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Russians Hold Their Ground in Carpathians

Petrograd, April 16.—Official communication: On Wednesday at Ossowetz the enemy ineffectually made an attempt on the Russian positions. In the direction of Mlawka we were successful in outpost fighting. On the left bank of Bzura our outposts occupied Komandzen in the Sochaczyn region. In the Carpathians the Russians advanced slightly in the region of Uzok Pass, taking two hundred prisoners. The enemy attacked our positions on the heights of Semuth and Volasale near Yarmorow, and to the south of Kaziouwka. We successfully repulsed the enemy.

Bulgaria Masses Troops

London, April 16.—Bulgaria is despatching an important body of cavalry to Strumnitza; she is also concentrating troops on Turkish frontiers. Information has been received from a reliable source of the formation of two new Bulgarian bands of considerable strength, which are intended to be employed in Serbia.

260,000 Prisoners Taken

London, April 15. It is claimed that between January 21 and April 1, the Russians have taken 260,000 prisoners. It is also stated that for some time past the Russians have taken prisoners in the Carpathians at the rate of one army corps every other week.

Mr. Wm. Manson at both the meetings here seemed to those not acquainted with all the facts in the case to score against Mr. Pattullo when he stated that Mr. Pattullo was opposed to the plank in the Liberal platform favoring public ownership of public utilities, and in proof of this told how Mr. Pattullo worked against the city of Prince Rupert taking over a hydro electric proposition. Of course, no one would expect Wm. Manson to be big enough to tell the whole story. It would not suit his purposes to tell his audiences that that agreement was supported by many Conservatives as well as opposed by many Liberals. Neither would it suit his purposes to tell that the issue at stake was not public ownership—in which all agreed, but whether Prince Rupert could afford to finance her own plant in view of her other pressing requirements; and also that the company offered rates as low as that at which it could be produced by the city and only wanted this privilege for a limited period, when the city could return to public ownership if it wished.

Slight Gains in the West

Paris, April 15.—Official communication: In the Champagne region a detachment of German infantry attempted to come out of their trenches, but were stopped short by our fire. At Les Parges an attack debouched yesterday from Combres, but was immediately stopped by our artillery. In forest of Ailley we have extended our front and repulsed counter attacks.

In forest of Montmarc we have progressed on the western part of our lines and repulsed two counter attacks. Some prisoners, one 37 centimetre gun, many rifles and a quantity of ammunition fell into our hands.

Paris, April 16.—To the north of Arras we have gained a brilliant success, which compares with that of last month. The whole spur to the southeast of Notre Dame de Loretto was carried with the bayonet by our troops, who hold now all southeastern slopes as far as outer works and fringe of Abtain St. Nazare. We took 160 prisoners, including several officers, three trench mortars and two machine guns. In the region of Albert the enemy attempted two attacks which were immediately checked. In Argonne district at Bagatelle our artillery demolished one of the principal German trenches. Farther east, at Neurissons, we repulsed an attack. At Les Eparges the enemy delivered three attacks during the night April 14-15 with the object of reaching our eastern salient. They were repulsed and suffered heavy losses. At noon our positions were violently bombarded, but the enemy did not attack. At Montmarc wood we repulsed counter attacks. On ground taken on the 13th we continued inventory of our booty, which included two quick-firers, two trench mortars, one machine gun, several hundred rifles, and thousands of cartridges and grenades.

Britain and Prohibition

London, April 15.—The government, as was expected, has decided against universal prohibition, but the new drink regulations have not been finally settled. The policy generally favored is prohibition in sale of spirits and wines; shortened hours of public house opening and reduction in strength of beer.

Mr. S. Le C. Grant of the Aytoun Ranch, asks the Courier to inform the public that he has for free distribution two or three thousand fine, one-year-old asparagus plants. He will give to each person one hundred plants as long as they last.

Everyone should have an asparagus bed for the home, the plants are so hardy and will stand for twenty years if well cared for.

Zeppelins Practicing on the Innocent

An Aerial Raid on England

Newcastle, April 15.—A Zeppelin raid was made in the Tyne district of Northumberland County last night. It appears that the Zeppelin reached Blyth from the North Sea at about 10 p. m. It passed over Blyth and Cramlington and proceeded to the neighborhood of Seatonburg. Bombs were dropped on several villages passed; five at Chippington, three at Wallsend, two at Seatonburg, and one at Bedlington. Airships passed near North Shields and Newcastle. While no bombs were dropped at either of these two places, precautions against attacks were taken by extinguishing the electric lights.

Full inquiry shows that no loss of life or serious personal injury resulted from the raid; and although several small houses were damaged the material loss was not very heavy.

