parcels post and while the bringing in of this system has not been accomplished with the expedition some may have desired, the fact remains that it is today an accomplished fact. That parcels post will prove a success in Canada and will mean a large saving to shippers of small packages of goods of all kinds can be taken for granted. Money which previously went into the pockets of the shareholders of the express companies, the railways and their directors, will now remain in the pockets of the people. Mr. Pelletier and the government of which he is a member are to be congratulated upon having dealt with this matter in the manner in which they have. They have taken a step which is decidedly in the interests of the people of Canada.

It may be definitely stated that the size of the loan which the government will ask the House to authorize, is a bill to raise the sum of $10,000,000. The loan will be issued at 4 1-2 per cent. A few months ago a million and a half dollars in treasury notes were sold on the London market. These will be paid off out of the new loan. The net amount therefore remaining will be approximately eight and a half million dollars. Of this amount it is learned that seven million dollars will be available for public works during the current year. Up to the present time the public debt of British Columbia, exclusive of the treasury notes, amounts approximately to $10,000,000. The net debt, when the new financing shall have been completed, will therefore stand at something like $18,500,000.

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FROM THE ARIZONA KICKER.

Joe Peters, the mailrider on the Big Hill route did not show up Thursday evening at the usual hour nor at any other hour during the night, and Friday morning we saddled our mule and went out to look for him. Joe has been in the habit of getting drunk and falling off his horse to take a nap, and we expected to find him within three or four miles of town and give him an expediting to be long remembered. We discovered no trace of him, however, until we reached Murderer's Creek. Just across the creek a big bear was eating the last of the mail bag, and a few yards away a second grizzly was licking his chops over the last morsel of poor Joe. He probably rolled off at that spot to take a nap, using the mail bag for a pillow, and the bears came upon him while he slumbered. We saw nothing of the horse, but he will probably turn up all right after a day or two. We have reported the case at Washington under the proper heading of "Acts of Providence," and the route will soon be advertised again. As postmaster we have had a great deal of bother with Pete, and if the bears got any benefit we are ready to congratulate them.

Major Bill Jackson, who came here from New Mexico last spring, and has been posing as a man of nerve and a great pistol shot, got into a political discussion with George Barnes near the postoffice the other day, and after some hot words had passed George Barnes called him a liar. The Major made a great show of pulling his pop, and finally took a snap-shot, with the result that the bullet intended for a man ten feet away entered his own foot. Mr. Barnes, who was not armed, was backing off when the shot was fired. The affair was witnessed by half a dozen citizens, and so great was their surprise and contempt for the Major's workmanship that he had to limp away unassisted. He sent for us and was prolific of excuses, but the best thing he can do when able to travel is to get out of town. Such shooting would be condemned even in a Chinaman, and it was evident that he belongs to the class who should fight with clubs and brass knuckles.

As I sat on a three-legged chair in front of the little mountain hotel, waiting for bed-time to roll around, a crowd of citizens came along leading a man with a rope around his neck. After joining the group I queried of one of the men who held the rope:

"Are you going to hang that man?"

"We ar', stranger—goin' to hang him up!" he replied in a business-like tone.

"What has he been doing—stealing a horse?"

"Nope, he killed a feller named Jenkins up yere a spell ago."

"Has he been tried and convicted?" I asked, as we walked along.

"Sartin he has. We tried him ten minutes ago and rendered a verdict agin him. Yes, he got the purtiest kind of a trial."

"But don't you think," I persisted, "he should be tried in court by a judge and jury?"

"Couldn't be did, stranger—couldn't be did, nohow," he said, as he changed hands on the rope. "Yo' see, the jedge was off fishin' and our ole jail full of holes, and so we had to tarn in and do the job ourselves. Yes, he killed Jenkins, and must hang for it."

"What was the evidenee in the case?"

"The evidence was all right, sir. He goes off fishin' with Jenkins and comes back alone, and says Jenkins got lost."

"But wasn't he lost?"

"Couldn't be. Too lazy to git lost, stranger. Jest killed him for some reason or other and hid the body. He's as good as owned up to it, and now yo' fall back and don't bother us no mo'."

"But I protest. The man doesn't look—"

I was interrupted by footsteps and voices calling in the rear, and several men came up to say that Jenkins had been found in the woods sleeping off a drunk. Of course that spoiled the case and they were obliged to free the victim, but they looked so savage about it that I lost no time in getting back to the hotel and deciding that it was a good time to go to bed. The only apology made came from the man who had talked with me, and he said:

"Stranger, it seems he didn't kill that onery critter of a Jenkins after all, but yo' look jest like a man who'd steal a mewl, and if I was yo' I wouldn't hang around yere any longer than to get a drink and draw a long braith!"

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CLINTON HAPPENINGS.

From our Regular Correspondent.

We have been treated to more snow. It is stated that this district has not experienced such a snowy season since the winter of '86-'87. Snowshoes have been raked out from old corners, attics, barns and other dark places, wherewith to adorn the feet of sundry inhabitants of Clinton. To see snowshoes in Clinton is an unusual occurrence, "particularly in winter."

