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Report By Surveyors Of Graham Island

Mr. Nash's survey of Tps. 7, 11 and 14. Continued from last week.

Large areas of the island are held under coal and petroleum licences, and several drilling crews have been actively prospecting for coal on the Yakoun river and other points, while on the west coast a company is prospecting the oil-bearing shales with every prospect of ultimate success.

Gold-bearing sands exist on the east coast, but to date no satisfactory method has been employed to separate the fine gold from the magnetic sands.

Free gold has lately been discovered at Juskatlah Inlet, a branch of Masset inlet, and it is probable that mining will be an actual industry in the near future.

Over 400 square miles are held under timber licences, and when the condition of the markets justify the establishment of large saw and pulp mills, these industries will be of great value to the Province. At the present time two small sawmills are in operation at Masset and Queenstown, providing lumber for local consumption.

Five years ago there may have been twenty settlers on the whole of Graham Island. There are now in the neighborhood of 3,000 residents, while townsites have been established at five points on Masset Inlet alone—Masset and Delkatlah, near the mouth of the inlet; Sewal, Graham Centre and Queenstown, on the southern portion of the Inlet, which expands into an inland lake some twenty-five miles in length and seven miles in width.

The climate is that common to the coast of British Columbia, a mild healthy climate without extreme heat in summer or severe cold during winter. The prevailing winds are from the southeast, with perhaps slightly more rain than necessary during the spring and summer months. The snowfall is slight and rarely reaches a depth of 6 inches near the shore. Summer frosts are unknown and the thermometer hardly ever reaches the zero mark, even during the severest winters.

The soil is uniformly good and all kinds of small fruits and vegetables are grown most successfully. The island was awarded the first prize for a district exhibit at the recent Agricultural Exhibition at Prince Rupert.

Cattle and horses thrive on the islands and require little feeding during the winter months. The island generally is well adapted for mixed farming.

Wild ducks and geese are to be found in large numbers in the bays and lakes; willow and blue grouse are numerous. Trout may be caught in all the larger streams. With the exception of a few cariboo on the west coast, black bear are the only large four-footed wild

Found Dead In Shack.

Intense excitement reigned in Delkatlah last week when one of Mr. Prosser's boys found the body of Mr. P. C. Downie, who had been lying dead in his cabin for seventeen hours.

A Coroner's inquest was held by Coroner C. Harrison; the jury finding a verdict of death by asphyxia, as a result of epileptic fits. It came out subsequently in the evidence that the deceased had been an epileptic since his residence here.

Following are names of the jurymen: Messrs: F. A. McGregor, R. B. Rupe, Thomas Richard, Nigel Sherwood, Wm. Love, and H. A. Lamb.

The burial took place at the North Beach cemetery. A number of Woden river friends being present. Rev. W. Crarey read the service.

Local Cases Heard Before Judge Young

C. M. Wilson vs. Posser and Carter. These cases were tried last week before Judge Young in the Prince Rupert court, Mr. Wilson getting judgment against Mr. Prosser for the sum of eight dollars, the latter's costs being reported in the neighborhood of a hundred dollars. Many witnesses were present; among them Messrs. Goulet and Entwistle, expert witnesses in chicken and turnip tops. Carter vs. Wilson judgment is still pending.

New Freight And Passenger Service.

Mr. A. H. Swain of White creek, twelve miles east of Masset, was in town yesterday making definite arrangements for the installing of a much needed freight and passenger service between Masset, North Beach and East coast points. Mr. Swain's fast four horse team will make the seventeen mile run between Masset and Tow Hill within the three hours and will meet every boat.

The need of such a service was long felt and will prove a boon to eastern settlers, unable so far to ship in their freight under any conditions. We wish Mr. Swain every success.

animals, the island being free from other pest common to the coast of British Columbia; neither wolves, coyote, cougars, nor skunks are here to trouble the settler. Martin and land-otter are the only valuable land fur-bearing animals, but the sea-otter, a single pelt of which may be worth \$1,500, may still be caught on the west coast, though are not nearly as numerous as they were before the Hudson Bay Company established a trading-post on the island. Deer have been lately turned loose under the protection of the Provincial Government, and from recent reports are thriving and increasing in numbers.

Continued next week.

Spring Salmon Fishing Commences May 1st.

