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Wm. Manson, M.P.P., Got Splendid Reception on Islands

Travelled From One End of the Island to the Other and Addressed Several Meetings at Inlet Settlements.

Mr. Wm. Manson, M.P.P., accompanied by government agent E. M. Sandilands and John Manson, road superintendent, arrived on the Polaris last Sunday evening from upper inlet points, after completing a tour of all the settlement on Graham Island, excepting the Tow Hill district. The party left Queen Charlotte City the previous Wednesday and came up the East coast road to Tl-El River, thence across the Mexican Tom trail to Queenstown and Graham Centre.

The purpose of the visit was the planning of the work to be done this year on roads and trails, and also of the Member giving an account of his stewardship of the past session.

Mr. Manson addressed meetings at Graham Centre, Queenstown and Massett and also conferred with the settlers at other points.

On Monday morning the party left for Woden district and spent the day there, returning to Massett in the evening.

Previous to the public meeting in the schoolhouse, the Member conferred with the Central Executive, when several important matters were discussed.

There was a large attendance in the Massett schoolhouse, including several ladies, when Mr. Chas. Harrison, S.M., called the meeting to order.

Mr. Harrison in the course of a splendid speech, nicely spiced with humour, touched on various local matters in a straight forward manner, which were heartily endorsed by the audience.

Mr. Manson, in his opening remarks, paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the late Rev. Wm. Hogan, afterwards referring to his trip from Queen Charlotte City up along the east coast to Hydah, Lawn Hill (where the party visited the experimental station in charge of Mr. Richardson), and Tl-El River, Graham Centre, Queenstown, Sewall, Nadu and Woden. Since the House closed, the Member said he had been on the go all the time and before coming to the islands had visited all along the line of the G. T. P. as far as Smithers. Mr. Manson then spoke at some length on local affairs. Referring to the road asked for between Tl-El and Queenstown, Mr. Manson said that it meant a big expenditure to build such a road as proposed, and at the present time he was not in favor of that being done. The policy of the Government had always been to follow the settlers, and as there were only a few settlers at each end of the trail, the time was not ripe for the building of such a road. He also referred to the proposed bridge at Kumdis narrows. With regard to the road work, Mr. Manson said there had been a lot of criticism, not only regarding the word done in the Skeena district, but all over the Province. He liked criticism when it was honest and fair, because it would always bring about better results. Regarding the East coast road between Tl-El River and Skidegate, there was a lot said, but he could assure them that the road there was not as bad as what it was said to be. During the past winter a team was kept at work gravelling the road, which has made a great improvement. This year they proposed putting a team at work on the roads at this end of the island and he was sure the same good results would follow. Mr. Manson made reference to the good work accomplished on the road at Woden last season. With regard to the question of plank roads he thought it too expensive a proposition. Mr. Manson then touched on Municipal Incorporation and was in favor of such a scheme when the time was ripe. Thereafter the Member gave an account of the work done in the Legislature during the past session, reviewing the most important measures, such as the Timber Royalty Bill, the C. N. Railway Bill, and others. He also referred to the Royal Commissions on labor and agriculture, and said that legislation would be enacted at next session. Before concluding, Mr. Manson made reference to the forthcoming Redistribution Bill, and advised the Islanders to get busy if they wanted a member of their own. He thanked them for their support in the past, and whether he would represent them in the next assembly or another constituency, he would always do what he could for the islands.

The Chairman then asked if there were any questions, and on none forthcoming,

Mr. James Martin proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Manson for his address and his services in the Legislature.

Mr. E. Baker seconded, and on being put by the Chairman to the meeting was unamiously carried.

Mr. Manson briefly replied and proposed a vote of thanks to the worthy Chairman, which was seconded in several places. With the singing of God Save The King the meeting closed.

Delkatlah Gardens Case

There is an old story that a millionaire commissioned an artist to paint two pictures, one to be of a man who had won a law suit, and the other of a man who had lost one.

In a month the artist returned with a picture of a naked man and another picture of a man with a shirt on. But, said the millionaire, I told you to paint a picture of a man who had won a law suit, and one of a man who had lost one. That's it said the artist, the man with nothing on has lost a law suit, and the man with the shirt on has won one.

