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$50,000 IN CASH to be distributed to Metlakatlas

Coming so close on the heels of the announcement that the province and the Grand Trunk company had come to an agreement on reversionary rights in Indian lands, it is also gratifying to learn that the surrender of the Metlakatla Indians' lands has been likewise consummated. The transaction with the Indians is the largest in the history of the province, involving some 13,500 acres, for which a sum of $7.50 was offered by the late Mr. G. E. Russell, on behalf of the G. T. P., and accepted by Mr. Geo. W. Morrow, Indian agent, on behalf of the Metlakatla Indians.

Advices from Prince Rupert inform us of the fact that a letter to this effect was read before the Metlakatla Indians' council last Monday and was provocative of great rejoicing among the Indians. Accompanying the letter was another in which the details of the plan of distribution of this handsome sum was to be made by the representative of the Indian department. This also was considered very satisfactory by the Indians.

The beneficiaries involved in this surrender number 200, inclusive of children.

In round numbers about $50,000 ——50 per cent——will be distributed in cash equally among those of the full age of 21 or over at the time of the surrender.

The other 50 per cent is funded with the department of Indian affairs and the interest on this latter 50 per cent is payable annually under the following conditions:

First charge on the interest each year is a fixed sum of $200, payable to each boy and girl that comes to the age of 21 that year. The balance of the interest is payable to the Metlakatla Indian council, to be devoted to municipal expenses, such as lighting, sidewalks, perfecting and installing appliances for sanitation, etc.

Instead of the Indians refusing the money, as announced in a coast paper some time ago, they are delighted with the outcome of the proceedings.

No date, however, has been fixed for the distribution, but it will be made in a week or so.

In view of the receipt of money many of the Indians have in view the erection of new homes, and improving the surroundings of the village generally.

Owing to Metlakatla's beautiful location the anticipated municipal improvements will certainly make it one of the scenic spots for tourists in the not distant future.

It would be unfair to the Metlakatlas did we not mention a little incident in which they took part in connection with the funeral of the late Mr. G. E. Russell. On hearing of his death they took up a hurried collection of $21 and endeavored to send the sum on the same boat conveying the body. They were unsuccessful in this, and had to telegraph to Vancouver, where wreaths were secured with which to deck the coffin of one whom they had come to know and deeply respect.

COULDN'T FIND A BOAT.

Advices from below would seem to indicate that the Union SS. Co. of Vancouver, has not been fortunate enough in securing a vessel for coasting service during the present season. It was the intention of the company last fall to secure a boat that would cover the run between Vancouver and Rivers Inlet, and thus relieve the Camosun from entering the inlet and place her in a better way to cut her time down running north. A number of craft were under consideration, but none of them came up to requirements. It therefore seems likely that the company will have to build a boat to come up to the requirements demanded by an increase of business.

The company's steamer now under construction on the Clyde is expected to be placed in commission the latter part of this year. The boat is modelled on the lines of the spacious Camosun, but will not be quite as large as that vessel.

LANDS QUESTION settled between G.T. P. and Province

Montreal, May 11.—It is announced here that while Premier McBride was in the city, he arranged matters in dispute between the G. T. P. railway company and the British Columbia government over Prince Rupert and Digby islands. Details are to be arranged on his return from Europe. The railway was advised that it might win the contest in the courts over the claim of the province to reversionary rights in Indian lands occupied by the railway, but was desirous of avoiding a long-drawn out conflict. The terms agreed to are that when the company settles with the Indians the province will invest its title to the property in the railway on the same conditions as governed the sale of 10,000 acres on Kaien Island sold to the railway company by the province; that a quarter of all lands townsited shall revert to the provincial government, the choice of land to be made by the provincial authorities in the usual manner affecting such reversions. Prince Rupert will not, therefore, be abandoned.

Two Wants Supplied.

Two long felt wants in Essington have been supplied to the citizens. One, the establishment of a drugstore, and the other the cozy little lunch rooms, on Dufferin street, presided over by Mrs. Warren, are certainly not in advance of the needs of the community. The Wilson Drug company's store is a compact little edifice that will soon have everything in readiness to satisfy the insistent demand made upon the two doctors for its establishment here.

Frank Sheedy, is bound for the Copper river and intends doing assessment work on his Hudson Bay mountain property. He intended going up on the last Hazelton but as he carries eastern time he was a couple of hours late getting down to the Cunningham dock.

The threatened coal strike in the interior has been adjusted.

