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## Townsite Co. Plan Great Development Scheme

While in Prince Rupert Mr. Chas. M. Wilson, who returned recently, met Mr. Hammond, president of the Natural Resources Securities Co., the owners of the Massett Townsite, and they had several conversations of a very satisfactory nature regarding active development in the immediate future.

A contract has already been let to the Pacific Coast Dredging Co. for a dam across the slough, and Delkatlah Bay will shortly see its first steam dredger loom up from the South. Three purposes will be accomplished at the same time, a harbor or at least a channel on the outside of the dyke will be dredged, and the material will simultaneously reclaim ssme 600 acres of land most of it ready for the plough, and form a second bridge and waggon road across the slough of a permanent character. The most desirable point for all concerned and the one costing the least money seems to be where the bridge was originally projected by Mr. Baxter the provincial engineer, namely from Dietrich Meyrin's block in Delkatlah to Mr. Harrison's boat-house on the Massett side, as the bay is only 800 feet wide here.

By means of this dam some hundred families can be located here on five acre truck farms, who will be producing immediately and making a living off the soil, thereby laying a foundation for other industries and reducing considerably the cost of living as well as keeping the money on the island.

It is hoped therefore that no one will be narrow enough to attempt to hold this up on any imaginary legal rights and thus keep back the entire community, as such enterprise deserves every public support.

Mr. Wilson says as far as he is concerned there can be no legal trouble, as he holds an absolute lease to the foreshore, and all deeds to water frontage have been given since this lease as he did not acquire the 66 ft. from high-water mark into the timber till six months after his lease, by a special Order-in-Council. He has therefore been compelled to give a subsequent deed to this 66 ft. strip as a moral right to all those who purchased acre blocks on the front, but these deeds are of a later date and therefor subject to the foreshore lease. With regard to the lots fronting on District Lot 361 (the old Francis pre-emption), Mr. Wilson says that the land w s already dyked at the time of the deed. Arrangements have been made with the Mackintosh property holders and the Natural Resources Co. have not disposed of any water frontage.

Mr. G. J. Hammond has made arrangements to spend from two to three weeks here in the later part of June to finally arrange a location, and meanwhile Chas. M. Wilson would like to get together with all those interested in this plan, and if anyone has a grouch or a kick, thrash the thing out and if necessary make mutual concessions, rather than be bad friends over it.

Mr. Wilson's own view is that an additional and permanent bridge for the inhabitants of the north end of Delkatlah Townsite, which will be there long after the present one has rotted, will be to their benefit and that a good garden in front of the lots is better than a mud flat which can only be used as water frontage at very exceptional states of the tide.

Mr. Wilson has persuaded Mr Hammond to bring his 60 h.p. autmobile with him in order to thoroughly demonstrate the feasability of the North Beach as a pleasure automobile road for tourists.

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Claude Cornie returned Tuesday from Prince Rupert.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Valkenberg of Port Clements were in town on a short visit this week.

C. L. Cullin, pre-emption inspector, returned yesterday from Tow Hill and East coast points.

Jack Parks, who met with an accident at Wright's drill camp a few ago and was a patient in the hospital at Queen Charlotte City, arrived at Massett on Tuesday.

Mrs. Thornley and family arrived on the Albert Tuesday from Galiano island. Mr. Thornley has taken up a pre-emption near the Woden district and brought in all his household goods and effects, as well as several head of live stock.

J. C. A. Long, B. C. L. S., returned on Tuesday from Victoria.

Geo. Mayer of Kumdis Bay spent a few days in town this week.

Messrs. Monk and Hall returned on the last boat after a visit to Washington.

James Brown, a well known rancher at Tow Hill lost all his belongings a few days ago by a fire which completely destroyed his home.

The death of Charles Kowgay, one of the oldest of the Massett indians, removes another of the chiefs who had his totem pole and was considered one of the lineal descendants of the former kings of the island. He died last week and his totem pole was taken down, and the brass band attended the funeral. Rev. W. Crarey officiated.

## Report By Surveyors Of Graham Island

The territory covered by the season surveys, a portion of Township 7, Township 11, and Fractional Township 14 extends southward from the southeastern bay of Masset Inlet. The country is slightly undulating, with sufficent rise and fall for drainage. The soil is composed of vegetable mould over a loose gravelly subsoil. The country lying immediately along the east bank of the Yakoun river and to the west is mostly covered with a heavy growth of spruce, hemlock, and cedar. Eastward from the fringe of timber along the east bank of the Yakoun River, the timber has been burnt off by successive forest fires and the country is now covered by a dense second growth of spruce, hemlock, and cedar, which, while hard to penetrate, will be much more easily cleared and brought under cultivation than the more heavily timbered sections. Several fair-sized muskegs were crossed. These muskegs, when burnt over and drained, should be excellent for agricultural proposes, as at other points of the island where similar land has been properly worked good results have been obtianed.

The cost of placing the land surveyed under cultivation will vary from $150 to $350 per acre, depending on the amount of clearing necessary and the means employed.