We are reminded of this by the case that has just dragged a whole week through the Prince Rupert County Court, known there as the Delkatlah Gardens Case, in which C. C. Carter sued Chas. M. Wilson for a total sum of $1,112.15, for alleged work performed. The final decision of Judge Young was a verdict of $62.10 for C. C. Carter, but as Wilson has a balance due on a note against Carter of $162, for which the Judge held he must take separate action, the net result is that Mr. Carter loses $100, over if he had not gone to law, and Mr. Wilson loses the costs of the case.

The defence was that the sum demanded had already been paid out to the extent of $1254 to Carter and to people hired by him to fulfil the contract, but many of these payments were disallowed as not having Carter's O. K. Wilson also set up a counter claim for $1000 damages for loss of the crop by flood as late as the 29th Nov., maintaining it should have been all harvested by that time, according to the terms of the contract, but this was dismissed.

We understand that Mr Wilson is appealing the costs, as there was a clause in the agreement compelling arbitration, which Judge Young held to be quite vaild. He claims he was forced into Court, as Carter refused to arbitrate.

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Alex. Johnson, the Nadu postmaster, was in town during the week.

James Martin left Friday for Queenstown to continue work on his ranch.

Tom Murray, a well-known Vancouver traveller, is spending a week here on business.

Fred Nash, B.C.L.S., went up the inlet Thursday to do some surveying in connection with the proposed bridge at Kumdis Bay.

The Smythe Bros. deserve great credit for the spendid showing they have made on the grounds of their property, which has been thoroughly cleared. They have also a first-class, up-to-date two-storey building erected thereon. Hats off to the Smythe boys.

Inspector On Visit

Mr. Charles Cullin, who has been appointed as Pre-emption Inspector for this district, arrived on the steamer Prince John on Tuesday and left on Wednesday morning for the Tow Hill district, where he will spend a couple of weeks. He will also visit the other districts on the islands before returning to Prince Rupert, which will be his headquarters. Mr. Cullin will settle any disputes that may arise as to pre-emptors' rights and holdings.

"Charlie" is well known all over the North and on the islands, having held a provincial appointment at Jedway six or seven years ago. During the past few years he has acted as Sergeant-at-Arms in the Legislature.

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C. C. Carter returned on Tuesday from Prince Rupert.

Miss Clara Orr left for Queenstown Wednesday on a visit.

Charlie Ives left on Tuesday's boat for Prince Rupert.

Jimmy and Wilf say baching would be O. K. if they had somewhere to board.

Claude Cornie left on the steamer Prince John for a week's visit to Prince Rupert.

Several local articles, including land surveyors' report on Graham island, will appear in next issue.

G. F. Allen, representing Johnston Bros., wholesale dry goods, Vancouver, is spending the week here.

David Parnell and Emily Smith were married at Massett on Sunday the 20th instant by Rev. W. Crarey.

W. L. Barton was in town from the drill camp during the week and reports good progress at the scene of operations.

Mr. Hicks has made a great improvement in the poolroom during the week by enlarging and redecorating his show cases.

Chas. M. Wilson returned on last steamer from Prince Rupert, after a visit of a fortnight in connection with the Delkatlah Gardens law case.

A post office will be opened at Port Clements, formerly known as Queenstown, on May 1st. Mr. A. R. Mallory has been appointed postmaster.

E. H. Lea came in from Barton's drill camp on Wednesday for treatment. He cut his hand on a wire cable and blood poisoning set in. He was operated on by Dr. Graves and is now progressing nicely.

Dad White is a very busy man just now and has no time to tell yarns. He is gardening and the large plot he has laid out with a choice selection of vegetable seeds will enable "the home of the boys" to be kept well supplied with fresh vegetables and tasty salads during the good, old summer time.

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Massett, B.C., Saturday, April 25, 1914

The visit of our local representative in the Provincial Legislature was auspicious and far-reaching, and a hearty welcome was given him by his many friends at the various points on the island. He took the opportunity to travel from one end of Graham Island to the other, and viewed the improvements and progress made by the settlers since his visit last year. We feel sure that Mr. Manson appreciated the visit as much as the people he met, and went away with a good impression. His constituency covers a large territory, but he manages to pay periodical visits, and thoroughly understands the difficulties and hardships some of the settlers have in building up homes for their families. Whatever may have been said, we feel sure that he has done his best to alleviate those conditions by securing larger appropriations for roads, trails, schools and hospitals. Mr. Manson assured the members of the local hospital board that the appropriation of $2000 was available as soon as the building was commenced. Although the appropriations for roads and trails have been greatly reduced in all districts in the Province this year, Mr. Manson managed to get the Government to deal gently with Skeena, with the result that we are not so badly off in that respect. Work will be started on the roads and trails within the next week or two and efficiency is the word that has been impressed on the bosses and foremen from now on. We can't expect to get all we want at once, and to have things done in a day, a week, or a year. Nevertheless, since the time William Manson became our Member, there has been a wonderful development on Graham Island.