The salmon fishing season will begin on the 1st May next, and it is expected that a large number of Spring Salmon will be caught by the hundreds of fishermen that will be engaged in Hecate Straits. The ordinary individual who knows nothing of the work, will understand that all required is a boat, trolling line and bait, either "Spoon," or a herring. The fishermen row about trolling, and as many as thirty of these beautiful fish have been caught in one day. The average catch runs from five to ten, weighing from forty to sixty pounds, for which the fishermen received last year four cents per pound. When tourist travel turn towards the Queen Charlotte islands, a large number will come here to engage in the "sport."

A Spring salmon is a very "game" fish, and its size is remarkable. Some have been captured, weighing over one hundred pounds, and the fishing is recreation for those tired of city life. Along the shores are numerous camping ground, with wood and water handy. The weather is usually good from May to September, and the days long. Leisurely rowing a boat about half-a-mile off-shore, and viewing the scenery and hundreds of others engaged in the same occupation, with the prospects of landing from one to a dozen large salmon each day, should make the fishing grounds, off Langara island, a resort for thousands of people who wish to spend their holidays pleasantly, and, if they so desire, profitably. The cold storage companies will purchase all of the fish that may be caught. Last year a few travelers, including the famous Seton Ker, fished in these waters, and they all promised to return, stating no other place in the world afforded such recreation.

A school teacher on his vacation, netted two hundred dollars, from the sale of fish, and one Indian fisherman took in thirty dollars, in one day. With the completion of the G.T.P. railway, there will be a great demand for salmon of this species, and no better way of passing a few months can be found, than to visit the islands and indulge in the best of sport.

Overseas Club.

The Annual Meeting of the Farthest West Branch of the Overseas Club will be held at Masset Schoolhouse Monday Evening, April the 20th at 8 p.m. A full attendance is requested.

C. HARRISON, President

The Executive Committee of the Masset Inlet and District Conservative Association will be held at Masset on Monday, April 20th at 7 p.m.

C. HARRISON, President

Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Tingley left for Victoria last Tuesday on the Albert.

Henry Edenshaw took a party of "eggologists" to Langara island last week.

A meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary was held on Thursday at the home of Mrs. C. Harrison.

A concert will be held next Friday night at Queenstown, in aid of the Anglican Mission.

Mr. James Martin left this week for his ranch near Queenstown to superintend the construction of his new house.

S. R. Swift and F. A. Thornley were in town from their claims on the west side of the inlet during the week.

Doctor Quinlan, who has been visiting this neighborhood on professional business for the past month, left for Prince Rupert on the Albert.

Masset is always improving. This week all the old sidewalks on main street were torn up and new planking put in; a very needed and material improvement.

Easter services were held at St. John's church, Massett Reserve, and at the Anglican Church, in Massett, on Easter Sunday morning and evening, Rev. W. Creary officiated.

J. Brickman has purchased a half interest in the Massett sawmill from W. E. Wanless. Considerable improvements are being done and in a few days this will be completed and operations again resumed.

Ralph Stafford, as original as ever, was in town this week from Kumdis. Ralph still carries about him, like a breath of Old Britain, that bracing old salt and tar atmosphere of our home waterfronts.

Claude Cornie had a tough job before him in towing a red cedar log, 40 ft. long and 5 ft. butt, from Juskatla inlet to Massett. Claude arrived here with the "joker" alright. The log will run 2,200 feet when cut.

C. H. Curtis of White Creek, while doing some clearing on his pre-emption a few days ago received a bad cut on the leg below the knee, and came in to town to have it attended to. Mr. Curtis intends building a two-storey log building soon, which will be used for a road-house and general store.

In spite of pessimists, conditions are fast improving on the islands. We have just received the new telegraphic night rate, cutting the old ones some five hundred per cent. Under the new tariff the rate for 50 words to Rupert is \$1.00, to Vancouver and Victoria \$2.00. Mr. Clements, our Dominion M.P., through whose energies we first obtained our telegraph service, certainly makes it hard for us to forget him.

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Massett, B.C., Saturday, April 18, 1914

The breath of a new spring is on the land, the light of a new day. In the westward trend of civilization the Queen Charlotte Islands have been marked as a new field and as a chosen one. In spite of temporary financial stringency and contraction of credits, this to all is self-evident and nowhere is it more patent than in the Islander office. With the opening of our Massett headquarters we cheerfully believe in a future of greater things for our little paper.

