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Committees Appointed For Dominion Day

A meeting was held in the School House at Massett on the evening of the 25th inst., with Mr. J. M. Campbell in the chair, to make arrangements for the annual Celebration at Massett on July 1st. Owing to the short notice given the attendance from outside points was small, but it was felt and hoped that all the different centres would heartily co-operate to ensure a good time for all, young and old, on Canada's special day of rejoicing. The following committees were appointed to act and empowered to add to their numbers as they saw fit:

Entertainment and Sports—Messrs. Richards, Orr, Batchelor, McGregor, Dr. Graves, W. J. Hughes, J. McMullen, C. Cornie, W. Graef and Thos. Deasy.

Finance—Messrs. Martin (chairman), S. Ives, Kennedy, Wanless, Wilson, Campbell, Spence, Hicks, Robertson, Gauld and Baker.

Mr. Charles Harrison was unanimously appointed chairman ex-officio of all committees and A. E. Jessup general secretary.

Arrangements will be made so that people will be able to attend from all outside points.

Proposed Excursion to Massett.

During the visit of General-agent A. Davidson, of the G.T.P. Company, this week a suggestion was made of an excursion from Prince Rupert to Massett. He was favorable to the idea and stated that he would be pleased to consider the question. We would direct the attention of the Committee to this matter and call attention to the fact that the 1st July falls on Wednesday. Would it not be advisable to have the Company alter the date of arriving one day, give a reduced rate and allow the excursionists time to see the sports and visit the beauty spots in the neighborhood? It is only an eight-hour run from Prince Rupert; it is more than likely that it will be the pleasantest kind of weather; the peninsula will be covered with flowers and have on its most attractive dress, and the visitors would be sure of a welcome. Massett has attractions that cannot be found elsewhere and many would view, for the first time, the beautiful Inlet and the quaint Indian reserve of the Haidas. It might even be in order to have the band present, in uniform—an attraction that the Prince Rupert people still lack.

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Attractions For Prince Rupert Fair

The Northern British Columbia Agricultural and Industrial Association is making great preparations for this year's Exhibition, which will be held at Prince Rupert on September 30th, October 1st and 2nd.

Plans for a magnificent building 200 feet long by 100 feet wide have been got out by Mr. J. Gilmore, an architect who has recently taken up his residence in Prince Rupert. This building is to have 10,000 feet of floor space available for this year's Exhibition, in addition to the balconies.

The directors are at the present time in negotiation with a New York firm for the engagement of experts to give flying displays on the newest form of aeroplane.

Great interest is taken locally in the work of a young citizen (Mr. F. Bruland) who intends to fly in a machine made by himself. It will be remembered that last year Mr. Bruland was awarded first prize in Class 27, Section 10, for the model of an aeroplane built by himself.

The question of engaging Miss Dorothy De Venda, the celebrated parachute performer, for a balloon ascension is also under consideration.

A special feature is being made this year of the tug-of-war, to be pulled on cleats in the main building. Teams of six men, open to all comers. For this a substantial cash prize is offered.

Amongst the other attractions the directors are hoping to secure Boyd & Ogle's Circus Company, which includes 150 performing animals. The best-known turn in this performance is King Pharaoh, "The Human-brained Pony."

Arrangements are being made with the railway and steamship companies for the convenience of those coming from distant points.

A large silver cup is being offered for the winning baseball team and another for the best football team. Both of these events are open to all comers from Northern British Columbia.

There are to be rifle shooting contests and also trap shooting at clay pigeons.

Several Indian bands have entered for competition.

The prize list is increased this year to cover some classes which were not included last year.

Nineteen new members have joined the Association in the last few days.

The annual subscription is only one dollar, which confers the full privileges of membership. The very attractive membership badge will be forwarded to each new member on receipt of the subscription.

Empress Of Ireland Lost With 1,000 Lives

The news is flashed over the Pacific Coast of the sinking of the C.P.R. s.s. Empress of Ireland, off the coast of Newfoundland, after a collision with a collier. She sank in 20 minutes and about one thousand lives were lost. The collier picked up about 40 people.

Mr. J. C. Frizell of Sonoma, Cal., returned to the Island on the last boat. He left for his pre-emption near White River, where he is having a house built. H. A. Swain is hauling the lumber from Massett.

The third reading of the Home Rule Bill passed the British House of Commons by a majority of 77. So far there are no reports of war in Ulster and the Ulsterites are presumably piqued accordingly.

Messrs. Herman, Lake and Plumer three newcomers, are the pioneer locators at the north end of the Island. They have applied for pre-emptions near Cape Knox, opposite Langara Island, and will engage in fishing prior to building on their locations.

Mrs. C. Harrison left on Tuesday on the Prince Albert for London, Eng. On Monday she received a cable conveying the sad news of her father's death. The sympathy of the whole community will go out to her and Mr. Harrison in their bereavement.

The whaler White tied up at Massett wharf on Saturday afternoon last. She brought a man in who had been severely burned in the arms and face by a powder explosion on board while off Naden Harbor. He is stopping at the White Inn under the care of Dr. Graves.

