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The Spring Salmon Fishing Grounds At Langara Island.

Written by Thomas Deasy.

Few people realize what is at present going on at the fishing grounds, off Langara island, one of the Queen Charlotte group, within a short distance of Massett. On the 1st May in each year arrangements are made by the Wallace Fisheries Company for the opening up of their plant at Naden Harbor. This year new arrangements were made in the way of installing a cold-storage plant and the manufacture of ice. Buildings were erected at the large cannery and a force of men were engaged to instal the machinery, which is capable of turning out six tons of ice daily. A large gasoline boat, the Naismith, and a smaller boat, the Finn were placed in service and Mr. W. Picketts put in charge of the work of mild-curing the Spring Salmon. The Massett and Skidegate Indians, considered the best fishermen on the coast, to the number of six hundred migrated from there villages and are now camped along the shores of Langara and Graham islands, in the neighborhood of Parry Passage.

About one hundred white men obtained boats and are fishing. The work is simple and all that is needed is a boat and trolling line. The fishermen row for miles; with their lines out about one hundred feet and the bait, consisting of either a spoon or a herring, is drawn along through the water. The salmon jumps at the bait, is caught, and drawn into the boat. Last year Henry White and other Indians made thirty dollars in one day, selling their catch at four cents per pound. The best month for fishing is in June, aud the sport can only be realized by those who indulge in it. The cold-storage plant accepts all fish from any fishermen, and there is no waste. A few tourists and employees on their holidays took part in the fishing last year. This year there are at least three hundred boats at the fishing grounds, which extends around Langara island. The Indians and Whites camp in the bays, where they find streams of water, wood, and good places to erect their tents. June is an ideal month on the islands, so far as weather is concerned. Fishing can be indulged in from 3 a.m. to 10 p.m. One of the small launches takes the salmon from the fishermen, and transfers them to the larger boat, which makes two trips daily between the fishing grounds and the plant. Expert hands at mild-curing salmon are engaged at the Wallace Fisheries, and Indian women clean the fish. The salmon are put np in large barrels and shipped direct to the buyers. Last year during one trip of the steamer the fishermen transferred fourteen tons of these salmon, each weighing from twenty-five to seventy-five pounds. Later in the year the "blue back" salmon, and the "cohoes" will run. These fish are smaller and can be caught by trollers. The salmon known as "hump-back," or "pink," frequents these waters, and are caught in seines. They with the "sockeye" salmon will not take bait, and must be caught in nets. Two years ago, the "pink" salmon were so plentiful that the cannery could not handle the catch. It is expected that the run of this fish will be a large one this year. The canneries offer such a small price for the fish, one cent each, that the fishermen will not handle them. The "pink" salmon is considered a delicacy in Japan and China and to some of our own people is considered as good eating as any other of the salmon species. I have been on the Sacramento, the Columbia and the Fraser rivers, and have seen the catches made there of what they call the "King Salmon." Off Langara island the number exceeds any place I have ever seen. There are people who say that the salmon caught in the above-mentioned rivers are superior to the spring salmon caught off Langara island; but I am not one of that number, and I have caught and eaten fish in B. C. since childhood. In my opinion all fish are better when caught in the salt water, before entering the rivers. The further a salmon goes up a river the more it deteriorates. The best way to test this would be for some expert to obtain the fish from the different places and compare them. For many years I have been in Stevenson, on the Fraser river, and seen twelve hundred fishermen start out on Sunday evening. It is exciting; but no more so than to see hundreds of men and some women trolling and hauling in the large fish. One man last year with a gasoline boat, from which he extended many lines, made one thousand dollars in a little over a month. It is expected that over ten thousand dollars will be paid out in wages during the month of June, and all residents of the island expect good times to follow the fishing season that is now in full swing.

SNAP—Good house and lot in Massett. Lot nearly cleared. $500. See Jessup, Islander Office.

Atlin, the most northerly town in British Columbia, was practically wiped out by fire last week.