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Inferentially, we would ask why an island off the mouth of Massett Inlet was named "Invisible Island?" There are any number of Seven Mile Points in this neighborhood, but "Invisible Island" is an eye-opener.

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Lloyd George has lost his voice and the British House of Commons is being searched for a substitute. We would "ask with" a great deal of diffidence whether a "curse on" everything fathered by Lloyd was responsible for the defect in his speech?

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Chairman Harrison got off a very good joke at Monday night's meeting. It had reference to whether the Islands should be linked up with Atlin in the forthcoming Redistribution Bill, of which there were rumours. He humourously referred to Atlin as being the tail of a very large dog, if such a thing was proposed. The Judge certainly hit it off fine, and as far as Atlin is concerned, will have to curl its tail nearer home.

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A resident of Massett tackled a windfall recently on Collison Avenue, opposite the Anglican church. He commenced to saw the cordwood about twenty feet from the butt. At noon he went to lunch, and returned to discover that something had happened. A police officer was passing when the wood chopper was looking for "signs" along the road. On inquiry, he was informed that someone had walked off with the morning's work. On looking up among the trees, it was discovered that the roots had drawn the tree back to its original position, and the strange sight can be seen of a tree standing with the marks of the cross-cut saw twenty feet above the ground.

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Operator Duun has just completed a fine chicken run and is looking forward to many good muligans in the near future. That's right, Frank, we all like fried chicken.

Contractor Chas. Clayton is bringing the new Tingley store in the hotel annex to a state of completion.

Clearing is the watchword at Queenstown at present and everyone is forcing it to the limit.

The G. T. P. steamer Prince Albert made her first call at the new government wharf here on April 14, and although she only had one passenger and very little fseight, it looks encouraging and we at last feel that we are hooked up with the outside world.

Walter Cross is hard at work on his stock and dairy farm. Mr. Cockrane has been assisting him lately in the sinking of a well on his property,

Mr. Charlie Clayton reports tremendous activity on his farm. He contemplates thereon the erection of a cider press.

Mr. B. L. Tingley is building a seawall, levelling and clearing the front of the Yakoun hotel. When completed this ought to be one of the most attractive spots on Massett inlet's waterfront.

Queenstown Tennis Club are out in full force and hard at the game every evening that is favorable. They h ve relayed the court and have it in fine condition and also have some new members, so it looks as if we would have a better season than last.

Capt. Ferguson of the Polaris has been busy on his pre-emption for the last week. He says the sea is alright but he wants a place that he can raise spuds.

Jack Van received a letter from his father, who is in the Atlin district, on the last boat. "Daddy" says that the new strike is the richest that has ever been struck in the Atlin country, running up as high as $75.00 to the pan. They do not know just how much territory is covered by this new find, but they have everything staked for twenty miles around. They have had very little cold weather there this winter but have had lots of snow.

Ed. Bust, who came in on the last steamer from Rupert, reports that the town is over run with idle men, but they are looking forward to things picking up as the season advances.

A meeting was held in the Yakoun hotel Saturday evening by Wm. Manson, M.P,P., in which the road facilities of the island were discussed, and we hope to see better trails in nearby localities this season. The party left Sunday a.m., on the Polaris for Sewall, Nadu, Woden and Massett.

