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### Indian Department Criticism for Neglect

Sick Indians Should Be Isolated

Victoria, Jan. 6.—The Indian Department came in for some severe criticism on account of its failure to take proper care of sick Indians, when Mr. Justice Audette in the sealing enquiry, had before him in the box an Indian named Benjamin Joseph, from Kyquot, a victim of the white plague.

Indian agent Cox, replying to the Commissioner, said he knew of hundreds of such cases. He had repeatedly reported the matter to the Indian Department but nothing had been done for them.

"These diseased people should all be isolated rigidly," declared Mr. Justice Audette. "It is horrible to think of this man going to work in the canneries, preparing canned goods."

The man's condition was so serious that the interpreter in swearing him in did not allow him to touch the Bible.

### A Limb From the Dead

How A Girl Who Lost Her Arm Has Got A New One

Budapest, Jan. 3.—The remarkable operation of using the arm of a dead girl to replace one lost by a living girl has been performed at Prague.

Marie Hubacek, a 16-year-old nurse girl, suffered from an affliction of the right forearm and the arm was taken off. Dr. Horak, who performed the operation, decided to test the theory of a Berlin professor—that a limb removed from a dead person shortly after death could replace one that had been amputated. So the arm of a girl who died in hospital was taken away, sewn on to Marie Hubacek's body, and bound fast. After three weeks the bandage was removed.

At first the girl's new arm was stiff, but by means of electrical treatment and massage, movement was possible, and now Marie Hubacek can use it normally, and has been able to leave the hospital and follow her calling as a nurse girl.

### SUCCESSOR NOT YET APPOINTED

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—The successor to Judge Wetmore as chairman of the British Columbia Indian Commission will not be appointed until the return to Ottawa of Hon. Dr. Roche, Minister of the Interior, who is spending his holidays at his home at Minnedosa, Manitoba.

Described as the first shipmaster to navigate the Upper Skeena River and the Upper Fraser, Captain Bonsor has passed away at the age of fifty at his home, Portland, Oregon.

### Development League Holds General Meeting

A general meeting of the Bella Coola Development League was held last Thursday evening at the Colony Hall, Hagensborg, for the business of considering recommendations in regard to public works for next year and also to hear suggestions from members on any matters of importance to the district.

The president, Rev. W. H. Gibson, in opening the meeting, briefly outlined the reason for the meeting, following which the minutes of the previous general meeting were read and adopted.

On request, the secretary presented a statement of finances to date, and read a resume of the business that had occupied the attention of the Executive board.

Among the resolutions which are to be forwarded to the proper authorities were the following:

"That a competent man be appointed to lay out the route of the future road, from the end of the present wagon road through to the end of the Valley (the Smoke house), once and for all time, so that the settlers may know where to erect buildings, etc., and to avoid costly changes in the road after construction."

"That following the location of the new road in the Upper Valley, that work be pushed forward during next season, even in a rough way, sufficiently to enable the settlers to haul their supplies by sleigh in winter."

"That a bridge be erected on the site of the old Nootsatsum Crossing and the road thereto be widened and improved."

Much dissatisfaction was expressed regarding the attitude of the road superintendent towards the Development League, and a statement signed by some sixty settlers, not members of the League to the effect that they considered it useless to become members of the League so long as the present road superintendent held office in this district, a sentiment that was endorsed by many members of the League, was presented to the meeting, the result being that a resolution demanding the removal of the road superintendent from office on the grounds of idleness and incapacity, was carried by an overwhelming majority.

A request for an appropriation for roads in the Saloomt Valley received the endorsement of the meeting.

The question of the application for a liquor license by the proprietor of the Grand View Hotel, came in for considerable discussion, it being finally resolved that the League express itself as being opposed to the granting of same.

After a few remarks by the chairman the meeting adjourned.

### Parcel Post By End of January

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Officials of the post office department are hard at work arranging the details of the parcels post system provided for in the bill passed last session. There remains still considerable to be done, but they are confident that the system will be inaugurated before the end of the present month.

No arrangement has yet been made with the railways, who demand that their allowance of \$2,000,000 for carrying mails be raised to \$6,000,000, to compensate for the loss of express business. It is probable that the railways will have to accept a considerably smaller sum.

### Jottings of Bella Coola and District

The SS. Cheloshin took people somewhat by surprise by arriving here early Sunday morning, having on board for this port Miss Winnifred Pecknold, Miss Belle Fraser, Messrs. F. Burroughs, C. Garrett, F. Broughton and Guy McMillan.

