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A Budget of Interesting News From Many Quarters.

(SPECIAL TO THE CLAIM.)

Vancouver, B. C. Dec. 28th—A collision between two freight trains on crows nest branch resulted in the death of one brakeman, fireman and engineer are probably fatally injured.

Ottawa, Ont. Dec. 28th—J. B. T. Caron Liberal, is elected by a majority of 339 over Morris an Independent, in the bye election.

DeCaucourt, Que. Dec. 28th—Dr. Turcot, liberal, and J. C. Heon Cons, are nominated for Nicolet vacancy House of Commons.

Richmond, Va. Mrs Wm. Luck, presented here husband with a quartette of babies on Christmas eve. There were two boys, and two girls.

Phoenix, B. C. Dec. 28th—The Miners and smelters have decided by joint vote of the miners union here and Grand Forks not to accept the reduced scale of wages offered by the Granby smelter.

Stockton California Dec. 28th—Hatfield, the rain-maker, has contracted to produce 12 inches of rain before spring. He has already produced more rain in this section than ever known before.

Gretna, Man. Dec. 28th—Fred. Leclaire was murdered and his body thrown into the river, his head was split open with an axe. Two men are under suspicion.

Winnipeg, Man. Dec. 28th—John G. Herald, only son of the late Dr. John Herald Kingston University, committed suicide in a hotel of this city by shooting himself in the head. He had been brooding over the death of his father.

Jacobs-Creek, Pa. Dec. 28th—Between two and three hundred miners are entombed in a coal mine as a result of a terrific explosion.

The mine caught fire and but one man escaped alive.

Nanaimo, B. C. Dec. 28th—Two terrific explosions occurred at Hamilton Powder-Works at Departure Bay which completely wrecked two buildings. The loss was about \$35,000. No one was hurt by the explosion. The explosion shook buildings here and in Ladysmith, and was felt in Vancouver and New-Westminster.

To Divide Comox Christmas Tree at Atlin.

At the next general Dominion election there will be eight federal constituencies in the Province of British Columbia, if present plans for the creation of an additional electoral district are carried to fruition at the present session of the house of commons, says a dispatch from Vancouver.

The district of Comox-Atlin [politically and materially] unwieldy because of the vast expanse of territory which it covers and the widely different economic and industrial conditions which prevail throughout its area is the selected victim of the proposed surgical operation. This district is represented by William Sloan, whose home is in Nanaimo, and who if he desires to get into touch with the views and requirements of his constituents in Atlin, is forced to travel a thousand miles by steamer and rail.

It is proposed that Comox-Atlin shall be divided into two electoral districts by legislation to be passed at the present session of parliament. The movement in this direction was commenced in the northern portions of the constituency, where it is felt that the people should be in closer touch with their member. Mr Sloan is not accused of neglect, but it is realized by the north that he simply cannot adequately represent such a large territory, the interests of which are of a very conflicting nature.

Christmas Tree at Discovery.

The Sundry School Entertainment held at Discovery on Christmas night was a decided success, and each selection on the excellent program was ably carried through and heartily appreciated by the large number present. The scholars showed great ability in the performance of their several parts, and under the guiding hand of Miss Stirling, excelled themselves.

The older ones too, who so kindly assisted with the program, rendered their various selections in a truly creditable style.

The Tree followed the program, with dainty refreshments a close second, the gathering breaking up about eleven o'clock.

Atlin was well represented by a contingent of thirty who returned home with the pleasant memories of an evening well spent.

Get a copy of the Illustrated Edition "Songs of a Sourdough". A few left at Bourne's.

Christmas Tree at Atlin.

The Presbyterian Church was handsomely decorated for the annual festival, held on behalf of the rising generation in Atlin.

A gorgeous tree, worthy of the occasion, towering to the ceiling, was bountifully loaded with kindly gifts from Santa Claus.

The Rev. A. M. Ross, occupied the chair, and cheerily conducted the proceedings from beginning to end.

The festival opened with a prayer and a hymn.

The Chairman delivered an able address, appropriate to the occasion and appealing to the hearts of the audience. Then the stringed orchestra led off with a very pretty overture, which was immediately followed by the full choir rendering a carol with most excellent effect. In fact the singing throughout proved as they should the sweetest harmony in the joyous programme.

Mrs. H. Brown gave a charming and amusing recital, which caused great applause.

The boys and girls, individually and collectively, in their recitations, songs, and drills, kept up their reputation, and called forth the hearty admiration of the audience.

Mr. Faxton in his inimitable style, delivered a very witty and humorous sketch of the history, and life in the Atlin district.

Mr. Archer, who has lately arrived from Table Mountain, proved a great acquisition to our local talent.

This gentleman displayed an oratorical, poetic, and operatic power seldom to be met with in these northern regions. His description of life in California, must have touched many of the audience, who cherish a loving memory of the sunny south.