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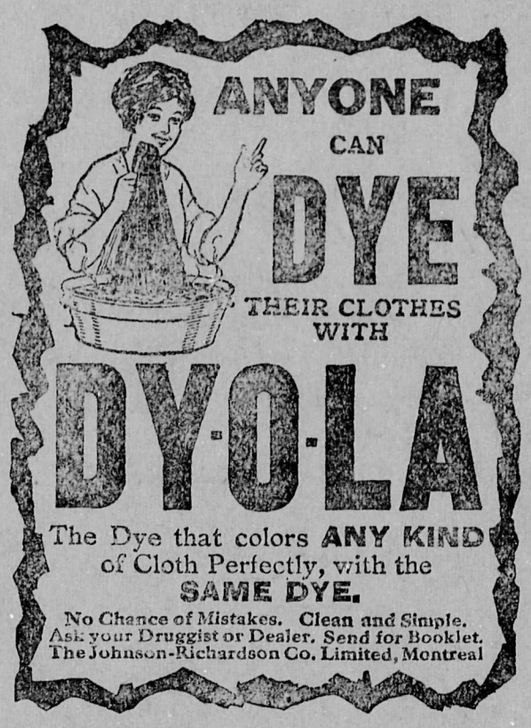

GRAHAM CENTRE

On Saturday afternoon Wm. Manson, M.P.P., visited Graham Centre, accompanied by John Manson, road supt., E. M. Sandilands, govt. agent, and Chas. Spence, road forman. After having made a tour of the townsite and expressed surprise at the large amount of development since their last visit, the party proceeded to the hall, where a large number of residents and settlers from Mayer Lake and Kumdis were assembled. Mr. O'Flynn, president of the Settlers' League, presided, and Mr. Felix Graham, the secretary, was in attendance, as well as 26 members.

Mr. Manson briefly stated the object of visit, and expressed a desire to hear the views of the settlers regarding their requirements for roads and trails for this year.

The Secretary of the League was therefore called upon to read a copy of the petitions which had been sent in to Mr. Manson last fall. The principal item being the extension of the Mayer Lake road to the government wnarf.

Considerable discussion took place upon this question and a large number of settlers from different districts expressed their opinion that the route of this road should be via Kumdis Bay narrows, which necessitates the building of a bridge at that point.

Mr. T. L. Williams spoke strongly in favor of this route and moved that the government be asked to build the road via the narrows. This motion was seconded by Mr. James Allison, and carried unanimously.

Messrs. A. D. Burton, Wm. Tunnah, F. G. Taylor, J. McDougall, H. McLellan and H. J. Rowell spoke for their respective districts.

Mr. Manson then addressed the meeting and stated that he aypreciated the frank manner which the different settlers had expressed their views, and said that as the road appropriations for this year had been cut in half, he would do his utmost to meet their requests. After having answered several questions regarding experimental farms, municipal incorporation, agricultural commission, etc., Mr. Manson was thanked for his address on motion of Mr. C. M. Adam.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

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Rev. Mr. Greene of Queenstown was a visitor in town Tuesday.

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Woden Notes.

Messrs. McLeod, two new arrivals for Sewall came up on the Westover from Massett.

Mr. Hewett returned on the last boat after a short visit to Rupert.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Brewster, one of our prominent citizens, is leaving Graham Island and returning east. However, we hope he will be with us again in the near future.

Geo. Hewett motored down to Delkatlah on Thursday where he is going to spend some time improving his lots.

Carl Preussger left for Vancouver on the last steamer where he will spend a few weeks on business.

Wm. Manson, M.P.P., E. M. Sandilands, government agent, and John Manson, road saperintendent, along with Messrs. Nash and Spence, visited Woden last Monday.

Mr. Holzer reports tnat his vegetable crop is coming up fine.

Mr. Windstead rowed down to Woden Friday and took back a pack of nails for his new house. Go to it Ralph, that's the way we all got our start.

Quite a stir was made at Echo Lake this week as the neighbors assembled together to assist Mr. Holzer with his new house which will soon be completed.

Mr. Allen, representing Johnston Bros., wholesale dry goods, Vancouver, is spending a few days here with a full line of samples. The Rosemary was chartered to bring his trunks up from Massett.

Rev. Father McDonald returned on Tuesday from Vancouver. He spent a very pleasant week visiting with his father who lives in that city. The Father was in Prince Rupert when the first train came through from the east. He met Capt. Nicholson, manager for the G. T. P. steamers, who is greatly interested in Graham Island, and expects to visit us in the near future and expressed a desire to see the whole island when here. While in Rupert Father McDonald met and talked with the Rt. Hon. F. Peters, formerly Prime Minister of Prince Edward Island, who intends coming to the island next fall along with a party of other sportsmen from Prince Rupert.

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