The Misses Pecknold and Fraser return to resume their duties as school teachers at Lower Bella Coola and Hagensborg respectively, after spending Christmas holidays with their friends in Victoria and Vancouver.

Frank Burroughs is paying a short visit after a lengthy trip through the interior, when in company with Mr. Robert Lowe of the firm of Cartwright & Matheson of Vancouver, he has been engaged in survey work in connection with the Pacific & Great Eastern Railway.

Mr. Burroughs reports that trains are now running from Newport to Chacamus a distance of some fourteen miles, and that it is expected that work trains will be running to Lillooet by the end of September. Mr. Burroughs leaves by Sunday's steamer to rejoin Mr. Lowe at Newport.

Constable Broughton returns from one of his periodical visits to Namu, Bella Bella and Ocean Falls.

C. Garrett, representing the firm of Gault Bros., of Vancouver, is busy with our local merchants and reports good business.

The outgoing passengers by the last steamer were Mr. and Mrs. Henning, Messrs. B. M. Brynildsen and Hans Kaspersen.

Mr. and Mrs. Henning left for their home in Vancouver after spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. P. Peterson.

Mr. Henning is a builder and contractor and has made good in some very large undertakings lately. His latest undertaking was a large apartment block in

### B. C. Marine Co., Pur- chased by A. F. Yarrow

Will Establish Branch of World-Famous Shipbuilding Yards at Esquimalt

Victoria, Jan. 6.—Mr. A. F. Yarrow, head of the great shipbuilding firm bearing his name and operating on the banks of the Clyde, Scotland, has bought out the B. C. Marine Company and intends to establish a branch of his world-famous yards at Esquimalt. The negotiations have been pending for some time.

Destroyers and torpedo boats are the specialties of the Yarrow concern and Mr. Yarrow says that in the event of his undertaking the construction of this class of vessel for the Canadian government he will build them in Esquimalt.

be," all for the reason that, during the past year, they had held opinions of their own in regard to road work and such like, and for this heinous offence were to be pitched out of office and replaced by a new set of officers more amenable to the dictates of the "political machine."

Enough to say that for some inexplicable reason the machine slipped a cog, dealing disaster to the hopes of many an aspirant for honors as well as the machinist.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, S. Le C. Grant; Vice-President, Howard Brown; Sec.-Treas., G. Lindsell. Executive Committee—Thomas Draney, Vincent Clayton, Gus. Pearson and John H. Shafer.

The public schools throughout the valley have been reopened after the holidays. Mr. S. R. Brown is the new teacher in charge of the Mackenzie School in town, in place of Miss Ethel Carlisle of Vancouver, who resigned at the end of the year.

O. T. Kellog, who was down from Hagensborg last week, tells us that the Saloomt Mills in which he is interested are now making ready for getting in the year's supply of logs, and are anxiously looking forward to a fall of snow which would greatly facilitate the hauling of the logs.

The Courier is pleased to know that Mr. John Lunos has again been appointed fire warden in this district.

Mr. Lunos has already held this post for the past four years, and has gained the respect of everyone by his energy and strict attention to his duties.

We heartily congratulate him on his reappointment.

Rev. T. C. Colwell leaves on Sunday for a visit to Namu, Kimsquit, Bella Bella and Ocean Falls. The services at the Mackenzie School will be conducted during his absence by Rev. W. H. Gibson.

### To Lovers of Music

We are informed that Miss Fonccea a distinguished lady vocalist and pianist will shortly take up her residence in the valley, and as we understand that she will be willing to give instruction in both singing and pianoforte, this will be a long awaited opportunity for the many music lovers throughout this district.

Any person desirous of taking lessons should write at once to P. O. Box 71, Bella Coola.

### Church Notice

Public Worship of God.  
Sunday School - 2:30 p. m.  
Church Service - 7:30 p. m.  
Preacher for Sunday - Rev. W. H. Gibson.  
Rev. T. C. Colwell, B. A., Pastor

### Bella Bella Notes

The Christmas tree entertainment arranged by the Indians

under the direction of Dr. Best was an unqualified success, the selections by the Kitamat and Bella Bella Indian bands adding greatly to the pleasures of the occasion.

About thirty guests were entertained to Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pauline, following which a pleasant evening was spent, the excellent music being greatly enjoyed.

The boat "Venture" brought two new settlers who intend making their homes in the vicinity.

### Engineer Drowned

A sad drowning fatality happened recently in the vicinity of Schooner passage. It appears that a halibut fishing boat was proceeding north to the fishing grounds when the engineer had the misfortune to fall overboard. The man was not missed until the Captain looking into the engine room found it vacated.

The body has not as yet been recovered.