The only publication today on the islands, the oldest and the only one to withstand the bitter fare of pioneer days, we are now in closer touch with east and west and north and south. We can say without boasting that our close connection, our long associations with the Islands, give us a broader grasp of local affairs than could be afforded to any individual or outside paper.

And it is a grand and cheerful sight. As yet not easily detected on the surface, perhaps, but going the round of pre-empting settlers we feel the whole island respond in its every unit to some virile breath of action, some irrepressible wave of steady constructive optimism.

The greatest drawback is the lack of a truer co-operation between our different districts. The lack of communication in sparsely settled districts throws settlers very much alone. They have no time to spare in a social way. They know each other but very superficially, and whenever they do happen to meet they are like two links that don't fit—will not unite and pull together.

And this is why we feel so strongly the weight of our trust as the only medium of expression between so many variegated and apparently disconnected sources. The local paper in such a field as ours has a more intimate relation, a greater importance than is generally conceded. It is the melting pot in which are fused a thousand points of view. It is for the actual population what the public school and closer social relations are for the next generation.

It is high time to organize in an efficient homogenous working whole the real strength of the islands. The day has come to eliminate the drones who would rule the hive to their own ends. Our needs are many. We need greater and more efficient advertising; we want greater and closer co-operation with our governments.

The Queen Charlottes are young. They have time and strength to do and abide. They are too young to grow weary, to strong to be ridden, and the stars ride high over their destinies.

Mr. Manson's Visit.

Mr. Wm. Manson on his tour through the islands is expected here on Sunday. With Mr. Manson are Mr. C. Cullin, the new pre-emption inspector, and Mr. E. M. Sandilands, government agent. With the coming season's work still before us and the many momentous agricultural issues brought to the lime-light by the Royal Commission, the coming of our member is awaited with much and expectant interest. A public meeting will be held in the Massett schoolhouse on Monday.



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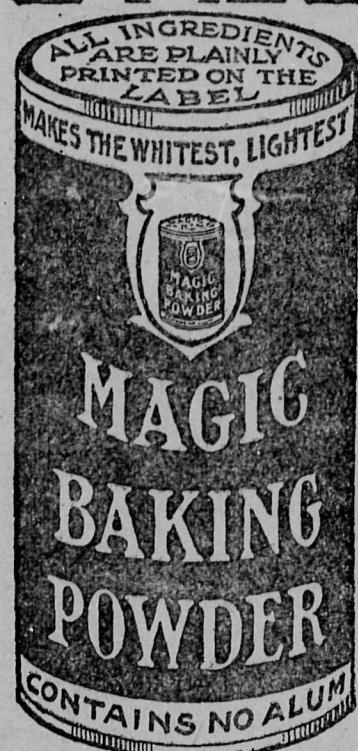
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Political Controversy.

Editor Islander,—It seems to me that both parties to the argument that has been running in the Islander for some weeks are a little "personal." One says—, and the other says—. If one is right, then the other must be wrong! That's logical! It appears to me that both have good arguments; but when they raise "ghosts" and bring out Irishmen in a light that is not at all commendable, they step on air and coat tails. Supposing the parties were to confine themselves to using the post-office, instead of the public press, the "ghosts" might be laid and everyone, with the exception of the "controversialists," would be happy. It is an open question to my mind what the argument is all about anyway? The parties interested know their own minds, and are expressing themselves as though they understood and are content to still believe as they did at the commencement of the discussion. Remove "ghost," the "Irishman," and the personalities, and all one can find is a question of what constitutes a "Boss." The word itself is very vague, and appears to savor of New York "slang." It is not used in good society, any more than the word, "liar." It is distinctly unparliamentary to use such terms, and when they are mixed up with "ghosts" and Irish that is not talked now-a-days, there is a sure means of causing trouble.

OQUIT.

The infant child of Robert Williams died, on the Massett Reserve, on Monday morning. The funeral took place on Wednesday, Rev. W. Creary officiating.

The \$80,000,000 San Francisco Exposition will open next year with an aeroplane trip around the world. It seems that the Panama Canal will be a secondary consideration—air replacing water as a means of locomotion,—and an endeavour will be made to show that there is a shorter route than via the Canal.

The two Canneries, on the island, will not operate this year. It is expected that the Naden Harbor cannery would can the Pink salmon. It is expected, after the run of Spring salmon that the Indians will migrate to the Skeena river. Mr. Gilmour, at present managing the Oceanic Cannery, was a visitor to Massett, last week, and is making arrangements to have the fishermen on the Skeena river, in July.