The following registered at the Hotel St. Ives during the week: W. J. H. Holmes, H. C. Stevenson, C. N. Colchester, A. McAnally, W. Stone, F. Shaw, D. H. Emmerson, J. Brooks, T. Thomas, C. Keller, all of Victoria; C. L. Burtch, North Vancouver; D. E. Evans, Nadu; J. Manson, Prince Rupert.

The s.s. British Empire, Capt. Anderson, was in on Friday. She brought a man who had been cut about the head by a case of salmon which was in some way dropped upon him while loading at Naden Harbor. After his injuries had been attended to by Dr. Graves, the steamer left for Sewall and Port Clements to discharge powder.

Mr. Holmes, B.C.L.S., a son of Col. Holmes, with a party of surveyors, arrived on the Prince Albert and left on Wednesday for the west coast. They will engage in survey work during the summer on the oil locations opposite Frederick Island. Henry Edenshaw conveyed the party to their destination on the launch Josephine.

Local News Items

If you have anything to sell, list it with A. E. Jessup at the Islander office.

Frank Hicks, the opulent pool-room proprietor, returned from Prince Rupert on the Prince Albert.

Mr. Olafson, an Icelander, who has been ill for several months past, died at Massett on Friday morning.

The Hudson boys are getting in some great licks at the stumps on the street in front of the Massett Hotel.

C. M. Adam, owner of Graham Centre Townsite, returned from a trip to Prince Rupert and "up river" on the last boat.

Mr. J. Manson, road superintendent, has spent the week on the inlet, visiting the different scenes of road construction activity.

Born, on the 26th inst., to the wife of Henry Edenshaw, a daughter. Mr. Edenshaw is now the proud father of eight girls.

Has Sam hit you for a donation for the Dominion Day sports yet? If not, don't be afraid to see him and declare yourself.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Greene, Mrs. T. L. Williams and Capt. Jenkins were visitors from Graham Centre on Monday.

Mrs. Eli Tingley and Miss Woods returned on the steamer Prince Albert and will remain at Port Clements during the summer.

Every rowboat obtainable on the Inlet has been pressed into service at the fishing banks, where hundreds of trollers are operating.

Chief Harry Weah captured seven halibut, in two hours, in the Inlet, opposite Massett. One of the monsters weighed two hundred and forty pounds.

A party of Icelanders left for the fishing grounds on Thursday. Earl Wanless accompanied them and is intending to cruise round the West coast.

The genial "Billy" Graef, otherwise known as "Sparks," together with Artie Ives, sailing master, made a line repairing trip up the Inlet on Wednesday and Thursday.

Our whilom friend John Locker, with two companions, left for the fishing grounds last week. His rejuvenated launch, the Gasican, looks like a newly-coined six-bit piece.

The picnic which Mr. and Mrs. Deasy intended giving on Victoria Day had to be abandoned because of the squally weather. Instead of this a party was held in their residence. A number from Massett and other Inlet points availed themselves of the bounteous hospitality provided, and returned home declaring that the 24th had been kept right royally at the Indian Agency.

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Masset, B.C., Saturday, May 30, 1914

It will be generally conceded that Conservatism is based on deeper and more underlying principles than local administration. Such matters as roads and trails, which vitally affect all the people no matter what their political creed, should be regarded from other than a political standpoint, and any administration must look for and should welcome criticism both from within and without its ranks. On the Islands we are afflicted with what might be termed a "Star Chamber" method of dealing with these things. It is impossible to get information as to proposed plans and expenditures, and any effort to do so is met with friendly contempt. There is no attempt made, apparently, to apportion the appropriations with any regard for a per capita expenditure. Thus, in a year like the present when work of every kind is scarce and the road appropriations reduced, we find the plums being dropped into the places needing them the least. At the time of writing, May 28th, the wave of road activity which started at the south end has slowly rolled north and has now touched Woden River. Eventually, no doubt, it will reach the Drizzle Lake, Massett and Tow Hill settlements. We are reliably informed that some five thousand dollars are being expended to improve and continue a road running from Lawn Hill to the Coal Drill operating under the direction of Mr. F. C. Wright. There is an existing wagon road for the first five miles of this route, so presumably the money will be spent on a continuation of this through land on which, as far as we are able to discover, there are no settlers at present. Whilst we have no quarrel with building roads in this or any other particular section, we think that in this year particularly the money should be expended so as to do the greatest good to the greatest number. It is a fact beyond dispute that a line drawn from Gold Creek on the east coast due west to a point on the Yakoun River about two miles south of Port Clements will show that seventy-five per cent. of the settlers on the Island live north of this line. It would be interesting to see a statement showing the expenditures made at the different points on Graham Island since, say, 1908, when road and trail work was regularly instituted. We are not going to attempt to place the blame for these and other conditions which exist locally in connection with the road work. What we

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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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CHARLES HARRISON,
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Carr, Salal And "Old Timer."

The old timer uses a remarkable grade of humor by stating that my letter should settle the question of feeding cattle on the Island for all time and that we should place Salal in the clearings or have it climb up our houses and barns—perhaps he has reasons for not saying "our clearings." The man that could come to such a conclusion from my letter is solid bone above the ears.

