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THE HAZELTON'S mishap at the canyon

The steamer Hazelton had a rather trying time of it coming through the canyon on Sunday. Before she emerged buckets and paddles and guards were torn from her and the rudder disabled. The anxiety to be below the canyon hurried the boat's departure from Hazelton where, last Saturday, the water rose 12 inches. The boat carried 12 Indians and five white passengers, Mrs., Miss and Master Morrison, Dr. Quinlan and R. M. Moore. The last-named gentleman believes it is one of the very few trips that afford a sense of relief once the journey is completed.

"Before entering the canyon, which is not over 75 feet wide," said Mr. Moore, "with huge walls towering far above, and roaring and seething waters below, the rudder hit and damaged itself on what is known as Hardscrap bar. The boat only draws two feet of water and with a heavy wind blowing was at the complete mercy of the elements. After making for the middle channel, several buckets were knocked out by her stern striking something harder than wood and iron. Then she buffeted over to the other side of the canyon and came the rest of the short way broadside on, much like an empty drygoods box making its unpilloted way through the rap. At the little canyon we tied up for three hours, making what repairs were possible at that point and re-arranged the rudder. One Indian girl began to cry as we were being tossed through, but the remainder of the passengers and crew took it as a matter of every day occurrence, and apart from the several jolts we received were nothing worse for the experience."

As a result of this the Hazelton will be on the home dry dock for about a week nursing herself back into shape again.

Mr. Moore, who represents a gasoline house in the east, brought out a nice sample of soft coal he secured at Kispiox, situated some seven miles from Hazelton.

The last through trip of the Hazelton she brought down one ton of potatoes for the North Pacific cannery.

Hydrographic Launch.

The hydrographic launch for Prince Rupert, built on Victoria Arm by W. J. Stephen for the the Dominion government, is on its way to its destination. R. S. Newman, consulting engineer for the government, planned the boat, and under whose supervision the vessel was built, left with her, intending to go as far as Alert bay, and R. Jamieson, of Hinton & Co., who installed the gasoline engine, accompanied the engineer to Nanaimo. The vessel has a 15 h. p. engine and is expected to make nine knots an hour. She is 34 ft. long and 7 feet beam.

Left the Quadra.

Chief Officer, R. M. Pope, R. N. R., of the government boat Quadra and five of the crew, have left the vessel which was scheduled to sail last week for Prince Rupert and northern B. C. waters with more aids to navigation. This action is said to have been taken as a result of disensions on board. The chief officer is stated to have left the vessel because of the low rate of wages paid the officers of the craft, which do not compare favorably with the wages of officers of the various merchant craft sailing from Victoria.

The vessel secured another crew, however, and arrived at Rupert on Thursday.

INTERNATIONAL SURVEY

will be completed in two years

A. P. Ratz, Dominion surveyor in charge of the Alaska boundary survey, passed through Essington on the last trip of the May on his way to his field of operation. The party accompanying Mr. Ratz numbers 15 and a special call was to be made at Juneau to land the party which will go up the Taku river in boats and canoes. In an interview Mr. Ratz said that the boundary line will be established along the line of the Taku and Whiting rivers and probably develop in the vicinity of the Stickine river. He will be accompanied by Mr. Horden, representing the American survey, and the party expects to be back in five months' time. The boundary is delineated with what are known as Brown's monuments, conical in shape, and about torce feet high. Mr. Ratz thinks the survey will be completed in about two years. He added that Alaska in summer was very wet and surveying conditions were rather difficult.

FERTILE PORCHER ISLAND

sends a shipment of vegetables into town

E. Hudson, who has ranche on Porcher island, brought into town last Monday the first shipment of vegatables grown on the island, and occasioned considerable interest when placed on exhibition and sale in Morrow & Frizzell's store. The shipment comprised rhubarb, lettuce and radishes, about one hundred and fifty pounds, and no hardship was found in disposing of it. The lot was divided evenly between Mr. Frizzell and Mrs. Warner, and the latter has been serving it to customers, who pronounce it good and much preferable to the imported article. Mr. Hudson's land is situated at the northern end of the island. The dimension of Porcher is said to be 14 miles square, and much of the land has already been staked.