### Namu

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Draney entertained the officers of the SS. Cheloshin to dinner last Saturday. After dinner the company were treated to some excellent musical selections.

Mr. Patterson of the Cheloshin who was in splendid voice delighted his audience with one of his typical renderings and was rewarded by long and vociferous applause.

It is rumoured that Mr. Patterson has had a very tempting offer made to him by a leading American opera company, and may be tempted to shortly leave the sea for a less arduous and more lucrative occupation.

The saw mill will start cutting again next week. Orders for lumber are coming in steadily and the mill will be kept busy to supply the demand. A plentiful supply of excellent logs is on hand.

### Shushartie Bay

The weather has been very mild and there is every prospect of a very moderate winter. A large influx of new settlers is expected in the spring and considerable developments during the New Year are anticipated.

The last meeting for 1913 of the Nahwitte and District Conservative Association was held at Nahwitte River on Saturday, December 13. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in a surprising turnover. Mr. G. H. Hellings was elected President; Mr. A. E. Higgins, Vice-President; A. E. Higgins, junr, Secretary. The new executive is made up as follows: Messrs. R. O. Bramley, C. Higgins, A. E. Hole, A. D. Darlington, L. H. Bragg, E. Birtwistle and G. Fyllia. The retiring president, Mr. F. H. Bragg, was also voted to the honorary position.

It is proposed to hold a social evening in connection with the above sometime in January.

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"Salus populi suprema est lex."

SATURDAY, JAN. 10, 1914.

## Contradictory Statements

A few weeks ago, Sir Richard McBride told a large audience that "the expenditure has not exhausted our bank balance, for the Province yet has a substantial sum to its credit."

More recently Hon. W. H. Bowser is heard saying: "The policy of the government was not to hoard up money, but to expend it in building up the country. People think the government should have money in the bank, but on account of the financial stringency which all lines of business have felt, THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT SQUARE ITS LEDGER."

Sir Richard says there is a substantial balance in the bank. Mr. Bowser declares the deficit in the last two years to be \$13,400,000, and admits that our cash asset of \$7,850,000 which once rested peacefully in the bank has disappeared.

Obviously, then, instead of that "comfortable balance in the bank" of which Sir Richard has spoken so often, we must have overdrawn our account. More than that we must be heavily indebted in that quarter or it would not be necessary to raise money on treasury notes.

It is hard to imagine the banks closing down on such an excellent customer as the Province of British Columbia for the small sum of \$1,500,000 for the short term of six months.

The news that the Provincial cash box is empty must come as a great shock to the supporters of the government in outlying districts, who have been, for some years past, gloating over the fact that so much money has been spent in their respective communities.

At Bella Coola, an impression has seemed to prevail in the minds of certain people, that it was Wm. Manson, our representative in the provincial house, who gave us the money for our roads, and if we did not have him for our member we could not expect a red cent for roads or anything else. These people will probably see Mr. Manson's generosity curtailed when the appropriations for next season are announced.

### Poor Business

Municipalities throughout the

province are having troubles of their own. Troubles to a very great extent of their own making. They have been run in the interest of the real estate man, and have over done things.

With the sole object of raising real estate values, all kinds of improvements have been carried out and vast sums of tax-payers money spent, which should have been spread over years. It is doubtful if some of the expensive work carried out was ever required at all.

If the municipal authorities, town councils, etc., had acted as rational business men, instead of becoming crazed with the idea of getting rich quickly, consequently booming real estate in their respective districts to the highest possible pitch, it is very doubtful if such municipalities would be in the unenviable position as regard finances that they appear to be in today.

No new industries have been started for the very good reason that land on which to erect plants was boomed sky-high, and the man who would commence some sort of an industry has been facing these problems—the abnormally high prices of industrial sites, and where such were procurable at many times a fair price, the taxes would be so high as to form an almost unsurmountable barrier to successful business.

Very few industries can be fostered under such conditions.

Some municipalities are worse than "broke". Their borrowing powers have become exhausted, the banks will not make any further advances as their accounts are already too greatly overdrawn.

This condition of things has been coming on gradually. The municipal governments did not act like the wise mariner, who, seeing a squall coming, shortens sail with all haste lest disaster overtake his vessel. Rather did the brave councillors, strutting the bridge supported by stanchions of inflated and fictitious real estate values, set their eye on easy money, and sailed their municipal ship full speed on to the rock of financial depression.

Everything has been real estate. The provincial government itself has been in the busi-

ness good and strong. Sell, sell, sell and spend the money, and now we are faced with the result.

