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An Appeal for Public Support.

We have pleasure in publishing the following letter, addressed to the Editor, over the signature of the Honorary Secretary.

DEAR SIR:—We have noted the remarks in the ATLIN CLAIM of recent issue "that when the Premier and party arrive in our city will be the time for the Atlin District Board of Trade to show itself." Possibly it will be an opportune time and one which the Council of the Board will not fail to seize, and, while assuming that no reflection on the Board was intended by the CLAIM, yet there are some in the community who have gone so far as to question the utility of the Board. In vindication of the Board against such unjust statements as are current, perhaps it would be well to give a brief synopsis of their efforts and achievements during the past few months only.

In the first place the Board is the only organized body who is capable and willing to undertake and foster the interests of the district. In no way does it look upon itself as called on to push private interests except in such cases as they affect public weal. It is essentially a "Public Body," formed of the best of Atlin's public men and devoted to the public interest. Its efforts have not always been crowned with success, but its members have no need to feel ashamed of the success they have attained. Is it a sine qua non to the efficiency of such an institution that it never meet with opposition in its requests? that it must always be successful in its efforts? Let those who set themselves up as critics and judges first purchase the right and privilege to do so by contributing to its support, if not in a pecuniary manner, at least mentally and with their presence at the meetings of the board, rather than lie back and enjoy the results of our efforts, and in return heap abuse on those who, by dint of their perseverance and zeal for the district, have gained the hearing and scored the advantages they have in quarters where our wrongs and grievances or needs can find remedy. It is a public institution, and we all privately and as a community derive benefit from its endeavours.

We would ask, through whose instrumentality it was that the Provincial Government was first approached for substantial support in

the matter of fire protection of the city? Undoubtedly, our two citizens, Mr. Graham and Mr. Grime, pre-eminently the former, did more than any other single individual here could have done in the matter. The former is a member of the Board and results show the success of our exertions.

Did not the Board do its utmost to have the grievance of freight rates remedied and a more moderate scale established? and if its repeated requests and representations were not as fully listened to as we wished, we have now the satisfaction of knowing that the freighting company sees the folly of its exorbitance, and that we did our duty, carrying the matter even before the notice of the Government endeavoring to secure the redress of the grievance.

Has not the Board practically accomplished the fact of having the City of Atlin erected into a Port of Entry? Sought and obtained reduction of Post Office box and drawers' rent and better mail service with Mainland and Eastern points?

When small pox was prevalent on the Coast was the Board inert in having the approaches to the district watched, thus guarding against an epidemic here? Did it not use its efforts in urging the amendment of the Medical Act as touching such districts as our own?

What of the affairs of education here? Was it some private person here or the generosity of the Department of Education who prompted the said Department to make a grant for the erection of a Public School in Atlin, and irresistibly forced to the front the claims of our city?

And we might bring many other minor, still very important, efforts to your notice, of which we have already reaped benefits or will do at no distant date. But these few will confound the accusation of uselessness and inactivity. And now, Sir, we would ask in our turn, having conscientiously done our duty, are they who are so ready with their slurs capable either collectively or individually of doing more for the district than has the Board of Trade?

If not, we would ask that support either mental or substantial or both be substituted for unjust comments and adverse criticism. "La critique est aisee."—Yours very truly,

FRED. L. STEPHENSON.

Atlin, B. C., Aug. 10, 1901.

ELECTRIC LIGHT FOR MCKEE

W. H. Moffatt, who left here by Monday's boat, has gone out to secure an electric light plant for the Atlin Mining Co., on McKee creek. The survey and location has been made and an Edison dynamo of 100 light, 110 volts will be immediately installed.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 10th, 1901.

THE PRESENTMENT.

The Grand Jury's Recommenda- tions of Atlin's Needs.

The Early Appointment of a Resi- dent County Court Judge De- sired—The Placer Mining Act, Etc.

On Monday morning last the Grand Jury met and handed the Chief Justice the following Presentment as to the needs of the district:

To the Honorable
 Angus J. McCoil,
 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
 of British Columbia.

"May it please your Lordship, we, the Grand Jury, desire to express our appreciation of this your first official visit at the second Court of Assize held in Atlin, and we offer our congratulations upon the extremely light criminal docket.