Fighting Strength of France

Paris, April 14.—Including all ranks, France now has an army of more than 2,500,000 men at the front, and every unit was on January 15 at full war strength.

Terrible Tragedy Enacted at the Indian Village

On Sunday morning last the inhabitants of Bella Coola were startled by a report that Squash, alias Captain Lewis, an Indian, had murdered his wife in a most atrocious manner and then committed suicide.

The chief actors in the tragedy lived a more or less peaceable life in an attractive little house on the Indian reserve. The woman had left her former husband some years ago and taken up her abode with Squash. She was known to possess an uncertain temper, but for all that the couple seemed to get along well together. On Saturday morning Squash told a Bella Bella Indian, visiting with him, that he would give him two sacks of potatoes. At noon the same day he picked up two gunny sacks and together with his wife started for the potato patch situated about one quarter of a mile distant. They seemed to be on the best of terms. Squash's daughter remaining at home. They did not return at night and the girl felt some concern about their prolonged absence. Next morning at five o'clock Squash came back to the house alone. He said he had had some trouble with his wife and that he had decided to go away from Bella Coola on the steamer expected that day. After a few minutes stay he took his rifle a U. S. .30 calibre and left. That was the last time he was seen alive. Three hours later the daughter, being alarmed, went to the potato patch to look for

Turks Fail in Mesopotamia

London, April 15.—According to an official report issued by the India office, the Turks had collected a force of 11,000 regulars and 12,000 Kurds and Arabs, with twenty-eight guns, attacked British positions at Kurnahawag and Shaiba in Mesopotamia on March 12. They were driven off, however, leaving three hundred prisoners and two guns in the hands of the British. The British casualties were ninety-two men wounded.

Spring Thaw Interferes With War Operations

Petrograd, April 14.—Official communication: Fighting continues in the region of Uzok Pass. During night of April 13 our troops made slight progress, and successfully repulsed the counter attacks of the enemy south of line Volosate-Bukowez. We captured about one thousand prisoners and two machine guns. Attempts of the enemy to assume the offensive on the heights south of Koscouka and on the right bank of the river Pruth in the region of Czernowitz in Bukowina failed.

Complete calm reigns in other sections of our front. The present thaw is making the roads very bad.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

The celebration of Empire Day has always been a feature in the life in Bella Coola, and during these troublous times when the life of the Empire requires great sacrifices, when the loyalty and patriotism is at full heat, the one of this year, 1915, will certainly not prove an exception to the rule. We are glad to note that preparations are already being made to make the celebration worthy of the day.

A 24th of May celebration committee held a meeting at the Mackenzie schoolhouse the 12th inst. Mr. Gibson presided and Mr. Fougner acted as secretary. Mr. Burt reported that the Athletic Association had elected a committee to prepare for the sports, etc.

The questions of novelty stands and sale of refreshments were acted upon. It was decided to request the Bella Bella band to take part and that a general invitation to people outside of the valley be extended. Any money on hand after the celebration will be used for the war relief funds. The next meeting of the committee will be held May 1.

R. E. Nevin, superintendent of construction for the Ocean Falls Company, paid a visit to Ocean Falls last week. He stated that the Ocean Falls Pulp and Paper Co. are to expend one and a half million dollars in erecting a paper mill and in other preparations for resuming operations.

He also expressed his conviction that when the time came for logging off their holdings in this valley a railroad would be built for the hauling of logs. However, he could not say how soon the work would commence.

There died on the Indian Reserve an old Indian named Siawallace. It is said he was the oldest Indian in Bella Coola and that he was almost 100 years old. The reason of his very long life is that when a young man he ate a very rare sort of salmon named Wiise, it is said that those who eat this salmon would live a long time and be very strong. It is many years since these wonderful salmon have been seen. So pass old stories and old ways.

Mrs. Edwards and her boy left the town last Sunday, with Mr. Hober, to pay a visit to her son who is the postmaster at Atnaroko.

TENDERS WANTED

SEALED TENDERS addressed to W. H. Mackay, secretary, Bella Coola Telephone, Light & Power Co., Hagensborg, B. C., and endorsed "Tenders for Repair of Telephone Line," will be received until 12 o'clock noon, April 30, 1915.

Full particulars of work required may be obtained on application to A. C. Christenson, Bella Coola, B. C., B. F. Jacobsen, Bella Coola, or the undersigned. The company does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
W. H. MACKAY, Sec.

Mr. I. B. Saint, the able manager of the Bella Coola cannery arrived on the last steamer. Active preparations for the handling of salmon the coming season is now being pushed and if the pack should not be found up to expectations no one will blame the manager.