REWARD INCREASED to $1000 for Simon and Peter

Provincial Constable Wilkie retured from Hazelton on the Mount Royal last Sunday, and if his diary were recorded in print it would furnish interesting reading.

Mr. Wilkie returns to the coast after nine months spent in an endeavor to bring two criminals to bay—Simon Gun-a-noot and Peter Hyeman-dam, who murdered Max Leclaire and Alex Mackintosh, near Hazelton, last year.

The distance traversed in search of the prisoners was close on 500 miles, through a country that is densely covered with hazelbush and very difficult to penetrate. Canoeing was resorted to in a good many instances and going up the Driftwood the party of four were upset, losing their entire outfit, including ammunition and guns. The party had to dive for their guns. To show the inaccessibility of this stream thirteen days were consumed in its navigation.

Incursions were made to Bear Lake, Babine, Driftwood, Telkwa, Sastut, Blackwater, Slamgish, headwaters of the Nass, over the Groundhog mountain to the source of the Skeena, but nowhere was the slightest trace of the fugitives to be found.

Simon is the crack shot of the district, and Hudson's Bay officials say he has more pelts to his credit than any other Indian in the north.

The fugitives are accompanied by three women, two children and Simon's father.

The cute old Indians say the party has succumbed, but the younger ones say no.

The chase will not be abandoned by the government, however. The reward has been increased to $1000, dead or alive, and special constables are continuing the work where Mr. Wilkie dropped it.

RUPERT THE PEACEFUL CITY

"Peace, peace, beautiful peace reigns in the valley of Rupert." But it is the lull before the storm; the prelude to activity.

"The Indian reservation question has been a blessing in disguise," said a prominent G. T. P. man the other day, "for it has been the means of withholding a band of curiosity seekers from coming to a place where there is no accommodation. We were getting decidedly tired of feeding this class of people at the mess-house. Nomads would disembark here without even a blanket and came to us for shelter. They didn't want work, that was beneath them. Boat service is irregular and sometimes five days would intervene between the arrival and departure of boats. Couldn't let them starve. What were we to do? Like Wellington at Waterloo," he continued, "we prayed for Blucher or reservation." We got reservation, and now we are able to prosecute our work without hindrance or molestation."

Work is proceeding on the wharf on the company's side, and Contractor Monroe has his two donkeys continually at work pulling out stumps that come out with as little resistance as turnips. His contract calls for 320 acres.

The railway right-of-way through the reservation is being cleared.

The topographical work on Kaien is completed, and survey parties have spread to other sections.

The Dominion boat Quadra has been stationed in the vicinity of the entrance to Rupert, for two months, making soundings and locating buoys.

The sawmill is working to its full capacity. Mr. Rochester, the manager, is at present in Vancouver, where he was called by the serious illness of his daughter.

It is reported the G. T.P. Mill at Essington, of which Mr. J. M. Duncan is manager, has had its one million contract enlarged.

During the absence of Constable Vickers, while looking into the death A. Polkington, in the neighborhood of Kitimaat, G. M. Davis acted in that capacity.

UP GOES ROYALTY on timber to 75 cents

News from Victoria would appear to indicate that the government is in earnest about advancing the royalty on timber from 50 cents to 75c per thousand feet. In Ontario the royalty is $2. In the government's answer to a lumber deputation that the matter lay over for another year, may be seen the determination of the attorney-general:

"For the past three years this industry, as we all know, has been flourisning and the government deems it only right that the province should receive a fair share of the profits by the increase in royalzy, the first in twenty years."

A debate followed the attorney-generals explanation of the act, including the new mode of placing all the lands of the province into first and second class classifications at $5 and the latter at $2.50 an acre instead of the old way, first, second and third. When the act is adopted there will be no more dollar-an-acre land in this province.

Change of Residence.

Indian Agent Morrow is a very busy man these days. What with the straining work he has been compelled to undergo the past year in bringing to a successful termination the various Indian questions entrusted to him by the department, he has had the further annoying affliction of putting his house in order in Essington this week, but Mr. Morrow is equal to any occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Morrow will reside here for the summer.

Mulock Entertained.

Sir William Mulock, chief justice of Ontario, who is at present on his first visit to this province, after finishing his successful labors as a member of the arbitration board in connection with the recent coal strike troubles, addressed the Canadian club, Vancouver, at a luncheon tendered him on Thursday last. He spoke on the ever-present question of labor difficulties.

WORK ON EXTENSION of telegraph to Rupert commenced

Prince Rupert is to have another terminal.

