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## Land Surveyor's Report On Graham Island

Mr. J. C. A. Long, B. C. L. S., in his report to the Surveyor-General of the district West of Naden Harbor, says:

"During the past season I have carried my survey operations on Graham Island westerly to some four miles west of Naden Harbor. There is very little variation in the general physical character of the country anywhere westerly from Massett Inlet, the land rising more or less abruptly from sea-level to a plateau varying in height from 200 to 500 feet, which maintains its general level or is slightly undulating, excepting where it is intersected by ravines, usually heavily timbered with spruce, cedar and hemlock. The plateau is either muskeg land or is lightly timbered with yellow cedar, hemlock and jack-pine.

The area surveyed lies within a few miles of the Naden Harbor Cannery and Whaling Station, two ports of call of the Grand Trunk Pacific steamships, and within some twenty-five miles of Massett, which is the business centre and distributing centre of all the northern portion of Graham Island.

The soil in the timbered land is a deep black clay loam with a subsoil of clay or gravel loam, which has been proved to be the finest kind of land for the growth of grains, grasses, vegetables and small fruits, and the climatic conditions of the island are such as to make it well adapted to any kind of farming.

The muskeg lands which usually occupy the highest parts of the plateau consist of large tracts of country, either open or very sparsely timbered with jack-pine, yellow cedar and hemlock. The ground is generally wet and covered with moss varying in depth from a few inches to 3 or 4 feet. The soil beneath this moss consists of a black peaty loam with a subsoil of clay or gravel. In dry weather this moss burns very readily, and the subsequent cost of clearing and draining should not exceed $50 to $100 per acre. There seems to be no question at the present time as to the productiveness of these muskeg lands; it is no longer a matter of experiment, but of proved fact, that the most diversified specimens of the vegetable kingdom are being successfully cultivated upon them, including fruits, vegetables, grasses, roses and other flowers, and the comparative smallness of the cost of bringing them under cultivation is naturally attracting prospective settlers towards them in preference to the timbered lands.

The land on the seaboard is heavily timbered with spruce, hemlock and cedar which varies greatly in value. The best timber is undoubtedly to be found in the river and creek valleys, but this is scattered and of small extent. In many parts, usually a mile or more from the sea on the highest part of the land, excellent yellow cedar is to be found. Unfortunately, on Graham Island this valuable timber often grows where access is most difficult.

In almost every section there is a great deal of lightly timbered land where the soil partakes of the muskeg character, which is very suitable for settlement, and which could probably be cleared for $150 per acre.

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## Describes Attractions Of The North Beach

Indian Agent Thomas Deasy visited Sangin, White and Hi-ellen rivers on the North Beach last Saturday, and says that he was astonished at the sights from Massett to Tow Hill. Giving a description of this part of the island, Mr. Deasy said: "The beach drive for seventeen miles cannot be described and must be seen to be appreciated. There is good fishing in the rivers, and the tide recedes for miles and miles, leaving an apparently open prairie of hard-packed sand without a stone or impediment, over which automobiles could run at top speed for ten miles." "I have been on the Island for four years," continued Mr. Deasy, "but I never realized before the grandeur of the North Beach, from Massett to the only large hill on the shore line. The whole country is level and a large number of pre-emptors are clearing inland with their camps near the beach. If the manufacturers of automobiles only knew that there is such a place they would make it the racing ground and summer resort of America. I galloped for miles on a horse and made no impression in the hard-packed sand. The beach is straight and looks like the floor of a huge skating rink, with not even a piece of sea-weed to bar the way. Waggons carry tons of freight over the beach for the settlers, showing that an automobile could be driven along the shoreline at a rate of speed that would astonish "joy-riders" and racing men. With good bathing facilities, water and wood for camping parties, and the best of fishing in the rivers, it is a wonder that thousands of people are not making the North Beach a summer resort. The trip to Hi-ellen river and return was made in ten hours."

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J. K. Anderson, the Tow Hill merchant visited Sewall on Thursday.

Arthur Robertson, district fire warden, left Wednesday for points along the inlet.

## Massett Exhibit Attracts Attention

Mr. Chas. Harrison has received a very complimentary letter from Mr. H. S. Rolston, secretary and manager of the Vancouver Exhibition Association, regarding an exhibit of Queen Charlotte Island curios which Mr. Harrison sent a short time ago and which are now on exhibition in the Association's museum. Mr. Rolston, in the course of his letter, says: "We received the other things all satisfactory and had them all set up in our Aquarium in show cases very nicely and they have created a great deal of interest. The people seem to appreciate them very much. We are having some cards printed stating the particulars of the exhibit and I am sure that you would feel very much pleased if you heard the complimentary remarks made from time to time relative to it."