Foreman for public works carried on in Bella Coola and vicinity Mr. McRostie went out on Sunday for a short visit to Safety Cove.

24TH OF MAY CELEBRATION.

The celebration will be held the 24th and 25th of May. A program of music, speeches, and sports will be provided.

For the defraying of expenses subscription lists will be circulated and the public is asked to respond generously.

All the surplus will be devoted to the War Fund.

Applications for rent of lunch counters must be made to Mr. H. Burt before May 1st.

Bella Coola Athletic Association.
Per Committee.

Provincial Election

Your influence and support is respectfully requested.

T. D. PATTULLO.

Liberal Candidate for Prince Rupert Riding.

As related in these columns last week Mr. H. L. Harris has gone to Kimsquit to take up work as bookkeeper for the Kimsquit cannery. Mr. Harris has been a resident of Bella Coola for the past eleven years during which time he has won very many friends, for he was a man of sterling worth. In politics he has always been a Liberal and as such has held the position of secretary for the local Liberal club. He has been the editor of the Courier from its start. He took an active interest in all public matters. He was secretary of the Bella Coola Development League and a hard worker for the association. The Empire day celebration will sadly miss his always active support. He was the superintendent of the town-site Sunday school, which has prospered under his care. His leaving Bella Coola is a decided loss to the community. Mr. Harris can be assured of the kindly interest of his many friends who believe he will have a useful future.

The wholesale trade has certainly been well represented in Bella Coola this week. No less than six of the traveling fraternity landed at the wharf on the arrival of the steamer last Sunday. Times may be hard in other parts of the world, but Bella Coola is going on in her old serene way. The only sign of hard times is found in the low price of real estate. But as no one (Continued on last page.)

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SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1915.

"A Scurrilous Sheet."

At the late political meetings held in the valley, some more or less complimentary opinions of this paper have been expressed by the opponents of its policy. Some people, and very good people too, feel that the attacks made by this paper upon the Government of the day are to a great extent uncalled for and unjust. It is not to be expected that the editor feels that he has been unfair in calling attention to the extravagances and other evils connected with the administration of our public affairs, therefore this plea is offered in his defense.

Every right-thinking person will concede that where public evils exist, in order to get them removed it is necessary to point them out. This task is not pleasant and does not gain general popularity. It has never done so in the past and it does not do so now. These good people who find fault with our criticism of public affairs may even go so far as to admit that there is considerable truth in the charges made, but they feel that the evil cannot be removed, at least not in that way.

An old book relates of some men called prophets, who made themselves very obnoxious to the authorities and the majority of the people by pointing out and condemning the practices in vogue. They denounced the evils of the day in season and out of season, causing thereby so much hatred against themselves that quite a number of them suffered martyrdom. The greatest reformer of modern times, Martin Luther, was not popular with those whose evil practices he criticized. The abolitionists and the prohibitionists of our own times were called names, were scoffed at, ridiculed and sometimes persecuted. The good people accused them of going too far and maintained that calmer proceeding on their part would be far more effective. Their enemies accused them of evil motives, of being hypocrites, soreheads, turncoats, switchbacks, etc.

But do you know that it is such unpopular men that help civilization forward? They are possessed as it were with an idea and their conscience will not allow them to keep quiet.

In the case of this paper attacking the evil practices of the Conservative Government of British Columbia you may argue and seemingly with good reason, that the Liberals are no better than the Conservatives. In a certain sense this is true.

But experience and history have taught that there is nothing that will purify an organization as well as adversity; be it church, society, or politics. We believe that it can be shown that prosperity and power have the opposite effect. Our space will not allow us to quote history to prove this, we will state in support of our contention only this much: The Conservative party in Canada was rather noted for being corrupt when it lost power in 1896. The Liberal party was accused of the same when it went down to defeat in the last Dominion election. Either party did well during the first years of power in the administration of affairs. And the writer will yield to no one in his admiration for the conduct of the provincial affairs by the McBride Government the first years of its administration. But power and prosperity has had its usual effects. Our Government has become too extravagant. We can at least safely assert that much: The Liberal party of the province has been out of power a long time and according to history and experience ought to be fairly pure. And if staying out of power for a number of years has not that effect upon a party we must despair of popular government, a government of the people!

But we have faith in this sort of government, and in spite of evils, in spite of set-backs, we believe the people in this case, as they have done in the past when evil became really oppressive, will rise in their might and hurl from power the party that deliberately and wantonly squanders the resources of the province.

Philosophers tell us there is a force for righteousness abroad and the world is moving onward. Truth shall win and wrong shall fall. Even "the stars in their courses fought against Sisera."