The Dominion government have issued instructions to proceed with the construction of the extension of the telegraph line from Aberdeen to Rupert, a distance of 30 miles. Consequently a party of 15 handsome young Canadians, headed by Ken Smith, an old Yukon lineman, arrived on the Camosun last week, and immediately proceed to their destination at Aberdeen.

The route to be selected will be the one of less resistance, skirting the shore the entire way to Rupert, and following in the wake of the G. T. P. telephone line the entire distance.

According to Mr. Smith trouble was anticipated with the railway company over the right-of-way, but his instructions were "to stop for no one." No opposition, however, has been met with.

It is expected the work will be completed in three months, and when this is accomplished Rupert will be in touch with the outside world and made the headquarters for the telegraph service of the district.

The telephone line from Rupert to Aberdeen will be completed in three weeks.

SOVEREIGNS FOR COPPER.

The following taken from the Province shows that the Scotchman is turning to copper for an investment.

"Three million dollars in the hands of Glasgow, Scotland, capitalists is now ready for investment in copper mining properties in this province, and will be sent as soon as authorized parties can find desirable claims.

"The announcement that this province's minerals had attracted sufficient attention to bring forth an offer of such capital with practically no solicitation, was made in a letter to Forbes & Mackinlay, from a client in Glasgow, who is largely interested in copper, saying: 'If you can put a good copper property my way, I can lay down six hundred thousand sovereigns for it within a week or ten days.'

"The communication came as an answer to the report of Mr. Donald C. Simpson on the Victory group in the Telkwa, which was sent this client," said Mr. J. Forbes of Forbes & Mackinlay. "The Victoria group has been bonded for $100,000 to the Guggenheims since we sent the report, but we will look into a number of properties we have in view, and have no doubt we will be able to satisfy the Glasgow capitalsts."

The proposed Grand Trunk railway survey line runs seven miles from the property.

The overworked proprietor of the Essington hotel is about to order an English billiard table. He expects to have it in full shape before snow flies.

The number of boats out yesterday was one hundred.

The Irish think Birrel's bill is a poor substitute for home rule.

The Sun

W. J. MACKAY, PROPRIETOR, ET AL.

A Miniature B. C.

The Sun bows to Essington and the people of the great northland—the district so well and fittingly described by our member in his maiden speech on the floor of the legislature during the closing days of the session just ended as a "miniature British Columbia"—the richest jewel in the provincial coronet.

The residents of the northern coast district have much to feel proud over at the present time. No picture has been painted in recent years which has the warmth of interest and touch of expectancy centered in it as the one the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway is about to retouch with the brush of definiteness and permanency. You may scan the map of the North American continent—from Atlantic to Pacific—and where can you put your finger on a spot that has the counterpart in diversity of resource? Nowhere. It is not in the calendar.

Essington does not possess what could be termed an admirable townsite front, but is, nevertheless, exceptionally well situated to capture a large share of the railway business while construction is in progress. The coast steamers make their Skeena River headquarters here, and this will therefore be the point of transhipment for the immense passenger and freight traffic that will find its way up the Skeena while the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway is being built. Here, too, are facilities for a great lumber trade, and all this business, in connection with the canning and fishing industries already established, must make Essington a place of large commercial, industrial and shipping importance.

A Wretched Service.

There is a prevailing opinion throughout the Dominion that it would be a wise thing to place the all telegraph lines under control of the federal authorities. And many contend that a reduced toll and improved service would result from such an innovation. At first sight such a view would appear reasonable. The principle is as sound as the granite bed upon which the proposed city of Prince Rupert is to rest. It is sound logic. But in this work-a-day practical world principle fails to make good the contentions held out by those who see much to admire in government-controlled and operated telegraph lines. We are sure the people of Essington feel that the Dominion government has in no way advanced the cause. The service given to Essington is possibly the worst on record. It is a trifle better than none at all. Merchants have received letters from the coast, dated simultaneously with telegrams, in advance of wire news. The reason for this obsolete service is to be found in the fact that the rich and potential government at Ottawa does not see its way clear to make the expenditure of a few paltry dollars in order to build an extension from Aberdeen to Essington, a distance of some five miles, partly over water. The operator plys his vocation with a sandwich of boat-pulling and telegram gathering. He is not even accorded the luxury of a launch with which to accelerate the moribund service. At the postoffice is a box reserved for the operater into which despatches may be dropped. The hours of delivery and collection is uncertain. It is regulated by the flow and ebb of the tide, the distributor and collector coming over on one tide and returning on the other. And the charge for ten words is $1.75. "What enterprise have we here, my conntrymen." And Essington is the metropolis and distributing center of the north!