The province is today faced with a deficit of \$13,400,000, besides which there is the public debt. This, together with the Mackenzie and Mann and Pacific Great Eastern "bargains," will certainly give the taxpayers something to think about for years to come.

### Get Together

It was generally understood that Mr. Wm. Manson was elected on a platform which included the construction of a wagon road from Bella Coola to Tatla Lake.

This is a matter which has evidently been forgotten. We have refrained from referring to it, and only do so now at the request of our Conservative friends who are anxious to see the road extended into the interior.

The Bella Coola Conservative Association should see to it that this is brought plainly before Mr. Manson.

We have already suggested that the route for this road should be surveyed and finally located by a competent engineer, and probably by that time we shall have as road superintendent, a man who knows something about road building.

When we have so commenced, we will be ready for the word "go", and by pulling together we may then get a wagon road from tide water at Bella Coola to Tatla Lake there to join with the existing wagon road, thus connecting up Bella Coola with the Cariboo Road.

The Courier would like to see the whole Conservative party in Bella Coola united in this matter. It should not be left to the few to work for developments which concern the whole community, and to set matters right.

We would like to see the leaders of the local Conservative party to come together and prepare some plans for the future.

Time is fleeting, and the period of huge appropriations is passing, and delay is dangerous.

Let us all, regardless of party feelings, come together in a movement towards greater activity. It is a duty which de-

volves upon each one of us to work for those things which benefit the community, and which will improve conditions for those who will follow us. Let it never be said that we have shirked our responsibilities. If we are true to ourselves, we cannot help, but be true to the community in which we move. Let us therefore resolve to use our endeavors towards bettering conditions in our home district during the year 1914.

### From Olden Days

By I. F.

When the colonists, after that memorable day, October 30th, 1894, had been swallowed up by the wilderness of Bella Coola, and had located themselves on their respective estates, each member signed an agreement with the Government of British Columbia, the last but not the least important paragraph of which read as follows:

"And the Grantor hereby covenants that as soon as each member of the Colony, to the number of thirty in all, has erected a dwelling house upon the land comprised in the respective leases, or as soon as the said Grantor has satisfied himself of the bona fide settlement of the Colony upon the lands allotted to the members thereof, there will be made and constructed a wagon road through the land occupied by the Colony."

The early Colonists were not amateurs, many of them had gone through pioneering times on the plains of the Red River. Stern experience had taught them that roads are of vital importance to the welfare of any settlement.

It is almost pathetic to read the minutes of the frequent Colony meeting with its numerous applications for road improvements, with its reports of committees as to how the appropriations were to be expended, etc. As in the days of early Rome every free citizen was a soldier, so in the days of early Bella Coola every freeholder was a road-maker, applying axe and spade with the earnestness of men who know they are engaged in one of

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the serious struggles of life. As a rule the work was paid, but it happened that the Provincial treasurer saw bottom in his strong box before the fiscal year was ended; then the men of Bella Coola received nothing or were paid "pro rata" Pay or no pay the work went on.

While there was a scarcity of money in those days, there was abundance of good humor, a condition which I fear has been very much changed since then.

It is a necessary part of a pioneer's general make up to be so constituted that it does not require a surgical operation to get a joke into his head. Well do I

remember how much amusement the strange term "pro rata" created when it was brought up at our meetings. The first record I can find of this phrase is in a letter from Mr. P. J. Leech, P. L. S., to the Colony, dated Saturday, April 3, 1896. Thus writes Mr. Leech:

"Under the circumstances I would suggest that the Colonists build the bridge and the wharf and that the only material to be purchased be the covering for the wharf and approach, and nails and any ironwork that may be required. The Colony to get out the piles, caps, stringers, etc., build wharf and approach,