Miss Ethel Pillman and Mr. Dougherty were very happy in their portrayal of a neat little drama, in which, a country maiden is compelled to humour and coax her loving, yet, nervous swain into popping the question. But, we cannot imagine that, the fair young lady, who so well sustained her part, will ever have to do so in real courtship!

Too! Too! Too! — And, an automobile arrives bearing good old Santa Claus, arrayed as an up-to-date motorist, goggles and all!

The welcomes over, he quickly conjured good things from his magnificent tree, which he benevolently presented to his appreciative young friends.

Refreshments followed, and the merry commemoration of Christmas Eve was concluded by singing God save the King.

Latest novels and magazines arriving each mail at

C. R. Bourne's

Kootenay Hall.

The High Mass at midnight on Christmas Eve was attended by a large congregation and was continued at the morning service on Christmas Day.

In the evening the Indian School gave a Christmas Tree party.

Mrs. Costigan, Mrs. Tallmire and other ladies aided in the entertainment.

Father Allard made an eloquent speech, after which, the children gave some excellent examples of their progress in English.

The singing which followed proclaimed good voices, and, by next Christmas we expect to hear them conclude their festivities with God save the King!

The Sound press prints the story of a detective that the escape of Bill Miner was pre-arranged between authorities of the C. P. R. and the Ottawa Government. This seems incredible, but the story is by no means new. It was current at New Westminster shortly after the escape, and was referred to in the news columns of this paper at the time, along with many other rumors then current. We do not believe that even the Laurier government would enter deliberately into a plot of this kind. But there is sufficient that the suspicions in connection with the Miners' escape to call for an investigation into all the circumstances. If Ottawa sent an order that certain persons were to be permitted to interview Miner, contrary to the practice and regulations of the institution, and if it turns out that these interviews facilitated the arrangements for his escape, the government is as much to blame as if it deliberately opened the doors to him.

Tokio, Dec. 21st—The conciliatory attitude of the Japanese press extends to the subject of emigration of the Japanese to Canada. The Jiji, which is believed to be inspired in its editorial utterances by the foreign office, says on the subject of limitation of immigration: "We naturally are a peace-loving nation, and if the immigration of Japanese into Canada and the United States endangers the public peace we will not hesitate to forbid absolutely emigration to those countries. The Japanese government is trying to limit emigration according to law and we hope the Canadian and United States governments will generously assist us in reaching a peaceful and just solution of the matter. Race hatred is discredit to any nation. We believe that Japanese emigrants would tend to promote the welfare of the sparsely settled portions of the American Pacific coast by developing their resources, but if the peace is to be disturbed it is better to prevent our people from emigration."

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Adieu 1907.

Welcome 1908.

We are on the eve of a New Year, let us take a last look at 1907 before bidding our final farewell.

The birth of 1907 found Atlin in the depth of an unusually severe winter one of the coldest and most stormy on record; but despite the malevolence of the weather conditions, the people managed to keep healthy and enjoy the outdoor sports and entertainments of the season, as in former years when winters have been less rigorous.

Atlin Lake froze over on January 10th and navigation reopened on June 2nd.

That the past year has unquestionably proved prosperous to the district in general goes without saying. The output from the placer mines, considering the area worked, has been highly satisfactory and the development work going on in quartz mining will in the near future, probably prove very profitable. It is satisfactory to observe that we have experienced less litigation concerning mining properties, to militate against the progress of the mining industry, than in past years.

Hydraulic mining on the bench claims has proved very successful, and the output of gold from all sources of hydraulic mining will undoubtedly continue to increase.

During the summer a number of tourists visited Atlin and the surrounding camps; they were all loud in their admiration of our magnificent lake and mountain scenery; but only a few mining men representing capital, inspected the mines, nevertheless, we hear from all sides that a growing and a more practical interest is being taken in prospecting and developing the many rich discoveries of highly mineralized quartz located throughout the district. And it is most satisfactory to know, that, wherever development work has been continued on quartz veins, the rock has improved in character, and higher values have been obtained.

It must be admitted, however, that we suffer from lack of capital; in fact, it is a matter of surprise to see the amount of work that has been done, in the way of opening up mines with the limited amount of money available.

On this account many promising properties have suspended work

It is indeed curious to note that no money, amounting to what may be termed mining capital, has ever been forthcoming to develop the quartz mines in close proximity to Atlin.

However, there is one incontrovertible fact to encourage local miners in the pursuance of their industry, namely, that, hitherto all development work has had the effect of greatly enhancing the value of their holdings by proving they contain intrinsic values, which warrant the investment of capital to win the precious metals. Our mining industry is, also, on a more substantial basis, and, generally in a sounder condition than ever before, and, that being so, we have ample authority for taking a favorably view of its future, and, for commending the gold, silver, and copper mines of the district to the careful consideration of mining capitalists.

Although, there are not many people residing in Atlin this winter to witness the peaceful demise of the Old Year, those who are here, old and young alike, are evidently bent on taking the passing event with a cheerful grace; and are preparing to welcome the New Year with the warmest of greetings!

Adieu, 1907!—Welcome, 1908!
Farewell, to thee Old Year!