The Nechaco Valley.

An official bulletin issued by the government says the Nechaco valley is one of the most greatly favored by nature in the whole province. While the Endako and Buckley valleys are more suitable for stock-raising, the Nechaco with its level valleys and rich white silts, offers special inducements to farmers. Transportation facilities are at present meager, but with the construction of the Grand Trunk railway it will become one of the most valuable agricultural districts. Its advantages are many and the land is level, the soil is rich and to a great extent open; the climate is milder, the principal crops can be grown without difficulty, and the altitude is much lower than that of the surrouding country.

The Ootsa lake country was discovered by accident. Desiring to ascertain if a practicable route into the Bulkley valley could be found from the head of Gardner inlet, the government sent a party into the district for that purpose. Though they did not find a suitable pass through the mountains their trip was successful in other directions. They discovered considerable areas of still better land than that in the bulkley valley with a better climate and more favorable conditions for settlement. Large numbers of settlers are expected to go to the new districts this year — especially the bulkley valley.

A NELSON PIONEER.

What was mortal of Geo. A. Bigelow was interred at Simpson April 23, and a largely attended funeral attested the esteem in which deceased was held by those who had the pleasure of knowing him. After receiving the appointment of collector of customs at Maple Bay he contracted a cold that latterly developed into pneumonia. He entered the hospital at Simpson, and under the care of Dr. Kergin had improved sufficiently to permit him to leave the intitution. He took a relapse, however, and a short while after passed into the great unknown. Deceased came from Ontario and followed up C. P. R. construction through this province. He was one of the six pioneers who tented on what is now the city of Nelson and subsequently became one of the leading merchants, not only of that city, but the Slocan. He went into mining extensively, but the fickle goodess turned him down. He was a big boy with a heart the size of a football and no prospector had a better friend. The last sad rites in the little one-act drama of life were performed by the Rev. Mr. Hogan, and he touched feelingly on the many good points of Geo. A. Bigelow.

When asked to reconsider his resignation Chief Chisholm, Vancouver, said "that life was too brief to be spanicled at every turn by would-be moral reformers and he was through with it."

A $225,000 Cruiser for the Halibut Banks.

Mr. William Sloan, M. P., has returned from Ottawa and in an interview said that British Columbia was much in evidence at Ottawa this session. The minister of inland revenue is now acting minister of marine and fisheries, and will also take over the mineral and fisheries departments, which is an important branch and is of material interest to this province, as far as the mines are concerned. The deputy minister of marine and fisheries has been seized with the importance of the deep sea fisheries of the province and an appropriation of $225,000 has been placed in the estimates for the construction of a fast cruiser to protect deep sea fishing from poachers. The construction of the new cruiser will put a stop to a great part of the poaching, but it is recognized that more will have to be done before anyting like a definite result can be accomplished.

Speaking about salmon hatcheries he said it was the intention to establish one on Babine and Stewart lakes, and two on the west coast of Vancouver island.

In concluding the member stated that the Queen Charlotte islands are coming to the front just now. A large timber company proposes to erect a mill at Masset bay and several mines are being developed at the southern end of the island. Arrangements had been made for a semi-monthly mail service for the islands, which will prove of great assistance, as the islands were badly handicapped for want of regular mail connections.

Three Months Waiting for a Boat.

The trials and tribulations of a lighthousekeeper are numerous enough in the ordinary course of events without the added affliction of disappointment. Mrs. Davis, the wife of the lighthousekeeper on Egg Island, Queen Charlotte sound, had a novel experience this spring. She had made arrangements in December last to visit in Vancouin January. When the appointed time came around efforts to secure recognition from passing boats was fruitless. On the approach of a boat Mr. Davis would run up the flag and Mrs. Davis put on her Sunday clothes. The boats passed on, however. This melancholy procedure went on for three months until the sharp eyes of Capt. Saunders, of the Camosun, lit on a small fluttering object at the rear of the fog horn, pulled in and made Mrs. Davis a happy woman.

The Telkwa's Copper.

F. M. Dockrill, superintendent for the Telkwa Mining and Development company, went up to Hazelton on the initial trip of the Hazelton, with a view to an early start on development work this summer. Speaking about the future prospects of the camp Mr. Dockrill said the Telkwa was one of the big propositions in the copper world today. In spite of all the difficulties in the way of transporting goods and supplies into that section considerable work has been done during the past three seasons. The showing made has warranted the company redoubling its efforts and each succeeding season has seen an increase in the payroll of the company till now a figure in the neighborhood of $50,000 is anticipated, inclusive of machinery.