Out of Luck.

The steamer Hazelton seems to be out of luck. When the big freighter Henriette was attempting a landing last evening at No. 1 dock she grounded forward and on swinging with the tide struck the Hazelton on the starboard side of the pilot house and crushed it in like an egg shell. Several cannery boats were also crushed. After that the Hazelton thought it best to make for the dry dock, where she now is.

Dr. Quinlan is back from a trip to Hazelton.

R. J. McDonell is looking for a green stone charm he lost yesterday afternoon

THE QUEEN'S DAY

celebration passes oft quietly

The glorious 24th of May is over. The day was a perfect one and was in a great measure responsible for the large number of people who availed themselves of the opportunity to visit Essington and accept of the hospitality of the citizens' committee, to whom great credit is due for the manner in which they carried out their work.

The government boats in the harbor, topped and decked with bunting, was another feature not witnessed in former years, and coupled with this must be mentioned the enhanced appearance the day took generally by the number of gold-laced uniforms to be seen everywhere. It reminded one of a 24th of May in Victoria before the naval station was abandoned.

The day opened formally with a royal salute of one gun given by the flagship Kestrel. After this formality things dropped into the conventional of sport. A series of races were carried on on what is known on the map as Front street—from Cunningham's street to the special reservation line. The first race had six entries. As the width of the street would not permit all the runners to participate at once, the men were paired off and the winners in the pair-off raced again. F. Tingley won the race, carrying a $10 prize with it.

The ball in the evening was the forte of the celebration and it certainly was the best and smartest of its kind ever given in Essington. Handsome women and brave men whirled away till all hours of the morning and the scene in, and around the exterior of Cunningham's hall presented a delightful picture. The hall was too crowded for comfortable dancing. The energetic committee at one time feared a shortage of ladies, but this was dissipated early in the day by the arrival from Simpson and river points of large parties. A launch from Rupert arrived at 10 p. m.

During the course of the evening Dr. Wilson, in a neat little speech, welcomed the visitors, and in response Capt. Newcomb thanked the citizens of the metropolis for the courtesies extended. Indian Agent Morrow also touched on the humorous side of his wanderings from Metlakatla. He said he would wander back when Rupert was a city.

The banquet in the dining room of the Essington hotel was a feature of very favorable comment. The tables were arranged in the shape of a horseshoe and afforded seating capacity for 33 persons. Three sittings had to be made in order to accommodate those who participated in the dancing.

The celebration, dance and banquet has been voted the best ever, and to Chief Frizzell and other members of the committee who had charge of the affair, much credit is due for its successful termination.

A list of those who attended the function will apper next week.

Sudden Death.

E. Haskins, who was on his way north to Telegraph creek with a party of 25 men and a large quantity of supplies, died suddenly on the May on her last trip up. The boat was only a short distance from Vancouver when deceased was discovered in a sitting posture in his room. Efforts to arouse him proved of no avail and on further investigation it was found he was dead. The boat put back to port and landed the remains. At the inquest the cause of death was pronounced heart failure. Deceased was well known in Victoria, where only a short time ago he was successful in organizing a company to exploit some hydraulic properties some eighty miles up Telegraph creek.

FISHING PRICE ADVANCED

to 30 cents for spring and 10 cents for sockeye

A meeting of the Skeena River cannery managers was held last Monday at the B. A. cannery for the purpose of considering the demand made by the Japanese and Indian fishermen for an advance in the price paid for fishing, both spring and sockeye.

The demand made by the fishermen was for 30 cents for spring salmon and 10 for sockey, and that unless an early answer was given them they would go to the Fraser river at once.

A strike had occurred at all the canneries fishing spring, and in view of this it was agreed to pay an increased price for fish.

The schedule for the season of 1907 is as follows: Ten cents for sockeye and 30 cents for spring, cannery gear; 14 cents for sockeye and 40 cts. for spring, private gear, stealhead and cohoe to be taken as sockey during the entire season.

Indians and Liquor.