Steamship Rates.

Mr. Editor,—To my mind the passenger rates to and from Prince Rupert appears unreasonable. It is customary for all railway and steamship companies to make their own rates and hours of sailing and arriving without consulting the convenience of the public, but they should be just. The fare from Vancouver to Seattle is, I understand $3, and from Victoria to Seattle $2.50. Here we have a rate of $8 each way, making $16 to visit Massett from Prince Rupert and return.

It is all very well to say the travel is light, and no wonder. People cannot afford to come to the island and remain but a few hours at most, or lose a week, and pay $16 for one day's travel.

The transportation companies appear to forget that the large centres, where they have large numbers of passengers, do not feel a small raise in rates; but a small, struggling community like ours cannot afford to pay the wages of several days to visit Prince Rupert, either on business or pleasure.

The palatial Prince Rupert and Prince George carry passengers to Seattle for $18, so I understand, and that is over two days travel, with meal furnished. Our steamer leaves Prince Rupert at night and arrives in the early morning, and all that is provided is a bed, and sometimes breakfast. On the return trip to Prince Ruper all that is furnished is a meal.

The Grand Trunk management should consider that the struggling settler pays freight on his goods and at the rate of one-fourth of a cent per pound from Vancouver, let alone the passenger rate.

TRAVELER.

Noted Naturalist On Visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brown, of Los Angeles, Cal., arrived on the last boat and have rented Mr. C. M. Wilson's house for a month or two. Mr. Brown is a naturalist of note and devotes himself more particularly to the ornithological branch of natural history. He has travelled, accompanied by his wife, extensively through South America and other parts of the world, indulging his liking for studying birds at first hand. Immediately before coming to Massett they had completed a leisurely tour of Mexico, Cuba and the West Indies. Graham Island offers a great field to the ornithologist, as apart from the migratory birds there are a number peculiar to the island. Mr. Brown will be able to revel in feathered luxury while he is here and anticipates a most enjoyable and profitable stay.

Road Work Started.

Mr. J. Manson, road superintendent, spent a week at this end of the island and left on the Prince John for Rupert. Whilst here he inspected the various roads already under way and made arrangements for starting up the road gangs. The general policy this year will be to push through and complete as far as possible the roads already started and projected. The government intend to bring in one or two teams and commence gravelling the roads already constructed.

We are informed that the road from the north settlement at Lawn Hill to Wright's drill camp, to which we referred in these columns last week, has been disallowed by this year's road superintendent.

Road work will be general next week and the following have been appointed foremen: George Cobb, White Creek; W. Carr, Tow Hill; F. A. McGregor, Drizzle Lake; George Vaughn, Woden; Edward Evans, Nadu; and George Mayer, Port Clements.

Industry For Port Clements.

Mr. E. J. Tingley, of Port Clements, returned on the last boat. He was accompanied by Messrs. C. E. Hewitt and E. McClory of Vancouver, manager and secretary of the Port Clements Milling and Trading Company. They will operate at Port Clements and will engage principally in the manufactuae of lumber and allied products.

Mr. Wells, a mining expert, arrived on the Prince John on Tuesday. He left for the head of the Inlet where he will examine some properties.

Captain Nicholson, manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific steamers, is expected over on the next trip of the Prince Albert.

The tennis court, between Mr. Orr's house and the Hotel St. Ives, has been put in first-class condition and daily games are being played.

John Mathers of Sandspit was badly cut up in a runaway accident on Wednesday. He was taken to the Queen Charlotte City hospital for treatment and is progressing favorably.

The other day Herbert Smith of the Reservation and his little boy had a close call from drowning. While fishing near the lighthouse their canoe upset and they were almost exhausted when a white man happened along with his boat, just in the nick of time, and averted what would have been a sad accident.