"Wherever work has been done," said Mr. Dockrill, "the dykes have been shown to be well mineralized and of paying quality, and I think we have the largest copper belt in the world today. The properties held by this company lie about two miles south of the Hankings and Fleming properties on Copper river.

Premier Laurier, before the Canadian club, London, England, said he was not afraid of Canada becoming Americanized. The Americans were a practical people, who were coming to a country with better laws and more security for property.

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PETER AND SIMON believed to have perished

There is reason to believe that Peter and Simon, the Indians who are wanted up the river for the murder of two half-breeds last summer, may have perished during the severe weather this winter while evading their pursuers. Advices received from above say that the party of Indians sent out to search for the two alleged criminals have returned without finding any trace of their men.

The opinion is expressed by some of those who have been out with the search party that the two Indians may have met death during the past winter on account of not been adequately prepared for the severity of the weather.

It will be remembered that the wife of Peter succumbed to consumption, being unable to withstand the trials she was put to during the flight from justice. Peter was regarded as the real instigator of the trouble which resulted in the murder of the victims of the affair. There are those who believe, however, that the Indian was not so much to blame but that the interference with the domestic affairs brought the Indian to a point where he could not withstand the temptation to take the life of the one whom he held responsible. There was a question as to whether Peter did not commit both murders alleged. Peter was a well-to-do Indian, but crazed by liquor and suffering under wrongs he felt had been done him, he committed the deed. This, at least, is the construction put upon the affair by those who defend the Indian's action. There were those who prophesied that the Indians would never be taken alive. According to the information received from Hazelton their words have come true and the two fugitives have perished from hunger and cold rather than yield to undergo a trial for the crimes alleged.

Bush Fires to the South of Us.

Passengers who have arrived in Essington say that bad bush fires on the islands to the north of Vancouver prevail. The recent dry weather permitted the fires to get a good headway, and unless rain fell in the near future much valuable timber would be lost. The worst fire so far reported is raging on Stewart Island, almost the whole island being reported to be on flames. On the southeast side of Humphrey channel there is another big fire which has spread rapidly. Several small fires are running in the timber along Lewis channel and there is a blaze in the timber near Gibson's Landing, in Howe sound, near which point one of the worst fires of last summer occurred.

Change of Venue for the Lepers.

The leper colony of eight on Darcey island have been transported to China. The cost of their keep in China will be one-fourth what it is in this province, and the surroundings will be more homelike. Darcey island, however, will not be abandoned by the government.

The tremendous growth of the mining business in the Cobalt district and Temagami reserve is evidenced by the fact that the government has appointed eight inspectors to handle the business which last year was easily managed by three inspectors.

Montreal has felt the first effects of the new Sunday law by the non-arrival of the usual New York Sunday papers. When the news dealers went to the Grand Trunk railway station last week they found no papers. All the express people could say was that the papers had been stopped on the frontier in accordance with the new law. The Montreal News compnay will fight the question with the assistance of the American publishers, who will contend that the delivery of papers is not a branch of the law.

VIOLATION OF LAW swings the Iris into Port Simpson

The fishery cruiser Kestrel came into port last week looking none the worse for her recent naval engagement with the smuggler Iris, and at last has been able to add another mark to her long record of two captures.

"Getting too bold and careless," said a Ketchikan man to the SUN after he had heard of the capture of the boat. "The smugglers look upon the Kestrel in the light of a joke, and when six or seven of them get reciting their experiences they draw a curtain of interested spectators around them. The Iris must have been asleep or else buoyed, for she was built at Seattle for smart work."

The Iris is charged with breaking Canadian customs laws.

The Iris is alleged to have landed a trapper and his outfit at Kungent, Canadian territory, and this constitutes the offence against the coasting laws.

The prize was landed at Simpson, and later will be towed to Vancouver.

TOWN AND DISTRICT

W. T. and Lester Walters, of Spokane, are two gentlemen on the lookout for land. They came into town last week from Bella Coola and intend to go up-river and possibly go out by Quesnelle, on the Cariboo road. At Bella Coola they went up over the precipice and on to the Anna Han valley. The season is a month late and snow three feet deep was encountered on the pass. The lower stretches in the Anna Han valley are partly inundated and stock have had a hard time this spring. It took the brothers six and a half days to make the trip in an and four to come out.