Two Port Chester Indians, who last Saturday made night hedious by their orgies opposite Cunningham's store were landed in the lock up and on Monday appeared before Justice of the Peace Berryman on the charge of being drunk. G. Campbell got off with a $5 fine, but his cousin, Stevens, did not fare so well. He was mulcted $5 for being drunk; $10 for using obscene language; $20 for resisting an officer, and $10 costs, or one month. The fine was paid. Two white men suspected of giving these Indians liquor were given a well-merited scorching by the justice, and one of them ordered to leave town, which he has done. Stevens was asked if he was in the habit of drinking in Ketchikan. He said he was. "Then don't do it here," replied the magistrate.

The judicial net dragged in two transgessors last evening. One for hitting an Asiatic and the other for being incapable of locomotion. The latter was taken to the lock up in the Essington ambulance.

Mrs. Frizzell is having the front of her store altered. When completed it will not only improve the appearance of the store but also of the street.

Provincial Constable Collins was about the only high officer without gold braid on his clothes yesterday.

It is reported that Provincial Secretary Dr. Young intends visiting the district shortly.

THE NORTHWEST

arrives at home port

The long expected SS. Northwest arrived on Wednesday and looked trim and spank as she came up the river with all her bunting flaunted to the breeze. Nothing untoward to mar the serenity of a calm and peaceful voyage from Vancouver, where she had her American boiler replaced by a Canadian one, is to be recorded. Some five stops were made for wood, and these were the only periods of relaxation.

No passengers were brought up but a supplementary crew enlivened the otherwise dull existence of a passengerless boat.

A number of gentlemen whose interests are centered in the Northwest, and whose ramifications extend to Aldermere and the Telkwa were on board, and purpose going through with the boat. These are J. C. Holladay, manager; E. Weeks and M. Richardson, land department; E. E. Orchard, hotel manager at Telkwa; Mr. Fraser, land department of the company.

The personnel of the boat is: J. H. Bonser, captain; A. C. Whitney, purser; F. H. Wand, first officer; E. C. Hensell, freight clerk; W. McCallum, chief engineer; W. A. Ross, steward; assistant, D. Dlaney; S. Compton, cabin boy; F. Mortimer, watchman; J. Lewis, carpenter; R. McCarthy, cover boiler. D. Alexander, A. D. Morris and son, J. Silverthorne, J. F. Renfrey.

The Northwest left at one this afternoon with a large passenger list and freight, and expects to go trough to Hazelton with little difficulty, as the water at the canyon is reported to be not over three feet, with indications to cool weather

Up-River and Hazelton.

Advices from the valley state that flowers are all out in bloom.

Dr. Inch, who last year put in some fall wheat, finds that it has done well, and stands about ten inches high.

Mrs. Boyd, the wife of the manager of the Hudson's Bay store, is visiting in Victoria.

Dunlevys' store is about completed.

Mrs. and Miss Morrison go to Metlakatla, where they will spend the summer.

The Salvation Army sawmill at Meankinish is doing a thriving business and has in contemplation the enlargement of the plant. Brigadier Smecton is expected to pay a visit to the district shortly.

On the last trip of the Mount Royal 10,000 feet of lumber were taken from the Meankinish sawmill and delivered at the Canyon, to be used in the erection of the new hotel for Mr. Patteson.

At Frank's landing Mr. T. Eby is erecting a hotel. The North Coast Commercial Co. is also erecting a building which will be utilized as a store. Mrs. Eby joined her husband on the last through trip of the Mount Royal.

The Kestrel left for Vancouver at the termination of the ball this morning. The bunting used for the adornment of the hall was kindly loaned by Mr. Newcomb.

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It will be interesting to hear Mr. W. Sloan, M. P., explain away the reasons for the present deplorable telegraph service afforded to the commercial centre of the district. It proves one of two things, that the federal government is not equal to the task of conducting the telegraph service, or else apathy and indifference has been shown by those whose duty it is to instruct the authorities in the east that an antiquated system is in vogue in Essington. If a private corporation had the supplying of a service there is not a particle of doubt but that better results would be forthcoming. It is not such an undertaking as the tunnelling of the English channel to lay a couple of miles of cable. It is not anything like the Atlantic cable in point of distance, and why, then, under the name of enterprise, should a prosperous and growing community with a future before it be denied the common courtesies of a business world by a government that in many other lines shows signs of life and vigor?