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### Hotel Arrivals.

The following registered at the Hotel St. Ives during the week: J. V. Dedwith, Sunnyside; L. M. Hughes, Cape Fife; C. D. Baker, Tow Hill; H. M. Phillips, Tow Hill; T. G. Garrett, Vancouver; J. Gledhill, Sunnyside; Fritz Rampmaier, Woden; J. Coates, Penticton; S. Green, Tow Hill.

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E. O'Brien of Kumdis Bay is spending a few days in town.

Fritz Rampmaier, "King of the Woden," was a Massett visitor for a few days this week.

Ten whales have been captured and taken to the station at Naden Harbor since the season opened.

## *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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Massett, 16th May, 1914.

## Local News Items

C. L. Cullen, pre-emption inspector, left on the last steamer for Rupert.

Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Brandt were in town boat day from the Nadu.

A. E. Kennedy and Al Orr have been engaged on their pre-emptions during the week.

J. C. A. Long, B.C.L.S., and party left for the Yakoun river Thursday afternoon.

Cyril Harrison and Gordon Jessup left during the week to join Mr. Long's survey party.

Mr. T. G. Garrett, representing Gault Bros., wholesale dry goods, is spending the week here on business.

S. Green of Prince Rupert, who has been looking over the Tow Hill district for the past two weeks, returned yesterday. Mr. Green is much impressed with the country and has decided to locate.

Mr. J. C. Frizell. of Sonoma, Cal., who arrived on the last steamer is having a look around the various districts with a view of investing. Mr. Frizell is dellghted with the country and the climate.

Mr. J. B. Nogues of Tow Hill was in town this week. Mr. Nogues is the most progressive farmer in that district and has just completed the erection of a barn and dairy, the largest building of the kind on the island.

Mr. Chas. Harrison is now the proud possessor of a very handsome gold medal which he received last mail from Mr. Bullock-Webster, secretary of the Prince Rupert Exhibition, for the best whaling exhibit at last year's fair.

Rev. W. Crarey of Massett held divine service at J. K. Anderson's residence at Tow Hill last Sunday. A number of residents in the neighborhood of Hi-ellen river attended. Regular monthly services will be held at Tow Hill during the summer months.

Fred Nash, B.C.L.S., and his survey party left on Tuesday's steamer for Queen Charlotte City. Those in the party were: G. Y. Baker, Tom O'Callaghan, D. Sievert, W. Spiers C. Stone and H. Ross. Mrs. Nash and Mrs. Baker accompanied their husbands.

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Mr. Wm. Marchand, Inspector of Customs, Victoria, paid his annual visit to Massett on Tuesday and examined the books of the local customs officer, Mr. Char. Harrison, which he found in a most satisfactory condition.

From April 1st, 1913, to March 31st, 1914, the number of vessels (Canadian) entered and cleared the port of Massett was 55. The incoming tonnage was 25,706. and the outgoing 25,638. Foreign vessels entered 4, tonnage 105; cleared 3, tonnage 30.

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## Spring Salmon Fishing.

From now on the fishermen will be busy on the waters of Dixon Entrance fishing for spring salmon. This will mean thousands of dollars in wages garnered from the sea and expended locally. This year, owing to reduced government expenditures on surveys and road building, a large number of local men had to look elsewhere for employment. Some have had to go off the islands, but the majority are trying their luck at fishing. British Columbia exports very little in comparison with the other provinces, but we are leading in supplying the world with fish, and this year promises to break the record. Off the shores of Langara island are our spring salmon fishing grounds, of which the outsider has no comprehension of the wealth of fish there. If the run of fish is anything like it has been since the fishing commenced two years ago, the catch of spring salmon should number over twenty thousand, each fish weighing anywhere from 25 to 100 pounds. There is no larger or better looking salmon in any water; the flesh is firm and red, and commands a good price in any market. They are not canned but put through a process known as "mild cured." It was the rule for the fishermen to gaff the fish in any part of the body when landing them, but this practice will be discontinued. It is also expected that the pink salmon will run in great numbers this year and preparations are being made for canning them.