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Massett, B.C., Saturday, June 6, 1914

Every British subject who has resided on the Islands for the past two months should see that his name is on the list of voters for this district. Within a year, two elections will be brought on and it will be too late to mourn over the loss of suffrage after that time. We elect men to represent us in the Dominion and Provincial Legislative halls for four years, and this will be the only opportunity to prove the electors' part in governing this great Province. Matters of great importance will be brought forward during the coming years, and we should have the best men available at the helm of State. There is no doubt that an era of prosperity will come to our islands, and we should be prepared to meet it. With redistribution, the voters of the islands should have a more direct concern in the representatives, and will not be subject to the votes of other portions. Every vote cast by the people of the islands will have a telling effect. Pre-emptors who have fulfilled their obligations, although foreign born, will also become eligible, and should not fail to register as soon as possible. Any person not on the voters' list may call at the office of The Islander, when we will be pleased to put their name on the list without expense.

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We do not know where the Prince Rupert Daily News get their island information re Government road work. In their issue of May 28th they publish a Graham Island despatch stating that "men with wives and families who need the work cannot get it, whilst single men of the right political stripe get it all." This is a gross misstatement. So far there has been no discrimination made as to who shall work or not and the local foremen under the Superintendency of Mr. J. Manson are employing, as far as possible, all applicants. Their political opinions do not cut any ice at all. If any preference is being shown it is in favor of the married man and the one who has accomplished most on his pre-emption.

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One of the side issues discussed at the meeting called to arrange for the Dominion Day Sports, was the formation of a Board of Trade for the north end of the Island. The matter was left in the hands of a committee of three, Messrs. James Martin, A. Goulet and C. C. Grange, and a meeting will shortly be called to proceed with the formation. An organization of this kind is a desirable thing, and can give a lot of good publicity to the Island. It should be strongly supported by all the business men.

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At a meeting of the Prince Rupert City Council held on May 26th, a motion to build a City Produce Market was introduced and carried. It was thought that the time had arrived to connect up the city with the surrounding territory. The market will provide a means for those raising stuff to sell their produce direct to the consumer.

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Frank Trainor, Indian school teacher, and Dominion Constable O. W. M. Hughes, returned to Massett on Tuesday from Naden Harbor.

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The Postponed Annual General Meeting of the Furthest West Branch of the Overseas Club will be held in the Schoolhouse, Massett, at 7.30 p.m., on Monday, June 8th, 1914. All present and intending members are urged to attend.

C. HARRISON, President.

Tenders For Hospital

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed on the envelopes "Tender for Massett Hospital," will be received up to Noon of the 16th day of June, 1914, for the erection and completion of Hospital building at Massett.

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Visitors at the camp during the past month included Mr. Long, B.C.L.S., and survey party, and Rev. Mr. Greene.

Two drills are running and everything proceeding smoothly The weather has also been very good.

Wail of the Wanderer.

Though I follow a trail to the north or the south,
Though I travel to east or to west
There's a dear little house up a quiet old road
That my hidden heart loves much the best;
And when all my journeying's over and done
'Tis there I will go back to rest.

The snows have now bleached it this many a year,
The sun-rays have painted it gray;
The vines hold it close in their strong clinging arms
And the shadows all creep there to stay;
And the wild wind goes calling through bare empty rooms
For the ones who have gone far away.

But the hopvine against the window-pane twined
Is the hopvine I once used to know;
And the rain on the rooftop still sings me the song
It sang in the long long ago,
When I laid myself down to rest in a bed
Downy and white as the snow.

It is long since I bid it an airy goodbye
With youthful, light-hearted disdain;
I remember who stood at the door that sad day,
Her tears falling fast as the rain;
And I whistled a rag tune and just waved my hand,
But never went back there again.

Toll I have paid at the gates of the world,
The sand now I know and the sea;
I have taken the dreary but wide-open road,
With steps quite nnhindered and free;
Yet oft like a bell ringing down in my heart
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White Creek, Tow Hill and Oeanda.