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Messrs F. and C. Graham recently purchased from C. S. Wormald the house in which they have been residing for the past five months.

On Saturday last a working "bee" was held at Graham Centre for the purpose of clearing ground for a tennis court. Several large stumps were removed and the grounds nicely graded. The toilers were afterwards rewarded by a sumptuous repast provided by the ladies. Among those present were Messrs C. M. Adams, J. Boyes, Williams, F. Graham, C. Graham and W. Rennie. Much credit is due to Mesdames, Boyes, Williams, Graham, O'Flyum, Rennie, O'Brien and Millard for the excellence of the supper. The court, which will speedily be completed is near the waterfront and commands a splendid view of the lake and distant mountains.

The Chinese laundryman received an Icelandic welcome at Massett, and sought pastures new. It was a moot question where he would settle; but he decided the question by pulling up "chop sticks" and disappearing.

Fifty years ago, during 1864, Rev. Father Foquot, O.M.I., held divine service on an island at the mouth of Masset inlet. Cheif Weah holds a letter written by the oblate priest, who died recently, at Mission City, B.C.

Births and deaths, among the Masset Indians, during 1913, numbered eighteen. This is a high rate, on both sides, the census showing that the number of deaths just equalled the number of births.

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Woden Notes.

Mr. Gaustad from across the inlet was in Massett to meet his wife, who arrived with their household goods last Tuesday. Although the weather was rough they were landed safely by Mr. Grange.

The Woden scholars have had a vacation for a week, beginning on Good Friday.

Mr. Grange, our local merchant, is setting out fruit trees.

Mr. Dill also received quite a few apple and crab apple trees.

Mr. Claude Woodruff, the enterprising furniture maker, is busy making window sashes for the settlers in the interior.

The Rev. Mr. Greene will hold services at the Woden schoolhouse on Sunday, April 19th.

Carl Prenssger, who came over from Sewall a few weeks ago to live at the Woden, is delighted with the outlook here. He is going to the mainland on the next boat for a few days.

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Echo Lake district, east of the Woden, is going some these days. Five new houses are under construction there now.

Mr. Stocks, from the east coast, was in on Wednesday and left the Woden laden with a large pack of fruit trees.

Mr. Wren is planting trees on his claim near the Woden.

The hen population of the Woden seems to be working overtime by the way the eggs are coming in.

Mr. Brewster has been suffering from a severe cold the last few days, but is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Holland and children, Mr. Hazelton, Mr. McCartney and Mr. G. J. Campbell were in Massett on Thursday, and attended the funeral of the late Mr. Downie.

The Indians of Massett have constructed thirty new fishing boats. This industry can only be understood by a visit to the large establishment, presided over by Robert Bennett, one of the Indians on the Reserve, who has four boats on the stocks. The craft under construction are of yellow cedar, and are light and seaworthy. It is the intention of the Indians to build boats for sale, and a large industry will be started after the fishing season.

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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 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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Brydone Lorne Tingley.

Dated January 3rd, 1914. d.f.p.—Feb 4

Skeena Land District—District of Queen Charlotte Islands.

Take notice that William Lional Barton of Queenstown, Graham Island, occupation mill owner, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the North corner of Block 35, Lot 746, Queen Charlotte Islands District, thence north 500 feet, thence south 540 feet, thence south 613 2-10 feet, thence north-westerly following the high water mark of ordinary high tides to the point of commencement, and containing 6 1-2 acres, more or less; said lands being part of the foreshore at Stewart Bay, Massett Inlet.

Dated January 10th, 1914.

William Lional Barton

d.f.p.—Jan. 21

LAND ACT.

Queen Charlotte Islands Land District.
District of Skeena.

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 Southeast side of Triangle Island, Skidegate Inlet, thence north along shoreline 10 chains, thence west along shoreline 10 chains, thence south along shoreline 10 chains, thence east along shoreline 10 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

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Situate in the Queen Charlotte Mining Division of Skeena District.

Where located: On Tassoo Harbour, Moresby Island.

TAKE NOTICE that I, James E. Corlett of Seattle, Washington, Free Miner's Certificate, No. 77730-B, intend sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

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

Dated this 2nd day of July, A.D. 1913.

James E. Corlett.

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