Commissioner Coombs and Brigadier Sneeton are expected to arrive in town some time this week to pay a trip of inspection to the lower district, and if boat connections can be arranged a visit to Hazelton will be on the list. The meetings in town will be held in the Cunningham hall.

Mrs. S. Frizzell is ruminiscent these fine summer days over the month of February last, when taking the boat for Vancouver. While being transferred to the Camosun at the lower point she unfortunately dropped into the water a satchel containing a gold watch and two hundred dollars ---a veritable fortune for some poor mortal. Mrs. Frizzell hopes that a repetition of Jonah and the whale incident may come to pass in a salmon and a satchell, and consequently has notified all fishermen to be on their guard for any leathery substance that may be encountered during the process of salting and packing the luscious and kingly Spring.

The Bukley valley, the district brought into greater prominence through the publicity given it by that admirable publication, the Bulkley Pioneer, derives its name from Col Charles S. Bulkley, engineer-in-chief of the once celebrated overland telegraph expedition. He was attached to the U. S. army telegraph corps.

Travellers in China say Hector Macdonald, "Fighting Mac," is engaged drilling Chinese troops.

NOTICE.

In the matter of the Mineral act and amending acts and in the matter of the Western Copper group, consisting of the Empire, North Star, Argentile, Hawkley, Bonanza, Emerald, Verdure and Western Copper mineral claims.

Whereas by notice dated the 30th day of April, 1907, you were required to forthwith pay to the undersigned co-owners with you in the above mineral claims the sum of $160, as your one-fifth share of the assessment work done on said claims up to and including 4th day of October, A. D., 1906, and being the assessments for June, A. D. 1906, and January, A. D. 1907, and further expenditures in connection with the said assessments were charged to your interest in said claims.

And whereas you have failed to pay the said sum of $160.00 as thereby required.

Take notice that unless you shall within 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice pay your said share of said assessment work and all costs hereof that we, the undersigned, shall apply to have our said interest vested in us in pursuance with the terms of section 4, chap. 21, B. C. statute A. D. 1900, being an amendment to R.S.B.C. Cap. 135.

Dated at Vancouver, B. C., this 4th day of May, 1907.

Witness: C. N. Haney, Vancouver, B. C.

To T. J. Beatty, Esq., Vancouver, B.C.

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TOWN AND DISTRICT

J. M. Sutton, manager of the Eagle Harbor cannery, situated a short distance out of Vancouver, left for the south last week to perfect arrangements for the working of the Alexandra cannery at Balmoral this year. The property was recently taken over by Mr. Sutton. He expects to be back in July.

A survey party, headed by G. T. Rant, Victoria, have completed part of the work of surveying 7000 acres of timber limits 60 miles up the Skeena for the Port Simpson Pulp and Power Co. The completion of the survey will be made next spring.

It is understood Captain J. F. Noel, Victoria, will be given command of the large snagboat now at Westminster to be stationed in these waters.

M. McPhatter, representing a Northwest cattle company, came down from the interior this week after having secured more land for the company he represents. Mr. McPhatter believes the interior is well adapted for raising stock and his company intends to expend a large sum of money in exploiting the undertaking.

Kay Mackay, the Port Simpson townsite man, is piloting three gentlemen from Tonapah, Nev., through the high altitudes. The gentlemen in question are Dr. J. E. Benson, J. F. Benson and E. C. Benson. The trip is a combination of the recreative with a small admixture of business. The party is armed to the teeth and no detail in the commissariat end of the party has been overlooked. They expect to be away a month.

The unregistered firm doing business as "J. & J.," and better known as Johnson & Jones, hand stevedores and purveyors of fast freight along Essington's waterfront, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Jones has decided to retire from active participation in transportation matters, and will devote his time exclusively to laying before the Mighty Andrew C., the rich and ripe field existing in this town for the establishment of a library. Mr. Johnson will carry on the business as heretofore and any bills against the firm will be 'liquidated' by Mr. Johnston, who will also collect all bills due

Three good looking Irish boys who had travelled on the Camosun, on their way up-town, called at the only barbershop and asked for the trail to Hazelton. One uncharitable being said the trail was to wet at this time of year.