J. C. Frizell, a new settler, has his house about completed on his pre-emption at White Creek.

Road work was started during the week.

Mr. Yarborough gave a swell dinner last Sunday which was enjoyed very very much. Those present were H. A. Swain, T. Barnes, J. Mason, J. C. Frizell, F. Cornell, W. Skeene, H. R. Foote, W. Davidson, J. Williams, J. Brown, Geo. Cobb, W. Champion and C. Pederson. Mr. Yarborough was accorded a hearty vote of thanks by the "boys."

H. R. Foote has twelve acres under cultivation, all in potatoes.

Pete Becker of Tow Hill, left on the last steamer on a visit to Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. He expects to be away about two months.

Jas. Mason is busy doing improvements on his claim and has his cabin nearly completed.

A. Bartman of Tow Hill left on the Prince John for Vancouver. He will bring back a wife, so rumour says.

C. H. Curtis, who has been busily engaged for the past few weeks building a residence, has got it nearly completed.

T. Scott, of White River, has been busy clearing for some time past and is now engaged building a cabin.

F. Carpenter of Tow Hill, who located a few weeks ago, arrived this week with his family. He also brought in a few head of live stock.

H. A. Swain is kept busy hauling lumber, freight and baggage from Massett to way points.

Two mining men arrived on the last steamer and passed through for Cape Fife, where they will examine the black sand deposits.

William White of Oeanda, who has been busy putting in his crop lately, left for Massett early in the week. "Willie" had with him several fine trout he caught in the Oeanda river.

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Woden Notes.

Those who took berths on the Prince Albert last week from the Woden River district were Messrs. Lewis, McIntyre, Helm, Hacks and McDougall.

Mr. McColl went up on the "Kathleen" to Mr. Blue's camp near Sewall, where he will remain a few days helping Reece Dill who has a contract to take out a number of poles for Mr. Blue. Mr. McColl, besides being a crack whist player is some persuader in making logs "come along."

Road work began here on the 25th May. George Vaughn is foreman again this year, and there are fourteen of the pre-emptors at work putting the road in condition for horses to go over this fall.

Fritz Rampmaier, the "Lord of the Manor," is at work putting in his spud crop and he predicts a large return this year.

Captain Abrahmson is getting his Columbia River sail boat all shipshape and intends to leave for the fishing grounds in a day or so.

The British Empire passed here last Friday on her way to Port Clements. It sure looks fine to see the steamers going up and down the Inlet, and we all look forward to the time in the near future when it will be a daily occurence.

Spring has arrived and housecleaning is now the order of the day.

Ritchie Defeated.

Charlie White, of Chicago, completely outboxed Willie Ritchie in a ten-round bout at Milwaukee on May 26. It was a vicious fight all through. White was credited with seven rounds and in two they were even. Ritchie's right eye was closed and he was bleeding profusely when the gong sounded on the last round.

Ritchie and Welch will fight in London early next month.

If you are thinking of Insurance of any kind—fire, life, accident or general, see A. E. Jessup, at the Islander Office, Massett.

Synopsis of Coal Mining Regulations

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

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.

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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Take notice that Edmund C. Stevens, of Skidegate, occupation rancher, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the South-east side of Triangle Island, Skidegate Inlet, thence north along shoreiine 20 chains, thence west along shoreline 20 chains, thence south along shoreline 20 chains, thence east along shoreline 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres more or less, being the whole of Triangle Island,

Date February 5, 1914
dffp 18 Edmund C. Stevens

LAND ACT.

Skeena Land District—District of Queen Charlotte Islands.

Take notice that Edward Francis Evans, of Massett, B. C., occupation farmer, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands, being tide-flat, for ten years: Commencing at a post planted by the west 1-4 post of Section 425, Kumdis Slough, Masset Inlet, thence west 5 chains, thence north-east following east side of slough 29 chains, thence east 3 chains to west boundary of Lot 340, thence south-west 29 chains to point of commencement, containing 11 acres more or less.

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