Richard the First has gone to London to lay his brief at the foot of the throne. Part of his mission while crossing the continent was to confer with the G. T. P. officials in regard to the now adjusted Indian controversy in British Columbia. The honorable Dick has been very fortunate in this latter respect and to the residents of this section of British Columbia the settlement of the vexed question will meet with general approbation.

If the same measure of success attends McBride's mission to the fountain head of the empire, the over-taxed people of British Columbia will have more reason to pat themselves on the back at the profitable trip the premier of this province has seen fit to take.

In outlining the various reasons for the very high price of copper, the Engineering and Mining Journal, the leading American authority on such subjects, states that the production of North America in 1906 was only 3.2 per cent. in excess of the production of 1905, while consumption increased at a considerably greater rate (just how much it is not yet possible to say) and at the beginning of 1906 the American market was bare of stock of refined metal, except the comparatively insignificant quantity that is always necessarily on hand.

The present outlook is for a prolonged continuance of the high level of price. Consumption shows no diminution, so far as can be judged from the trade reports, and there is no great prospective increase in production. Arizona and Michigan both produced in 1906 to their full limit. Montana cannot do much more until the smelting capacity, now under construction, is completed. Utah is troubled by the smelter smoke question, and the new dressing works will hardly be completed before midsummer. Balakla, of California, will scarcely be producing before that time. Ely, Nevada, will not begin to produce until 1908. Alaska will probably show a considerable increase in production, and Idaho and British Columbia will forge ahead. At present there is no good reason for forecasting a larger increase in 1907 than there was in 1906.

When the dispute between the Kootenay and Alberta miners was at its height, says The Week, Mr. S. H. C. Miner and the well-known proprietor of the Granby Rubber works, Quebec, and erstwhile president of the Granby Smelter, B. C., was moved by the spirit to send a telegram to Mr. H. N. Galer, manager of the International Coal Co., expressing amazement that the operators had not forced the government authorities to arrest and jail Sherman and his co-conspirators. He declared that in so doing the operators would have law, right, reason and the whole country behind them. The only reason we refer to this remarkable document is to point the moral which Mr. Miner and gentlemen of his ilk have yet to learn, viz., that more than nine-tenths of all the trouble which occurs between capital and labor is due to men whom fortune has placed in positions of control who have not learned to control themselves. Autocratic Czarite methods are obsolete in every free country. They are resented not only by the workmen upon whom they are sought to be practised, but by the public, and Mr. Miner never made a greater mistake and he has made several, than when he supposed that intolerance such as he exhibits in this telegram, would be tolerated in B. C. Mo further explanation of the perpetual friction which has characterized coal mining in East Kootenay is required than a knowledge of the fact that the spirit of which Mr. Miner displays has animated other employers who unfortunately have had the opportunity of taking a more active part in the management of men.

It may not be inopportune at the present time to quote from the 1906 report of the department of Indian affairs the general remarks made by Indian Agent Morrow on the Metlakatlas.

The southern half of the Tsimpsean reserve—Digby, Tugwell and a part of Kaien island—covers the principal part of the reserves of these people, with a total area of something over 25,000 acres. A great portion of the land might be called worthless, but on Digby island and the land bordering the north side of Venn passage, some excellent soil is found. On this portion of the reserve the historic village of Metlakatla is situated, pleasantly located on the shore line of Metlakatla harbor.

Metlakatla has always occupied a prominent place in so far as Indian affairs are concerned. Here Mr. Duncan, the noted missionary, settled about fifty years ago and won the loyalty and confidence of a people living in ignorance, barbarism and heathenism, to such an extent that even the most successful and experienced missionaries cannot understand. Here it was that the Church of England and Mr. Duncan disagreed over the management of religious matters among the Indian people, and as a result about 800 Indians, loyal and devoted to their great leader, followed him to a foreign country.

During these fifty years many changes have taken place, but the Indians who remained, while they speak in the highest terms of Mr. Duncan, and keenly feel the hardship of severing from their families at the time, have proved to be true, loyal Canadians, and today feel satisfied that they will be repaid for their devotion to the land of their birth, and many of them will live to see, I believe, a great many of the not only American cousins but their legal cousins return from the country of their adoption to the land of their birth.