Of the Hazelton boys who wintered outside last winter Barney Mulvaney and Stanley Dunlevy easily led the van in pushing their districts's capabilities before the attention of the public, and it is reported that Barney slept with an eye open thinking out a way to have an increase in the terms of the mail contract granted the firm of Berines & Mulvaney, for extra work done around the portage between Kitimaat and the Little Canyon of the Skeena. Dunlevy was grinding corn in another way. He was placing large orders for his new house at Hazelton and acquainting himself with automobiles, as a contingency for future travel in the interior plateau.

"Ahorse, a horse," cried a bunch of young richards, as C. Barret led on to the dock last week the thoroughbred Clydesdale stallion Lively Lad. The stallion is 18 months old and weighs 1300, and has a record of winning several prizes in his class at Ladner Landing, B. C., where the fine animal was secured. Mr. Barrett is decidedly proud of his purchase and says the horse will add lustre to what is known as "the government ranche," near Hazelton. The sight of a horse in this horseless city was the occasion of admiration from others than boys, and the manner in which people grouped around the visitor reminded one of jumbo on parade.

H. B. Mackenzie, of the B. N. A. bank, with headquarters at Vancouver, returned home last week after having made a tour of the three prospective cities—Essington, Simpson and Rupert. Mr. Mackenzie did not see an opening for his bank in the north this year but it is not unlikely that next spring the question will be taken up. He sees wonderful possibities in store for this lower country and once definiteness and confidence is imparted a world of activity will take place. He had intended going up-river, but the uncertainty of boat communication at the time led him to abandon the proposed trip.

At the Cannon street hotel, London, recently, several men were shaved clean without razors. The operator covered the face he was operating upon with a teaspoon or a tableknife. The result appears to be highly satisfactory. What a boon this invention will prove to the modest and sensitive shaver like R. J. Macdonell and Hugh Wilson.

Dr. Kergin was in Essington last Saturday on his way home from attending the legislature. The doctor came in on the Venture from Bella Coola, where he laid over one trip in order to meet the constituents of that section. Mrs. Kergin, who also spent some time in Victoria while the doctor attended the session, preceeded her husband's arrival by one week, having come up on the Camosun the trip before last.

The tug Chieftain, which was towed to the Terminal City for the purpose of having repairs performed to her boiler, is expected to steam north in about twelve days.

A. H. McGillivray came down from Hazleton on the boat of the same name Tuesday and brings out samples of potatoes taken from John O'Hearn's pre-emption, half a mile from the Glacier house and 60 miles from Hazleton. It would be impossible to look at better samples of the Greely variety than the tubers Mr. McGillivray intends exhibiting at the tourist associations on the lower coast.

Jack Halley left on Sunday by the Mount Royal for the tall timbers of the Copper river, where he will soliloquize with a pick while doing assessment work on his reputedly good copper properties in that section.

H. Hawson went inside on the Mount Royal.

The Pioneer says W. D. Lukins will have his Aldermere assay office in operation next month. This may be so; but we'll gamble sawdust to seaweed that if these two fluffy grizzles he met while prospecting last summer are still alive, there will be little assay work done at that apothecary shop. Lukins wants just one more chance at the monsters—and that's all—then he will settle down to the serious in life.

Hugh Wilson, the millionaire, left for vancouver on the May on Wednesday, and will be back in ten days.

W. D. Lukins, Lem Broughton, Harry Fink and McPhee expect to ship 20 tons of ore this summer from their properties in the Babine range for a test to the Ladysmith smelter. The ore is on the dump and very high grade copper.

Miss T. Hilts, the young lady who has been confined to Dr. Wilson's Home for the past month as the result of injuries sustained at the burning of Mrs. Frizzell's store this spring, is improving nicely and it is understood the patient will be ready to leave the home in another week. It is Miss Hilt's present intention to embark on the next trip of the May and proceed to her home in vernon, (this province), where her parents reside. Mrs. Frizzell will accompany her as far as vancouver.

Miss Phillips says school attendance is good, there being forty on the roll, and the children are unlike the wild city urchins.

No trace has been found of the two Finns who were drowned opposite Cunningham's hall several weeks ago, while making their way to a sloop anchored in deep water.

A poor fellow who is just coming out of the d. t.'s, was sent ashore by the captain of the Camosun and lodged in the jail building for safe-keeping. He was a sorry looking sight, and when his supper of poached eggs, toast and beef tea was placed before him by Constable Collins, he piteously asked for the sauce bottle. The steamer will pick him up on the downward trip.

Rev. B. C. Freeman is attending the B. C. conference at Vernon.

Forty-seven sacks of mail were taken up-river on the first boat, mostly papers. It was mail that congested during the winter.