## The Land West Of Massett Inlet.

In this issue will be found a report by Mr. Long. B. C. L. S., of the country west of Naden Harbor, which is now attracting settlers. From Cape Knox to the Owen River is a wide expanse of territory, on which until lately there were not more than a dozen settlers. During the past two months a large number of people have located on the west side of Massett Inlet and there is not the least doubt that from now on that part of the island will receive a good deal of attention from intending settlers. Imagine a water line of nearly one hundred miles, with hundreds of thousands of acres of good land and only about twenty settlers on it. Beautiful lakes and rivers, waterfalls, timber, open stretches of fine agricultual land, in fact just as good a proposition as on any other part of Graham Island, and all unoccupied. The fact of the matter is that the country on the west side of Massett Inlet has not been explored, except for the small districts where surveys have been carried out. Land along the shore-line on the west side has all been staked by speculators, and some of it is for sale at $20 an acre, but there is not one settler more than a mile back from the water. The east side of Massett Inlet is rapily settling up, but the west side is still as nature made it, waiting the coming of those "hiking back to the land."

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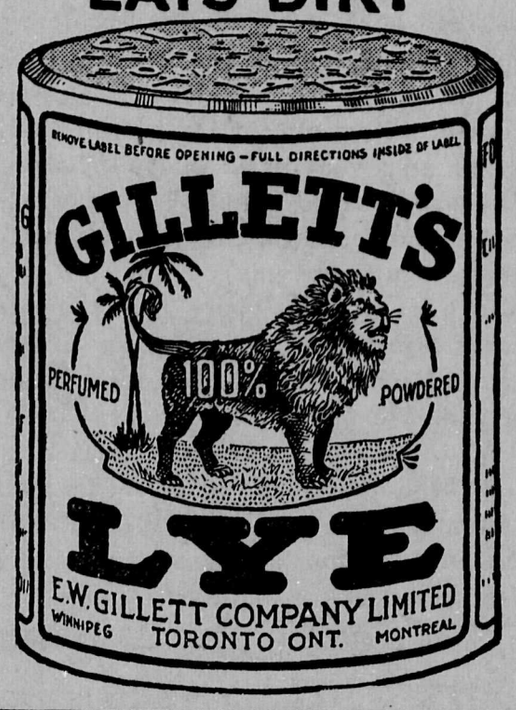



## Graham Centre Items.

The residents of the townsite are all giving the finishing touches to their gardens.

Mr. John Boyes has potatoes, carrots, lettuce and radish well through the ground, and the apple trees he recently planted are budding out finely.

W. J. Rennie is planting C. M. Adams' old homestead location at Kumdis Bay narrows. He states that the fruit trees there are in good shape and should bear well this year.

Chas. F. Graham left recently to join C. DeB. Green's survey party at Hydah.

Maynard Blue, a Michigan lumber man, visited Graham Centre, looking over the timber situation here. He expressed himself satisfied with the timber and the general lay of the district.

C. M. Adam has had an addition to his farmyard, in the form of a hog, which he brought up from Delkatlah.

Residents of the townsite now arm themselves with guns and go on a boar hunt. The watchword is now "mind your garden, there's the hog."

The new wharf at Graham Centre has just been completed. Mr. J. T. O'Flynn, the contractor, has done excellent work in the short time at his disposal. The wharf is 200 feet long and has a strong breakwater at the outer end. A slipway for the landing of freight has been erected and should prove an improvement. The new structure is a credit to its builder and should prove a great help to the mosquito fleet of this viciniy.


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## Diseases Of Potatoes And Ways Of Prevention.

The following concludes Mr. Richardson's article on Diseases of Potatoes and Their Prevention:

### Potatoe Scab.

You all know the potato scab, therefore it is unnecessary, I think, to describe. In small plots powdered sulphur is the best preventative, sprinkled around the tuber at time of planting; but it is better not to plant any seed that have traces of scab. If you do plant them, immerse for two hours in a solution consisting of one pint of formaldehyde (40 per cent) mixed with 36 gallons of water, or any amount at that rate. The potatoes should then be spread out to dry, when they may be planted in the usual manner. Take care that these treated pototoes are not put in sacks that have had scabbed potatos in them, or any clean potatoes in sacks that have had scabbed potatoes in them, because it is almost certain they also will become infected. If you plant scabbed potatoes you are certain to plant the disease also, and your plot is then not fit to plant potatoes for three or four years. It is always best not to plant potatoes in the same ground twice in succession. Take great care that peelings of diseased potatoes are burnt, or if they are intended to be given to pigs or poulty they should be boiled. It is very little trouble to do any of these things, but if you get careless and do not sake the trouble to use these preventative measures it is a sure thing we will suffer from it in time. I say we, because one careless man in a community by leaving scabbed potatoes around will spread the disease. Mr. Jay comes along and carries a potatoe away to the north and drops it; Mrs. Jay picks another up and dumps it to the south; Master Jay takes his to the west, and Miss Jay gracefully flies to the east—and that's only the beginning.