The Clinton school roll now numbers 43 pupils. At this rate of natural increase it will not be long before the "Board" will be considering new premises, and an assistant, to aid in drilling Clinton's youthful mind.

Mrs. Edgelow, with her two youngest children, has been visiting at the Mound ranch.

Sam Graham, of Green Lake, was in town this week.

Engineer Athol Stewart, of Quesnel, passed through Clinton on Wednesday, on his way to Victoria for a short visit.

Paul McMaster, who has been engaged in bridge work near Kamloops, went up to Horsefly last Monday, where he will remain some little time attending to repairs on the Horsefly bridge.

Rev. W. H. H. Elliott, of Quesnel, passed through Clinton on Wednesday, en route for Victoria, to attend to the parochial affairs of the Quesnel parish. Upon his return, which will be in about two weeks, he will remain in Clinton over a Sunday, as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lunn, and hold services.

James Haddock and Mark Dumond, well-known Ashcroft merchants, returned south from an extended northern trip last week. Many "way points" and "side lines" were visited on their trip, but their hopes of reaching Fort George were "dashed;" a heavy snowstorm was the order of the day at Quesnel, which they did not care to set out "farther north" in. The gentlemen met with an unfortunate loss on their way up, at Pollards ranch, two miles north of Clinton; a new beaverskin cap and a groundhog robe being purloined from the sleigh whilst their owners slept.

Another chapter of the long "transportation" history of this old Cariboo trail has been closed, with the selling out of the B. C. Express Company to the Inland Express Company. The sale, which has gone through, is on a wholesale scale. The "Inlanders" have bought fifty head of horses, with harness complete, all the rolling stock, such as coaches, sleighs, wagons, etc., and a certain quantity of horse feed. The B. C. Express retain their autos and steamer, and will continue to carry passengers, leaving the Inlanders supreme in mail and express. No doubt there will be quite a "shake up" amongst the employees of the B.C.X., but doubtless a great number of the old hands will continue on with the new concern. The Inland Express Company is at present buying feed along the road for the coming season. It recalled the "days gone bye" to see the Royal Mail trotting into Clinton once more carried in the red, yellow and gold sleighs.

Railway affairs are once more on the boom in Clinton. Early this spring Clinton is to be made a large distributing point for camps and a central point for construction, and a large central camp will be established. It is stated that construction will be completed as far as Kelly Lake by the end of October this year, and that the camps working from Clinton will have the right-of-way completed between Clinton and Kelly Lake by October next, at a conservative estimate. Work to the north of Clinton will also be pushed ahead during the summer.

In "railway circles" interest has also been aroused over reports of the rumored line from Ashcroft to Clinton. It is claimed that matters have progressed to the extent that a charter has been applied for. The proposed line would start at Ashcroft, thence northerly along the Bonaparte valley to Clinton, thus running through the centre of the fertile Bonaparte valley and bring the extensive country on either side within easy reach of rail communication. This line would also fulfill the important function of connecting three railway systems (Clinton will assuredly be a northern Chicago soon) that of the P.G.E. on the one hand and the C.P.R. and C.N.R. on the other. It is claimed that an easy grade can be obtained all the way from Ashcroft to Clinton. Clinton will then be a junction, a divisional point, and several other things, and will doubtless profit thereby in the immediate as well as distant future. This news of the proposed railway line does not come as a surprise to Clintonians. It has been known for a number of years that someone would be compelled to build a line over the aforesaid route. It is only natural that a railway should come along the Bonaparte and enrich Clinton, and Nature will NOT be prevented by man. So, Clinton bears up bravely under the shock, and says, "they couldn't help it; they had to build it."

Now the suffragettes, women and other ladies of B. C. have the vote, we may expect the grand era of prosperity that has been predicted by the various "votes for women" agitators. The mere men are, however, taking the blow calmly, in Clinton at least, and are quietly preparing for the worst. The question that has been agitating the "old country" for years has been settled by B. C. in a minute; why not the old country, too?"

The Provincial Government will hold its first sale of property at Fort George next May. Some 2300 lots in the various townsites will be auctioned, and it is generally expected that the total price to be received will be in excess of $2,000,000. J. T. Armstrong, of Vancouver, has been appointed selling agent for the government. The first will be held in Vancouver about the middle of May, to be followed by sales in Victoria, Prince Rupert and Fort George. Roughly speaking, the government will dispose of about one-half of its property in the townsites comprising Fort George at the forthcoming auctions. About 1000 of the lots to be sold in May are in the official railway townsite of Fort George and the remainder are in the Hammond townsite and additions and in South Fort George.

The limit of weight for a parcel post packet is eleven pounds, and the general limit of size is thirty inches in length by one foot in depth, but parcels will be accepted up to 3 ft. 6 in., in length, provided that the combined girth and length do not exceed six feet. For example—a parcel measuring 3 ft. 6 in., in its longest dimensions may measure as much as 2 ft. 6 in., in girth, (i. e., round its thickest part); or a short parcel may be thicker; thus if the length is not more than 3 ft. the girth of the parcel may be 3 feet.

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