If signs were wanting to demonstrate what the future has in store for the interior plateau we would recommend a stranger to take a look at the mowing machines, wagons and agricultural implements that are at present quartered at the Cunningham dock. They are all consigned to residents in the valley.

Invitations are out for the great annual event in which the citizens of Essington take such pride—the 24th of May ball—and judging by the activity the ladies are showing promises to eclipse any previous affair of the kind. Mr. Morley announces that 250 invitations were issued, and that dancing will commence at the early hour of 8:30. A banquet is part of the festivities and Chairman Frizzell says that a jolly time is in store for those attending.

FIRE CHIEF ELECTED

and organization completed.

The several times postponed meeting for the purpose of organizing the Port Essington fire brigade was held in the school house on Wednesday of last week.

The business of the meeting was the election of a chief and other officers, and also the discussion as to the advisabilty of the department taking in hand, under its auspices, the proposed 24th of May celebration, which hitherto has been conducted by the citizens.

After considerable discussion it was finally decided to allow the ball arrangements to take the course of former years and remain in the hands of the citizens.

There were only two contests in the election, the one for captain and other for secretary. The others went the unity and acclamation route.

The following is the personnel of the new brigade:

Hon. president: A. Olsen.
President: M. N. English.
Chief: G. J. Frizzell.
Captain: A. G. Harris.
Secretary: A. E. Smith.
Treasurer: S. M. Morley.

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A Pleasant Evening.

Those who attended the party given by Mr. and Mrs. Frizzell on Wednesday evening---and almost everyone in Essington was there---pronounce the occasion one of those pleasurable affairs that add zest to a weary life and drives dull care to the four points of the compass. With an evening spent in dancing, joyous intercourse and refreshments it is easily conceivable that it should have gone through to the wee small hours of the morning. Mrs. Frizzells' reputation as a hostess is gradually extending to points far removed from Essington. A list of those who attended follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Inrig, Mr. and Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Cotter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Noel, Mrs. Maahs, Mrs. Letnes, Mr. and Mrs. Demspated, Mr. and Mrs. Baillie, Dr. Wilson, Mrs. Noble and Miss Noble, Mrs. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Warner, Miss Elsterman, Mr. and Mrs. Haff, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Launze, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Laughton, Misses Morrow, Olsen and West; Messrs. Helgesen, Rushbrook, H. Bruce, W. Brown, Cotter, Jr., J. F. Ellis, T. Collins, J. Cathers, A. Morley, Smith, W. Noel, McCormick, Joseph, Jesse Heptinstall, Sloan, W. J. O'Neill, B. Kergin, W. Macdonald, Wilkie, Ray Wilson, E. Olsen, Jr., P. Mackenrot, G. M. Mackenzie.

Fishery Notes.

Inspector Helgesen says that fishing for spring salmon on the river began somewhat later this year on account of the river being blocked with ice. The run of fish, though, has been fairly good up to the present time.

Licenses to the number of 116 have been issued so far to those engaged in spring fishing.

The fisheries steamer Falcon, Captain Cop, arrived in port Tuesday with Inspector Williams and Mrs. Williams on board, after having visited all the fisheries along the coast in what is known as district number two.

The canneries are getting busy canmaking and preparing for the busy season. Quite a number of Indians are finding their way down to the fishing grounds from up the Skeena.

Navigation on the Skeena, it is believed, will be cut off earlier this year than usual. Freshets are expected soon on account of the large quantity of snow in the interior.

The officers of the Hazelton believe the present trip will be the last to Hazelton for that boat this season, as she goes from here to the Stickine river.

All the freight at the Canyon, which included that of the Mount Royal, has gone through.

The Hazelton took a team and horses from hazelton and helped the freight across the portage.

The Northwester is expected in from the south any day.

Poacher to be Drained.

According to all reports Poacher island appears to be an agricultural possibility, and a Lulu island in the north. The soil is said to be very productive and goes to a fair depth. Mr. Snyder, a North Vancouver contractor, who has made a personal test of the soil, says it is admirable for the production of small vegetables, and this summer he proposes bringing up a crew of men and start in draining 5000 acres for a sydnicate of which he is a large holder of stock.

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As a fruit possibility Kitsumgallum, up the Skeena, appears to be well thought of and gives rise to the the belief that fine orchards will grace this semi-arid belt long before the Grand Trunk comes pondering down through the Big Canyon. On the first up-river boat 1000 fruit trees were taken to Kitsumgallum and that neighborhood; and the boat presented the appearance of a nursery in the south.