"The development of the Atlin Mining Division has reached a point which demands the speedy settlement of all disputes which may arise in any way, calling for recourse to the Courts of Law. At the present time, we have for a few weeks, once a year, a Judge of the Supreme Court, and we feel bound to say with the limited time at the disposal of each Judge, it is impossible for all parties, except at great expense and loss of time in the busiest portion of the mining season to come into court with the necessary witnesses and fully present their several cases. We desire to call your Lordship's attention to the fact that in criminal matters, accused persons may be, and in one case was, committed for trial, and, if unable to obtain bail, remain in custody for nearly a year before the case could be tried. We beg therefore to urge upon the proper authorities the early appointment of a resident County Court Judge for the Atlin District, and would suggest that the Provincial and Federal Governments might so arrange the appointment and jurisdiction of the Judge that there might be included in his district the upper portion of the Yukon District, with Atlin as a center. This would, we firmly believe, be a great benefit to the Atlin District and at the same time a great convenience to the upper Yukon country. We feel sure that in this matter your Lordship, from your personal observations of this, your first visit to the district, will heartily concur, and we trust that our presentment in this matter will receive your cordial and hearty support.

"In reference to mining matters; Notwithstanding the recent

Act, 1901, we are still of the opinion that a grave abuse still exists, in as much as, there is no direct penalty, other than the perjury clause for a false affidavit which is ineffective, and consider that a miner should forfeit his rights and license for at least one year, where a clear case of malicious jumping a claim has been proven, which is always likely to be the case till some such direct punishment is speedily enforced; a systematic survey of the 250 foot claims by the Government at the cost of the locator and numbering the claims consecutively would be a simple means to obviate the issuing of two records at the Recorder's office for the same ground. We are also of the opinion that the higher rate now charged for water rights is excessive, and exceedingly hard on the individual miner, and small partnerships, and see no valid reason for the same; furthermore, we would suggest that all hydraulic leases and water rights should not be granted readily in a new district until the surrounding country has been fairly prospected by the individual miner, which, of necessity, takes at least two or three years, and the granting of which has caused so much confliction between the leaseholder and the placer miner; this would not prohibit a company from operating developed ground by purchase.

"Respecting the mineral claims, and disputes arising from such, we would strongly suggest that the said claims should be surveyed by the locator within sixty days after recording; such survey to be equivalent to one year's assessment.

"The late Order in Council in re the rebate of 2 per cent gold tax is vexatious and is a premium on dishonesty; we suggest that the rebate be paid direct by the Gold Commissioner without delay or recourse to Victoria; we regard the 2 per cent gross tax as unjust and a hardship on capital during its unproductive stages.

"We respectfully offer these suggestions considering them most necessary, as the conditions of mining have so much changed within the last few years.

"The question of freight charges from Coast points to Atlin is still of the most vital importance, the development of the resources of this district depends in a great measure upon the cost of the staple necessities of life. Under present transportation charges the miners' and prospectors' supplies cost from one hundred to one hundred and fifty per cent more than in other mining portions of the Province, this is a drawback which discourages both the prospector and the capitalist from opening up and developing the district. We would again ask the Government to intercede for our relief.

"We deprecate the sale of spirituous liquor to Indians trading in this district; the number of liquor licenses issued in both Atlin and Discovery should be reduced, and more discrimination should be used hereafter in the granting of the same.

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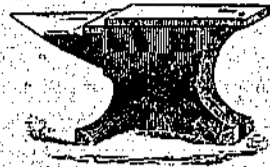
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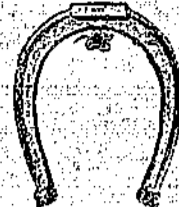


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district does not invite the permanent settlement of competent medical men in the practice of their profession. At the present time there is one physician who can legally practice in the Divisions of Atlin and Bennett, and from present information these large districts will be without any resident B. C. registered physician from the closing of navigation until the opening in 1902. In view of these facts we wish to place on record our entire disapproval of the arbitrary action of the Government in ignoring the strong representations made to them by the former Grand Jury, the Gold Commissioner and the Atlin Board of Trade. The feeling in this community is very strong, business men and miners will not bring their families here unless this condition is remedied. Under the circumstances we strongly urge that resident medical men, possessing British or Colonial qualifications be granted a special permit to practice in the Atlin Mining Division. There are at present in Atlin competent medical men possessing such degrees, who would be willing to meet any emergency which might arise, if assured of remuneration, and freedom from prosecution.