My reason for these remarks, continues the agent, is based on the fact that Metlakatla today is used as the headquarters of the Grank Trunk Pacific railway while their engineers are engaged in laying off a townsite and making a survey of a harbor for the Pacific coast terminus of this company within two miles of the historic spot, and that the terminus must consist more or less of Indian lands belonging to these people. The opening up of this reserve enhances the value of all of it, and brings employment and business to the very door of these people, and the Indians under Mr. Duncan are alive to this, and will seek a home where employment can be obtained.

The Metlakatla people as a whole lack the energy and push of some of the other bands in this agency, but they have many excellent qualities, are of a good disposition, truthful and honest. I may add that I was keenly disappointed recently when a crew of them engaged with the engineers gave up with hardly a moment's notice, stating that they were not satisfied with the wages paid; but my belief is that the reason they gave up the work was on account of the new experience of having a master over them from 7 a. m. till 6 p. m. However, they will gradually fall into line, and when they do so will prove good faithful laborers.

Baseball Without a License.

Vancouver is an enterprising town. They are playing ball without a license. It would be well if our dear old head-of-the-poll Bowser would cause a royal commission to look into and investigate if the over-chartered and zealous management is conducting the game in the interests of the public. If they do not play ball according to the statute limitations of custom—that is, as to time of opening and closing—the men behind the 50c-silver bats should be made to appear before the commission on the ground of obtaining money by false pretenses. One game out of a superstitious 13 is evidence sufficient to warrant the nominated officers to take action. The suffering toiler, whose daily hardship commences with the hour of 6 p. m., has little time and less patience to waste in looking at players who drag themselves from the bench as though they were on a government job.

We would recommend to the Coffee King and likewise the able Aulay to initiate something new in the way of admission. Make the fee so much an innings——say one cent——and if the game went ten innings, it would be ample for exhibitions such as have been given. Then, again, the 'toiler' who left before the fifth innings would have no reason to complain of the royal dromedaries from the land of earthquakes taking their time.

Ribbons are made for ornamentation, not utility. The 12th hour snap counter sale that Wilson had handed him may be silk, but they are very short in reach—especially short stop and second.

Such ball has driven men like Archdeacon Fitzpatrick and his dear old friend, the portly German count, to rusticate abroad.

Richard I: "If you can't boost, don't knock." Which means, if you can't roast, you're oven is cold.

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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 $150, 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 $150.00 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 thereof 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.

ALEX McLEOD,
C. W. MELDRUM.

The Great Northern is entering Saskatchewan under the corporation name of the Saskatchewan Central Railway company. It is a continuation of the Hill road westward from the boundary of Manitoba.

essington the door step

to the northern interior plateau

TOWN AND DISTRICT

It looks like political springtime to see such a bevy of angels and archangels as that which landed in Essington on Tuesday. Strange coincidence that four great events should have all come to pass on the same identical day—the arrival of four politicians, four mail boats, and the trial of four men for drinking and supplying liquor to Indians. But providence does queer things.

Sunday was a perfect day. The inviting chinook winds seemed to have had the effect of rehabilitating even the old-timer. Even ribbons, silks and autos (of the prehistoric age) could be seen making their way noiselessly along the long and only walk, described by some as the Midway Plaisance. And then the band was out.

W. A. Wadhams came down on the Mount Royal on Sunday. He says the dry belt has its charms.

Milk will be supplied to London, England, consumers in the future in paper pails. It wouldn't take over two sheets of foolscap to supply the material for a pail with which to supply the Essington consumers.

What a truly suggestive name Sweetheart is for a launch. One need not worry over the tribulations of a household when once ensconced in the pilot house of a boat so replete with its master's ideals.

Ruef, the poor and innocent San Francisco man, is reported to have received one hundred thousand from the United Railroads. There is one bad thing about Ruef. He was too cheap. He should have possessed himself of the railroad and ended the matter.

Mrs. and Miss Morris, Hazelton, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Morrow during their stay in town, preparatory to removing to Metlakatla, where they intend spending the summer.

It is reported W. M. Christie, Penticton, will relieve E. W. C. Hilton, Bank of Commerce, Rupert. The former will be permanent manager.