The land surveyed can be reached from Vancouver or Victoria by steamship via Prince Rupert, to Masset, thence by motor-boat to Queenstown, in from three to four days, at a cost not exceeding $35 first-class fare throughout. A good foot-trail along the east bank of the Yakoun River and a skid-road constructed by one of the coal companies provide means of looking over the country and packing in supplies.

At Queenstown, the nearest town, there are two excellent general stores where all supplies may be obtained at moderate prices. At this point the Dominion Government has now completed a wharf 700 feet long which will provide accommodation for ocean steamships, while two private wharves provide for the gasoline-launches plying on the inlet.

The same Government has also during the past year completed a Telegraph service connecting Queenstown with the Wireless Station on the east coast at Dead tree point, and a branch line via Graham Centre to Masset and the Hiellen River Settlement.

A good start has been made towards linking up the different settlements and in building roads and trails inland from Masset Inlet to adjacent settlements.

(Continued next week.)

## Dispute About Price For Spring Salmon.

Manager Picketts of the Wallace Canneries has been negotiating with the Indians and White fishermen during the week regarding the price to be paid for spring salmon this season, and up to the present no settlement has been reached. The Company offer 3 1-2 cents per pound for spring salmon, the fishermen to remove the entrails. Another offer of one dollar for fish over 25 pounds and 50 cents for fish under 25 pounds was considered. The fishermen demand four cents per pound for all red fish as taken from the water.

Mr. Picketts left on the Albert for Prince Rupert to announce the result to the head office. He returned to Massett today on the Company's power boat "Nahmint" when another conference was held. We understand that the fishermen will fish for the 3 1-2 cent rate, providing the company remove the entrails. Whether the Co. will accept their demands had not been decided untill going to press.

Later.—Mr. Picketts received a wire stating that the Company will pay 3 1-2 cents per pound, ungutted.

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### Building Committee Consider Hospital Plans.

The Hospital Building Committee met on Wednesday night when the plans and specifications of the proposed building were carefully considered. Some slight alterations were found necessary. The committee expect to complete their work in a few days and as soon as this has been done tenders will be called for and the contract let. It is expected that the work on the building will be commenced some time next month.

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### Hotel Arrivals.

The following registered at the Hotel St. Ives during the week: G. F. Allen, Prince Rupert; T. Murray, Vancouver; S. Rankine, R. S. M. Gardner, H. C. Medcalf, Tow Hill; H. I. Goldsmith, C. Kroll, Seattle; R. W. Entwisle, Prince Rupert; W. Plummer, J. Loke, D. A. Peers, J. H. Groundwater, North Vancouver; Ben Edinger, Woden; G. T. Hart, D. A. McDonald, C. L. Cullen, Prince Rupert.

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### Weather Report.

(Compiled by Chas. Harrison.)

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| Mean maximum for April, | 50.60 |
| Mean minimum for April, | 38.10 |
| Range, | 12.50 |
| Rain, | 4.07 |
| Snowfall from Jan. 1st, | 20.50 |
| Rainfall do. do. | 11.68 |
| Total precipitation, | 14.18 |

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## The Queen Charlotte Islands For The Queen Charlotte Islanders.

To the Editor of The Islander.

Sir, — Should these islands at the revision of the voters' list in November next have 500 voters, we shall, it is reported, be entitled to a local representative in the Legislature. It is currently reported that a certain gentleman residing at Prince Rupert is feeling his way regarding the nomination. In my opinion we have on these islands capable men to undertake the work of representing us, and if we allow an outsider to become our representative, or even to get the nomination, the harmony that at the present time exists would become non existent. We have for a long period been trying to get the different associations to work in accord with each other, and now when we have succeeded, it would not be good policy to allow it to become destroyed by any outside interference whatsoever. Outsiders come and go, and as a rule we are told by them what should be done and then we are left to fight our own battles without their assistance. This being the case let us one and all stick to the islands for our next member, and give him a fair trial. Should he, however, prove himself unworthy of our confidence then an opportunity will be given us to call in an outsider. Let us by all means try a man that we do know first, rather than trust to an outsider that we do not know. Generally speaking at the present time these islands are Conservative, and we do not desire to see a split in the party which undoubtedly would take place should an outsider be sent across to contest this district. The policy of the writer is the Queen Charlotte Islands for the Queen Charlotte Islanders, and a sensible return from the revenue derived from these islands to be expended annually in improving the means of access to the settlers' locations whereby they may be enabled to get in their supplies and ship their produce without the present unnecessary toil and cost. To wish these things is of little account, to succeed you must earnestly desire and act. To say what you would do had you been in another man's place is the easiest thing in the world. To do what you ought to do in your own place is the hardest. Mr. Manson, our present member, has done I am convinced his utmost for these islands, and we owe him our thanks for the roads, trails and bridges that he has secured for us. If, however, we are formed into a separate constituency, Mr. Manson will no longer be our representative, and we shall be compelled to select the most suitable man that we have on these islands to represent our needs and requirements. We require no outsider to act as our mouthpiece, but one thoroughly conversant with the islands, so that he may be always with us and ready to promote the welfare and progress of our inhabitants. Let our representative that may be selected fight for principle and stop there. Other people have their opinions, so have you, but don't fall into the error of supposing they will respect you more for turning your coat every day to match the color of theirs. The writer has been a life-long Conservative, and he for one would vote for an Islander in preference to any candidate that may be imported. His motto is as already stated the Queen Charlotte Islands for the Queen Charlotte Islanders, and whatever revenue is derived from these islands to be returned in a sensible proportion to provide the necessary roads, trails and bridges for the convenience of our settlers. By advocating such a policy no Socialist, or Liberal could possibly raise any objection. These requirements and necessities should be our member's chief work to attend to, although many other minor details for the welfare of his constituents would also require his attention.