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We concede in connection with the above that tact is very valuable in persuading men, and may also concede we have not been as charitable in our criticism as we ought. Be that as it may, we shall not stop pointing out the shortcomings of the Government until it either repents or is defeated. We ask all good people to join in a movement to effect a change in this respect, and we hope and believe the change will come soon.

Induce the Boy to Stay on the Farm.

It is a well known fact that the population of cities have in the last decades increased at a far more rapid rate than the population of the rural districts.

This would not be considered as a very serious problem, at least from an economical point of view, if the production of food stuff increased at the same rate as the population. But unfortunately this is not the case. The food supply is smaller in proportion to the number of people today than some years ago. This is probably one cause of the increased cost of living, the increased cost of living means better prices to the farmer, and the effect of this state of affairs has led to a greater prosperity among the farmers. For ordinary people the occupation of agricultural pursuits is today the safest and most profitable in the land. So my dear farmer, if your boy does not show exceptional ability in other directions, try your level best to make him content to continue in the footsteps of the father, with the exception, that he improve on former methods and avail himself of the knowledge which science, research

and experience gives.

In bringing up your boy, then, be sure to give him as good an education as you can afford, and along lines which he is gifted. Some boys, grown up on a farm, may not be fitted by nature for the calling of a farmer, he may be of a mechanical turn of mind or something else. He may have gifts that show he would make an able doctor, lawyer or preacher. But in most cases and in doubtful ones, if you educate him to become a farmer you are not very likely to make a mistake. Be not afraid to deprive yourself of things which you would like and need, even, if necessary, in order to give him an education; because education is of far greater advantage to a boy than any amount of wealth without it.

Give the boy your confidence. Treat him with consideration and as if you have faith in his good sense. When any work is to be done or any plans made, give your boy your ideas and your reasons connected with the matter in hand and invite suggestions from him.

Give him reasonable leisure. Remember if you make the yoke too galling he will take the first chance to free himself and then his pent up resentment of unjust treatment will cause him to become reckless in conduct and regardless of your feelings and remonstrances.

Give him as much liberty as possible consistent with his duties and age; if you do so he will generally respect your will and judgment when you find it necessary to refuse him untimely or questionable recreations and pleasures.

Do not think it will spoil him to give him praise for tasks well done.

Do not give way to your temper when accidents happen or things go wrong. Try to put the best construction on everything annoying that happens, and if on reflection you find that in a certain case you have wronged your boy, do not be afraid to apologize. You will, by doing so, not lower yourself either in dignity, authority or respect, but you will cause his love for you to become stronger. In short make him your comrade.