I didn't say that cattle preferred Salal to other vegetation on the 15th of February more than at any other time, but if a wild bull killed about that date was known to have been feeding on Salal within the limits of thick Salal for at least six weeks, with about two feet of snow on the ground, and was in good condition, how does that line up with the argument that if cattle are allowed to eat Salal it is sure death for them? To verify my statement in regard to this wild bull I can refer to Mr. James White, who killed him north of Amber Lake after trailing him for two days; also to Thomas Ray of the Tl-ell, who was there and helped pack him over the lake and to the east coast. The rancher on the next quarter to me had his cattle corralled for some time this winter in heavy salal and they cleaned it all up inside the fence; this stock was imported two years ago and are in good condition this spring. But the "Old Timer," like many other amateur writers, writes first, then looks up his subject.

Some people love to travel through the Indian villages on a hard-beaten road or up and down the Inlet in a boat with the tide, meet the steamers at Massett and pose as an old timer. Let him take off his collar and tie and beat it over the Island for a couple of years and get into the Interior once in a while; he may run across some cattle in there, but if he can't follow them in thick salal he needn't start; however, he would find some real dope to hand the newcomer maybe.

Come again, Old Timer, but come out from under cover—we would like to have a look at you.

H. G. CARR.

Rev. Mr. Greene visited the south end of the island as far as Miller Creek.

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Albert Davidson, general agent of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and Steamship Company, Prince Rupert, paid a visit to Massett and Port Clements on the last trip of the steamer Prince Albert. It was Mr. Davidson's first visit and he was surprised to find so much progress and development at this end of the island. He promises, when the traffic justifies it, that we will have a bi-weekly service, and is also in favor of excursions to the island from Prince Rupert. During his visit he was accompanied by Indian Agent Deasy and made arrangements towards an exhibit of the products from the islands at the Panama Exposition in San Francisco. Mr. Davidson's territory covers from Fort George to Vancouver, and he is optimistic regarding the future of the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Latest War News.

NIAGARA FALLS, May 29.—The South American plenipotentiaries attended a dinner in the White House, Washington, and "falls" under the machinations of the eloquence of Secretary Bryan. Teddy Roosevelt "falls" on a branch of the Amazon and his injuries are so severe that he returns to lead the Army of the Republic into the oil wells of Tampico. Vera Cruz "falls" under the guns of the American fleet. Mexico City "falls" to the Constitutionals—only one Villa left. Huerta "falls" from his high estate as the forty-third president of the Republic of Mexico. An insane American soldier named Parks "falls" into the hands of the Federals and is executed. The Monroe Doctrine "falls" on the American Constitution in such a manner that the South American Republics are called in to settle the difficulties between the two larger sister "scrappers." The plenipotentiaries will recommend that the deciding battle be fought on Niagara River, one hundred yards above the Falls. If any other war news "falls" in our way we will publish an extra. The Private Parks reported executed by the Federals is not our friend Parks. He is alive and well at Langara Island.

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Woden Notes.

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Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Hastie and Wes Singer were visitors here on Wednesday.

Messrs. Dill, senior, and Reece Dill and C. C. Scott embarked for Sewall Thursday. They loaded their horses into Mr. Martin's scow and the Nancy and Rosemary towed them up to their destination. They have a contract to get poles out for Mr. Blue.

What everyone says—"Gee! Isn't this fine weather; how long will it last?"

Why, is this Graham Island weather, my boy? We always have it this way in Springtime.

Claud Cornie brought up Mr. Gower, the Inspector of Education, on Friday. He went out to inspect the Woden school.

Miss Portmore arrived on the John last week and is visiting her brother, Frank Portmore, at his ranch. She is delighted with the Woden, and we all join in wishing her—say, Editor, fix this up, I'm darned if I can.

Everyone is more than pleased about his garden. According to rumor there will be a bumper crop this year.

Charlie Spence, the road boss, spent a couple of days here this week.

Oeanda And Tow Hill Items.

Has anyone seen the road superintendent?

James White left a few days ago to join C. De B. Green's survey party west of Law Hill.

Ernest Whittle and Jack Bunting have returned from a trip down the east coast as far as Miller Creek.

Dad White is strutting around his goose ranch.

Sam Raybould calculates that he has a little bit the best ditch this far north.

Dave Rutten arrived a short time ago with several hogs with the intention of cleaning up the skunk-cabbage on his ranch, but they spotted a newly-sown patch of spuds and now Dave has got to pack in more seed.



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 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 \$10.00 an acre.

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of Skidegate, occupation rancher, in-
tends to apply for permission to purchase
the following described lands: Commenc-
ing at a post planted at the South-
east side of Triangle Island, Skidegate
Inlet, thence north along shoreline 20
chains, thence west along shoreline 20
chains, thence south along shoreline 20
chains, thence east along shoreline 20
chains to point of commencement, con-
taining 40 acres more or less, being the
whole of Triangle Island,
Date February 5, 1914
dftp 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: Commenc-
ing 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 com-
mencement, containing 11 acres more
or less.

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