The continued development of the camp shows a marked increase in the resident population during the winter months, which fact has been recognised by the Government in their appropriation for a school, and we strongly urge that such action may be taken as will assure the people of competent medical attendance, and which will allow resident physicians to meet any emergency without placing themselves in jeopardy of prosecution.

The appointment of a permanent Health Officer and Coroner for this district is a requirement which has been already urged upon the Government by the Atlin Board of Trade. The prevalence of scarlet fever in our own camp and of small pox at Skagway during the past summer emphatically strongly the imperative necessity of such appointments in the interests of public health.

Our visit to the Presbyterian Hospital has been gratifying in its results, and the camp is to be congratulated in the possession of this institution under such efficient management.

In conclusion, we plead the urgency of several of the matters submitted as our excuse for the length of this presentment; we feel assured that your Lordship will aid us in laying our views before the proper authorities.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed on behalf of the Grand Jury,
J. H. BROWNLEE,
Foreman.



PUBLIC ENQUIRIES ACT.

PUBLIC notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of the "Public Enquiries Act" a Commission has been issued to the Honourable Angus John McColl, Chief Justice of the Province of British Columbia, to enquire into the conduct of the offices of the Gold Commissioner and Mining Recorders of the Bennett Lake and Atlin Lake Mining Divisions of British Columbia, and that the first meeting of the said Commission will be held at the Court House at Atlin, B. C., on Monday, the twelfth (12th) day of August, 1901, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving any complaints which may be made in respect of any of the said matters, and of fixing such respective times and places as may be deemed most suitable for the hearing of evidence in reference thereto, and otherwise dealing with the same.

Every complaint must be in writing, shortly but clearly, specifying the nature of the complaint, in order that the person complained of may know what he is to meet.

Subpoenas requiring the attendance of any witness or witnesses (who may be desired by any party to attend before the Commissioner for the purpose of giving evidence) may be obtained from the undersigned.

By Section 12 of the said Public Enquiries Act it is provided that no statement made by any person in answer to any question put by the Commissioner shall, except in cases of indictment for perjury committed in such answers, be admissible in evidence in any action, trial, suit, or proceeding, civil or criminal.

All communications to be addressed to the Secretary.

Dated at Atlin, B. C., this 18th day of July, 1901.

GEO. A. STEWART POTTS,
Secretary of the Commission.



Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on the 17th day of July, 1901.

UNDER the provisions of Section 13 of the "Assessment Act," Chapter 170, R. S., His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, doth order as follows:

That the tax levied by Section 10 of the said Act shall be due and payable in the CHELEAT, BENNETT LAKE and ATLIN LAKE MINING DIVISIONS, monthly, on the first day of each month:

And it is further ordered, that the Gold Commissioner for the said Mining Divisions be, and is hereby authorized to use such means as he may consider necessary, in conformity with the said Act, to fully comply with the provisions of this Order.

And it is further ordered that this Order shall be published in the British Columbia Gazette, and in the Atlin Claim newspaper, for a period of one month.

J. D. PRENTICE,
Clerk, Executive Council.

APPLICATION FOR LAND.

NOTICE is hereby given that Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described tract of land in the Atlin Mining Division of Cassiar District, B. C.: Commencing at a post marked "E. J. Hughes' S.W. Corner Post," planted on the north side of the Atlin river, about one mile from Taku City; thence north 40 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

E. J. HUGHES,
Atlin, B. C., June 25th, 1901. Jh-29-2m

NOTICE

Certificate of Improvements

NOTICE is hereby given that I, P. F. Scharschmidt, F.M.C. No. 13374, Secretary of The Gleaner Mining & Milling Co. Ltd. Ltd., F.M.C. No. 3343, intend, Sixty days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant upon the following described Mineral Claim:

The Myosotis Mineral Claim, situate in the Atlin Mining Division of Cassiar District and located on Taku Arm, about one mile south of Sheep Creek; and three thousand (3000) feet from the waters of Taku Arm.

AND further take notice that action, under Section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

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The Taku Chief Mineral Claim, situate in the Atlin Mining Division of Cassiar District and located on Taku Arm and adjoining the Myosotis Mineral Claim on the north end.

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The Lake View Mineral Claim, situate in the Atlin Mining Division of Cassiar District and located on Taku Arm, and bounded on the south by the Taku Chief Mineral Claim.

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