A notice elsewhere in this issue draws attention to the license commissioners for the district that a meeting will be held in the court house here June 15. The three commissioners are E. Orsch, D. Lothian and C. W. D. Clifford. The board meets twice a year.

A very noticeable improvement in the lighting of several stores has been noticeable in town. The installation of gasoline by Morrow & Frizzell and the North Coast Co. is a commendable move, and now R. J. McDonell, of the Essington hotel, is having R. Moore, install several lamps in his establishment.

The municipal liquor stores which have been in operation in Raleigh, North Carolina, for more than three years are said to work well. In October, 1903, a vote was taken on the liquor question and the thirty saloons previously existing were closed. The municipal liquor stores are open from sunrise to sunset. Not less than half a pint of whisky nor more than a quart can be bought at a time, nor can the purchaser take a drink of it in the place where it is sold. The town is much more sober than it was and the municipal profit is $100,000 a year.

"Pride of the West Carey," traveler for the Mackay, Smith, Blair Co., whose territory extends from Vancouver to Hazelton, returned on Sunday on the Mount Royal from the interior. He has been away from headquarters three months and the volume of business done by this firm justifies keeping a traveler continually on the road. Mrs. Carey accompanied her husband throughout and has enjoyed the vistas of the coast and Skeena very much.

Captain John Irving, W. Lord and C. W. D. Clifford came in on Tuesday. The first named went on through by the May to Skagway and thence to Whitehorse. The second-named gentleman proceeded to the Nass, and the third went up to the Canyon where his large interests demand his attention.

Charlie McIntyre has taken Parke Wilson's place on the Vancouver ball team. He formerly managed the Spokane and Bute teams. Charlie has had a bad start handed him.

The annual report of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. stated that a dividend of ten per cent. would be declared, amounting to $350,000. We have read of bigger dividends, but not in connection with black diamonds.

The G.T. Mill at Balmoral, is arranging to have a deep-water dock built in order to facilitate the shipping of lumber at all stages of the tide. Mr. Duncan anticipates the development of a large trade with the south.

People whose business calls them abroad at seven in the morning may see two ardent fishermen plying their matutinal vocation in quest of trout at the point below number one whistle any dull and cloudy morning, and be rewarded by seeing fish of all varieties lying around loosely like quarters on a 21 table. Jack Bartley landed seven beauties of the dolly varden variety Thursday.

Staale S. Hendrickson, of Bottbells, N. D., who was here looking for investments, left for Vancouver, where business demanded his attention.

The trip of the Mount Royal to the canyon was the last for that boat for some time, as she goes to the Stikine. She carried thirty tons of freight, 284 packages of which were for Mr. Patterson, at the canyon, on her last trip up.

H. H. Rowe and son, the tinsmiths of Essington, have closed up shop, and left for Kitsilas, where they intend doing some improvement work on their preemption at that point.

Save that it discourages objectionable sex-antagonism, it is by no means certain that it is advisable that men and women should have the run of each other's clubs. It is most desirable that each sex should occasionally escape from the other. It is restful to the nerves to do so, says Lady's Pictorial.

The telegraph line men were all over to Essington on the 24th. Two hundred and sixty poles have so far been erected—eight miles.

The Sun does move. It has one exchange—the War Cry.

Mrs. Berryman and her two children arrived home on the last trip of the May.

John Dorsey, manager of the Pioneer, went up river on the Northwest and expects to have his plant in operation in about two months, and supply the interior district with a long felt want.

On her last trip south the Amur picked up three of the crew of the sealing schooner Ella G. who were wandering hopelessly about in the vicinity of the southern end of Queen Charlotte sound in a fog.

N. F. Hagel, a former barrister of Vancouver, has instituted suit in a Minniapolis court against the Western Union to collect damages of $2300, which he alleges was lost to him in fees through the failure of the company to deliver a telegram. The story is related in the complaint that while the plaintiff was in New York a would-be client sent him a telegram, regarding a case in which the fee would have been the amout mentioned. The telegram was not delivered for three days, with the consequent loss of the case. It is a pity Nagle does not reside in Essington.