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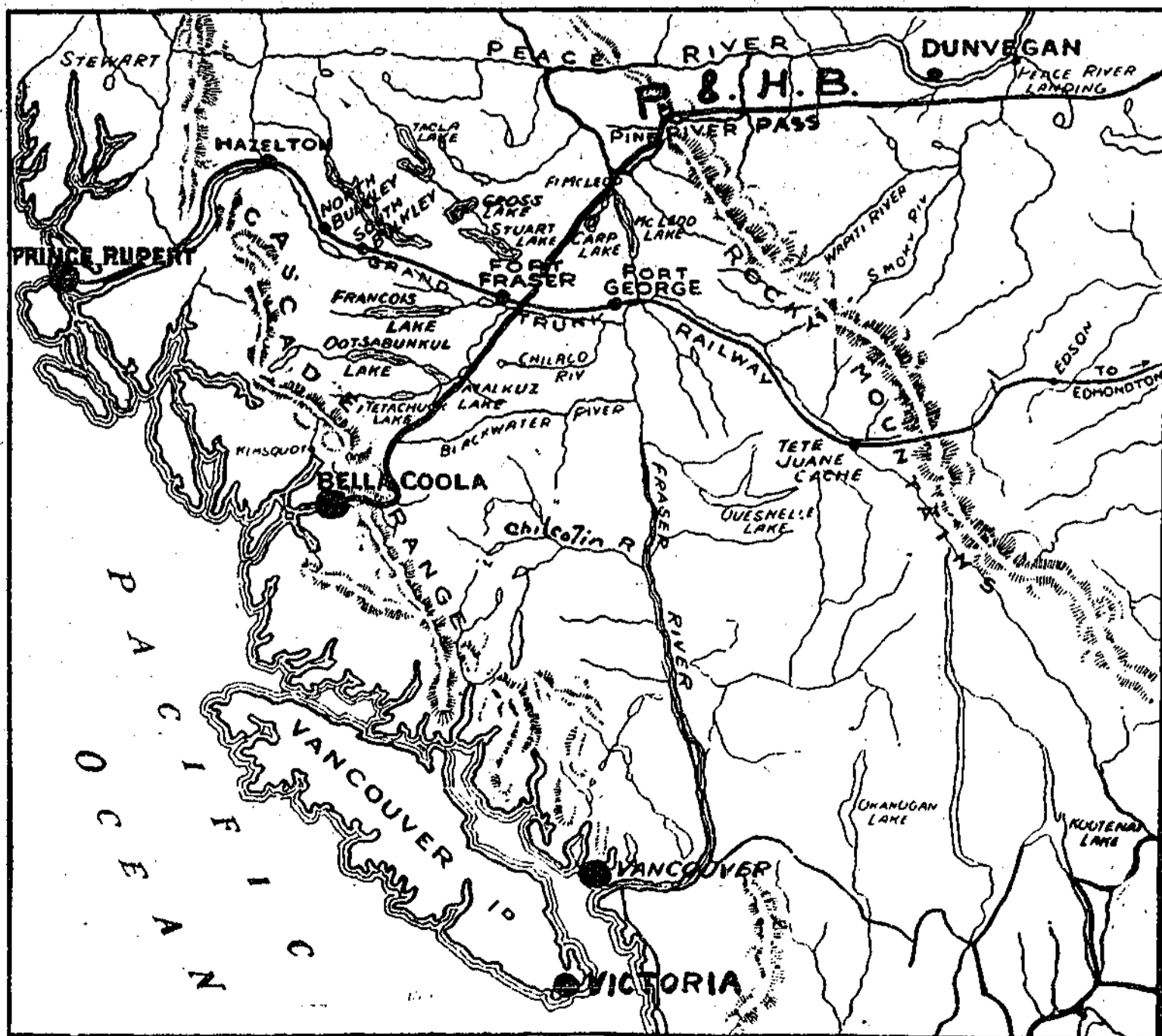
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government, some thirty, some sixty, some an hundredfold, and yet through it all the nation lose its own soul? — Toronto Globe.

Dr. A. Robinson, superintendent of education, in a speech to the teachers attending the coast convention held in Vancouver said in regard to Germany's attitude to freedom: "Protestant churches had lost all vestige of independence. Although higher criticism was allowed and professors were free to criticize Christ, they were timid when it came to questioning the divine right of the Kaiser."

READY FOR ACTION.

A descriptive series by our soldier correspondent, Archie D. Darlington, late of Shushartie Bay, B. C.

Soldiering at Blackdown is "some proposition." In the first place we marched here from Basingstoke, a simple matter of twenty-four miles!

It is a fine sight, nevertheless, to see a brigade on the march. One looks back from the top of a hill to view a long, sinuous column of khaki moving in remarkably exact formation and with a wonderfully cadence for an endless mile; its tail is hidden over the crest of the last rise. The intervals between the advance and vanguard, the vanguard and main body, and the latter and the rearguard are maintained all the way. When the column halts for a spell guards are posted in the fields on either flank—just as in a hostile country.

Blackdown is on a plateau in the wilds. Though comparatively near to Aldershot, there is a wilderness of pine trees and furze for miles around. Close at hand, also, are the splendid rifle ranges of Bisley and Pirbright, where the world's best marksmen have competed. It is a somewhat classic locality, likewise, in that Ascot, where many historic horses have raced is only a short march away.

To this place, then, the brigade has been brought for a final tempering; but now it becomes a part of a division—in military phrase a light division composed of three brigades of infantry, with artillery, cavalry, engineer and flying units attached. Thus the limp youths doing their first days' squad drill six months ago have now evolved by an extraordinary chemical process into automatic parts of a substantial division, armed with the most modern of death-dealing weapons and versed in the latest methods of warfare.

Soldiering at Blackdown is tough. It is a part of the scheme, a conclusive hammering on un-

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BELLA COOLA and the surrounding country possesses wonderful wealth in timber, as yet almost entirely undeveloped, and perhaps at no other point on the Northern Coast is there the same opportunity for a remunerative investment as in a saw mill at Bella Coola.



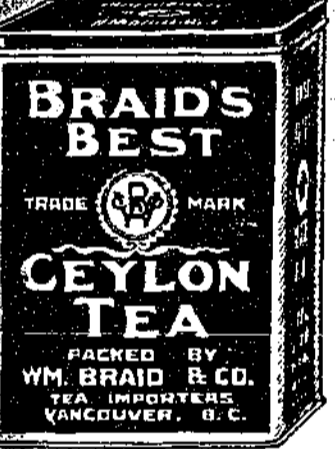
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