### Potatoe Disease

There is another disease called Potatoe Disease, which is very destructive, but so far I have not seen any signs of here. The leaves are covered with brown spots followed by curling of the leaves. It spreads very quickly during damp wet and windy weather. The disease gets down the stems to the tubers, when they become brown spotted. These brown spots enlarge and the potatoe becomes rotten. It doesn't thrive in any weather. The disease is propagated in the setts, so that it is very important to plant sound potatoes. It is best to pull up the haulm at once as soon as the disease is detected. Do not leave diseased potatoes on the ground when lifting the crop, but put them in a separate bucket and destroy them by burning. It will repay you for doing so; if you don't there is troble ahead.

It would be well for all those interested in keeping out diseases to instruct those who are unaware of the trouble they will cause by planting diseased potatoes what to do, and to try to dissuade them from planting such potatoes. The trouble will be well spent if by so doing they get good seed planted.

### LAND ACT.

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Date January 5th, 1914.

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## Woden Notes.

Wes Singer was a Woden visitor Sunday and Monday. He has exchanged his horse for Mr. Campbell's gasoline launch, in which he hopes to land some of the finny tribe this summer at Langara island.

Arthur Hitt, the popular pre-emptor on the East coast trail, had a bit of hard luck this week. He was backfiring around his cabin and a spark fell into a pile of dry cedar shakes and with the help of a Sou'easter, the fire was soon beyond control. However, he is very optimistic about it and says it will save him worrying about a fire burning him out this summer.

C. C. Grange, the general merchant, recived a full and up-to-date line of dry goods and shoes, including a very suitable line of women's and children's needs, on last boat. Mr. Grange's business has increased rapidly during the past few months, and his large and varied stock is in keeping with the growth of the district.

Mr. Bust was a visitor here yesterday for a short while.

Messrs. Lewis, McIntyre and Preussger are busy constructing new cabins on their pre-emptions.

The government cruiser "Gannet" (Capt. Haan) tied up to the float Wednesday. Judge Harrison, Constable Condon and Capt. Haan visited for a few minutes at the different places.

Two crates of thoroughbred white leghorn chickens came in on the last boat from the government. Mr. Haines has charge of them and anyone wishing a setting of eggs can purchase them from him.

Messrs. Stocks and Bureker were in from the East coast Monday.

Paddy Duffy took the boat for Prince Rupert on a visit. Mr. Winstead and his son Ralph also went out last boat for a few weeks.

## Fishery Crusier Arrived Tuesday.

The fishery patrol cruiser "Gannet," Capt. Haan, arrived at Massett Tuesday afternoon from Skidegate. With district fishery officer Harrispn on board the Gannet went up the inlet on Wednesday and visited Justkatlah and the fishing streams in the vicinity, returning to Massett in the evening. On Thursday Naden Harbor was visited and the cannery inspected. The fishery cruiser left yesterday morning for Langara Island and the West coast.

As the Gannet will make periodical calls here during the year a consignment of ten drums of fuel oil will arrive on the next steamer and be stored for her use.

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The products of the island up to the present time have not been very considerable, but are able to find a ready market. It is, however, in anticipation of the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and the consequent growth of its western terminal and the development of the surrounding country, that the establishment of a permanent market is looked for. The establishment of local markets for produce may also be reasonably expected, as the development of the islands resources—timber, coal, oil, fishing, etc.—is likely to open up many industries.

The climate of the northern portion of Graham Island is mild in the winter months and very temperate in summer. The thermometer in winter scarcely ever touches the zero mark; the snowfall is light and of short duration, and the weather generally bright and cool. In the summer the rainfall varies very much from year to year. I should estimate the mean annual rainfall during the past three years to be about 70 inches. A noticeable feature of the climate is that it is conducive to a very rapid early growth."

## Nadu Jottings.

A number of the male residents of Nadu have left for Sewall, where they will be engaged for some time getting out telegraph poles.

The Polaris was here Wednesday, but owing to the crowded condition of the two wharfs made but a short stay.

J. K. Anderson the Tow Hill merchant, was a visitor here this week.

Much excitement and enthusiasm was displayed at the government wharf last Wednesday when nearly all the settlers turned out to see J. Brickbealer, the noted stockman, ship a cargo of stall fed cattle to Sewall City.

The various orchards in the district are doing well.

We were pleased to see Mr. Dill of Woden here. As a family man he doubtless was much impressed with the fine assortment of Nadu bachelors.

Seven new pre-emptors have located here during the last two weeks.

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COAL mining rights of the Dominion in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the North-west 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 sub-divisions 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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