The old familiar face of George Rudge graced town yesterday. He looks no older today than he did twenty years ago. Last fall Jimmy Garden, the member, was visiting in Simpson and complimented George on Simpson's ideal harbor and the large extent of beach at low tide. "Good clam beach," asked James. "The best," said George. "In fact we subsist on clams, and it has come to pass that we can tell when the tide is coming in without having to leave our homes."

Advices from Rupert are to the effect that the company has not considered it wise to place the sale of town lots on the market this year. This was the company's original intention, but the difficulties encountered, have altered their mind.

W. J. Bowser, Vancouver, is shaping his business affairs so as to permit of him taking the attorney-generalship on the return of Robert McBride from England.

Jimmy Graham goes up to Hazelton on the Northwest.

Observatory Inlet Mines.

The Hidden creek copper mines situated at Goose bay, Observatory inlet, will be shipping at the expiration of 60 days. This statement was made by J. T. Hillis, one of the directors of the company, last week. The wharf which the company is erecting at Goose bay is now about a third completed, and work is being done on the building of a wagon road from the beach to the mines, distant a mile and a quarter from the water. The wharf now under construction will be used by steamers loading ore. An ore transportation system from the mines to storage bins on the wharf will be installed as soon as the wharf is finished. A sawmill outfit, with which timbers for wharf and mine buildings will be cut, will be shipped north tonight or tomorrow morning on the Coquitlam.

The Coming Snagboat.

New Westminster advices state that work is being pushed ahead with all possible speed upon the Dominion government snagboat for the Skeena river, and it is expected that she will be completed within about two months. At the present time she is lying at the Royal City mills wharves awaiting the arrival of the machinery. The new snagboat is somewhat smaller than that in operation on the Fraser, but is proportionately stronger. Despite the fact that she is a number of feet shorter than the Samson, her engines are about the same strength. She will be equipped with the usual pulleys, winches and all the other appliances needed in the snag-pulling business.

Inasmuch as the Skeena is a swifter and more dangerous river than the Fraser her motive power will be somewhat greater than that of the Samson. The machinery is being built at the Schaake machine works. When completed the vessel will be similar in size and power with the City of Revelstoke, now in operation on the upper Columbia.

Johnson has given up Scotch, and drinks rye instead.

The reason?

He said he could stand shaves, but not plaid ones.

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NOTICE.

The semi-annual meeting of the License Commissioners for the Skeena River district will be held at the courthouse, Port Essington, B. C., June 15, 1907.

J. C. COLLINS,

License Inspector.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the next meeting of the licensing board we intend to apply for a transfer of the retail liquor license of the Northern Hotel, Port Simpson, B. C., from Rudge & Robertson, to Richards & Watson.

RUDGE & ROBERTSON.

Port Simpson, B. C., May 10, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following described land, situate in the Coast District.

No. 1. Commencing at a post planted on the west side of Kitkatlah inlet, about three miles north of the narrows, Porcher island; thence north 80 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence south 160 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence north 80 chains to place of commencement.

No. 2. Commencing at a post planted on the bank of a creek emptying into Kickatlah inlet, about a mile below the narrows, east side of inlet; thence north 40 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 40 chains to place of commencement.

No. 3. Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of T. L. 10,776; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to place of commencement.

No. 4. Commencing at a post planted on the south side of a small creek, about one mile from the beach and half a mile north of Speiler river, Porcher island; thence south 40 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 40 chains to place of commencement.

No. 5. Commencing at a post planted on the north bank of Speiler river, Porcher island; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to place of commencement.

No. 6. Commencing at a post planted on the west side of a small creek emptying into Kitkatlah inlet on the east side of inlet, Porcher island; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to place of commencement.

No. 7. Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of No. 6; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to place of commencement.

No. 8. Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of No. 6; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains to place of commencement.

No. 9. Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of No. 6; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to place of commencement.

No. 10. Commencing at a post planted near the southwest corner of No. 9; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to place of commencement.

No. 11. Commencing at a post planted about 15 chains westerly from the southeast corner of T. L. No. 4 of this group, Porcher island; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to place of commencement.

W. F. HUNTTING.

D. K. Newell, Agent.

Port Essington, B.C., May 25, 1907.