You've served us well and true,
We shed a grateful tear—

And, Bid you long Adieu.
Greetings to thee New Year!

With loads of luck and joys,
Your way is bright and clear—

To, Cheer the Atlin Boys!
To our readers everywhere, we wish A Happy New Year!

CANADA'S FUTURE

OTTAWA,— Addressing the Canadian Club at Ottawa last evening, on the future of Canada, J.S. Ewart, K.C., urged that the present position of subordination is one that cannot last forever. Canada must one day rise to the full dignity of nationhood and either alone or in some partnership have and exercise the highest powers of government. He said:—The Dominion will most probably be one of the following five: 1. Union with the United States; 2. Independent Republic; 3. Union with the United Kingdom; 4. An independent monarchy with Canadian King and Queen; 5. Independent monarchy with same sovereign as United Kingdom.

In Mr. Ewart's opinion the future of Canada will seemingly be nationhood, self control and political equality with the United Kingdom, instead of subordination and subservience to the colonial office. If, concluded Mr. Ewart, this be our future, then we will yet reach the goal aimed at by the late Sir John A. Macdonald. We shall get a British monarchy in connection with the British empire, and under a British king, recognizing the sovereign of Great Britain as its sole and only head.

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ANOTHER LEGEND OF SANTA CLAUS.

In the town of Patara where St. Nicholas was born there dwelt a nobleman who had three daughters. They were so poor that he was unable to give them a dowry.

The three girls were therefore more than likely to be passed by in the matrimonial market, a proof that the manners and customs of fifteen centuries ago were not so very different from those of our own day.

Somewhat the matter came to the knowledge of St. Nicholas, who always made it a point to use his wealth for the purpose of alleviating distress. Putting a sum of gold into a purse, he went one night to the nobleman's house. He wanted to give him the money yet he was unwilling to show himself, for he was evidently one of those who prefer "to do good by stealth and blush to find it fame." He was still pondering how he should be able to do this when he reached his destination, and the moon, which had hitherto been obscured suddenly shone out through a break in the clouds. Then he saw that a window in the house had, most opportunely for his purpose, been left open. He took aim and threw the purse through it. It fell at the feet of the father of the three girls, and with it he was able to give the eldest a dowry. As soon as she was married the event was not long deferred as soon as the men heard she had some money the saint portioned the second girl in the same manner and with the same results. The nobleman determined to discover who his benefactor was, and began to watch.

Did he see a possible allowance for himself when his daughter got her purse through the window, which he probably kept open night and day? Who shall say? When St. Nicholas, armed with the third purse, arrived, the nobleman caught him, and, throwing himself at his feet, said, "Oh, St. Nicholas, why seek to hide thyself?" Nicholas however, blushing to find his fame, or perhaps fearful that all the portionless girls of the town would beseege him, extracted a promise, which was given without difficulty by the nobleman, to keep the secret.

In consequence of this incident, during the night proceeding St. Nicholas Day, the parents and older members of the family always put little presents into the shoes and stockings of the younger people, and when next morning they are found they suppose St. Nicholas put them there. This custom we all preserve, and Santa Claus, or Father Christmas, still gets the reputation of filling the children's stockings.

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TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering for several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease CONSUMPTION, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To those who desire it, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) a copy of the prescription used, which they will find a cure for CONSUMPTION, ASTHMA, CATARRH, BRONCHITIS and all throat and lung MALADIES. He hopes all sufferers will try his remedy, as it is invaluable. Those desiring the prescription, which will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing, will please address

Rev. Edward A. Wilson,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Certificates of Improvement.

Mackinac Bird Mineral Claim.
Situata in the Atlin Mining Division, Cassiar District. Where located: In Rainy Hollow.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Joseph H. Chisel of Hainus Alaska, Free Miner's Certificate No. 111150 intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims. And further take notice that action under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this second day of October, A. D. 1907.
Joseph H. Chisel.

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Certificate of Improvements.

State of Montana Mineral Claim.
Situata in the Atlin mining division of Cassiar District where located: Rainy Hollow.

TAKE NOTICE that I Joseph H. Chisel of Hainus Alaska Free Miners Certificate No 111150 intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above Claim. And further take notice that action under Section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of improvement. Dated this Second day of October A. D. 1907.

Joseph H. Chisel.

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Certificate of improvements.

Arizona Mineral Claim.

Situata in the Atlin Mining Division of Cassiar District where Located: In Rainy Hollow.

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

Dated this second day of October, A. D. 1907
Joseph, H. Chisel.

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Recent London cablegrams announce that the British barmaid is not to be legislated out of existence.

It was reported sometime since that the Bannerman government contemplated reforms to the licence law that would declare the employment of girls and women in bars illegal. Home secretary Gladstone has assured a deputation that this drastic step is not to be taken, the government realizing, he said, that any drastic provisions to check, diminish, or put an end to the employment of women behind the bar might have an immediate result far more disastrous than any mischiefs accruing from the present system.

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