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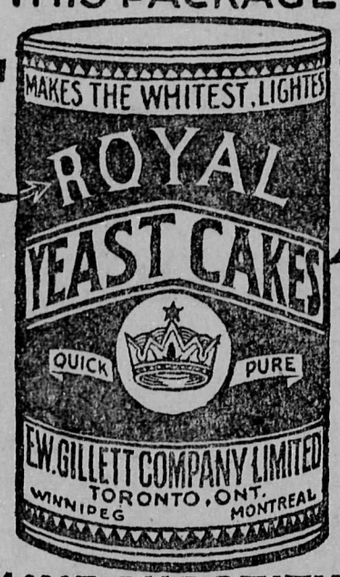


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## Port Clements Items

A concert was held on Friday night in the Church in aid of the Anglican Mission. A splendid programme was rendered.

Miss Orr of Massett is the guest of Mrs. W. L. Barton.

Fred and Walter De Lisle were in from Barton's camp for a couple of days.

The tennis court is fully repaying the members for the overhauling they gave it. They expect to hold several tournaments during the summer. Quite a few new members have been enrolled.

Walter Cross had hard luck last week, losing a valuable cow and calf.

C. J. Clayton has gone to Rupert on a business trip.

Mrs. Crocker was in town from the Yakoun river during the week.

Rev. Greene, while returning from Massett Tuesday night, his launch broke down and had to be towed back to the Woden, where the engine was repaired.

The boys report the water in the Yakoun river very low. They say they will soon have to carry climbing water with them.

Mrs. W. Cross left on the last steamer on a short visit to Rupert.

The pre-emptors from the Skid-road were in town Saturday. The boys report that they have their gardens in and are expecting a bumper crop this season.

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The "Sentae" has been at it again. This time it was an assembly of the tribe for the purpose of constructing a playing field or Tennys-Kort," for a certain peculiar game they play.

It might have struck a casual observer that the play started with the construction; certainly the "Geen Ealohnah" seemed to enjoy it, and worked very hard with his lungs and vocal organs.

Then there was the inevitable feast; the "Sentae" had been casting longing glances at the Missionary boat tacking about in the offing, but, failing missionary they had to be content with pork, and—— Jove! how they fed.

The feast over, they sat happy and content, smiling the smile of the very full up; I stroked one of them and the grateful fellow purred. Seeing the natives were unable to exert themselves further, the missionary landed. It was a wise precaution on his part to wait until the feast was over—just at present missionaries are in prime condition after their long winter's rest, and "missionary on toast" is always a favorite dish with the tribesmen. However, rolling lazily in the sunlight, the "Sentae" were—for the nonce—very amiably disposed and inclined to listen to his exhortations, which he divided between them and his motor—the strength, duration, and point of those addressed to the motor, predominating.

Later, H.H. the Geen Ealohnah held a reception, and was graciously pleased to make the following appointments:

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N.B.—I presented this truthful account of the proceedings to H. H. the Geen Ealohnah later, and requested his permission to publish it. He replied "I don't care Adam"—which I thought a funny reply to make; it isn't usual to sign your name verbally, as it were, at the end of a sentence in ordinary conversation is it?


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## Woden Notes.

Mr. Windstead, sr., came up on the Rosemary from Massett, en route for his son's place at Strawberry point.

Ben Edinger, the well known rancher, dropped in for a few moments Wednesday and discussed the Graham Island climate, the Mexican war and a few other topics of present interest.

Mr. Bernard Goedkoop and wife are expected on the "John" next week. Mr. Goedkoop will take up a pre-emption at the Woden.

Jack Parks, the well known East coast rancher, was a Woden visitor Thursday and Friday. Jack says there is "some" change since he was here two years ago.

Messrs. Irvine, Woods, Hacks, Curry, Dill, Haines and Wren were passengers aboard the Rosemary to meet the boat, picking up Mr. and Mrs. Gaustad and J. Carpenter from across the inlet.

The egg industry at the Woden is picking up again after the slight decrease caused by the wet weather a week ago.

Mr. A. Haines has been improving the looks and convenience of the Hotel Woden, having papered it and partitioned off three rooms upstairs.

George Vaughn, the prominent poultry rancher, is suffering from a severe cold. Claude Woodruff is giving him a hand on the farm, building coups for the large number of little chicks that are hatching daily.

Lester Wren is spending this week packing out wheat, as he is going to the south end of the island with Green's survey party next week and will be gone all summer. George Hewitt, the Woden River philosopher, is also going on the survey.

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Application 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 territery 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 $10.00 an acre.

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LAND ACT.

Queen Charlotte Islands Land District.
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