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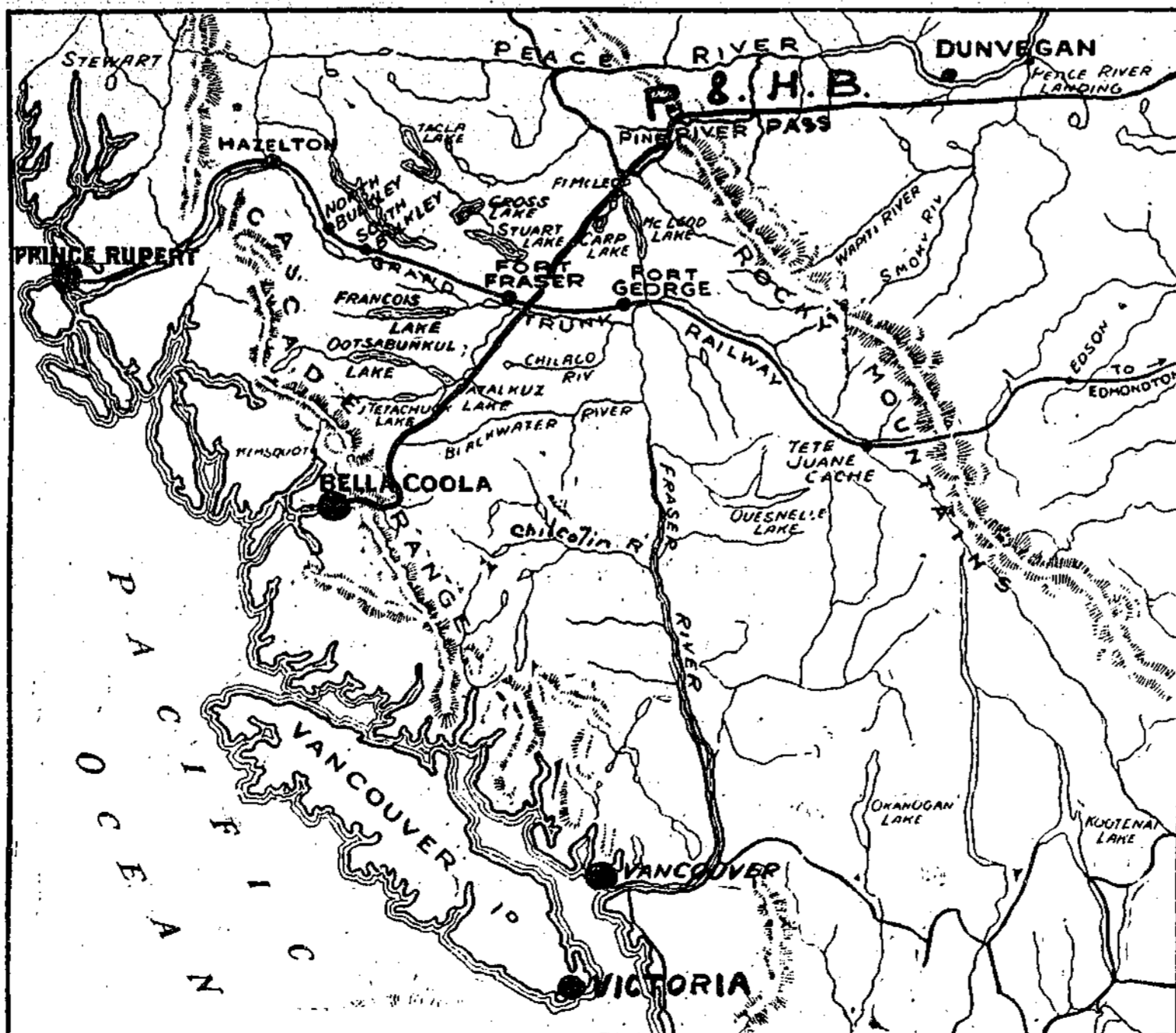
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Dated at Prince Rupert, B. C., December 27th, 1913.

ALFRED CARSS,  
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.

and when the work is completed divide the money 'pro rata.'"

Thus in the school of life did the colonists receive their first and only instruction in latin: It is a great thing to know a little of this classic language, it has always been a sure passport to the most exclusive set of society in Bella Coola or elsewhere, where people have an equal regard for real education. May it always so remain.

It was customary to hold the annual meeting sometime in January; to this gathering the president invariably read his message, reviewing the affairs of the past year and outlining the policy of the year to come. In order to give some idea of the nature of these messages, and of the state of the settlement at that time. I select the one for 1903 as typical. It is a translation from the language of Norsemen and I shall try to follow it word for word, the reader will kindly bear this in mind:

TO THE BELLA COOLA COLONY.  
The past year has been a prosperous one to the Colony. The general progress in the increase of land cleared, in the procuring of domestic animals, the erection of larger and more comfortable houses, the planting of fruit trees etc., has been as great if not greater than in any previous year. The crops were the great-

est ever gathered.

In this isolated place and in this comparatively heavy timber it cannot be expected that conditions will change so rapidly as in places more conveniently located or where the clearing of the land is lighter. But it is my conviction that this place shall also, within a few years, prove that the upbuilding of this valley shall come up to our highest expectations.

The prospects in this regard have been greatly improved. The cannery down by the inlet has passed over into the hands of more enterprising men, and is to be much enlarged. A pulp mill that will employ hundreds of men has almost been decided upon. Two transcontinental railways are heading towards the coast, and there is great probability that Bella Coola will be considered the most fitting terminus for one of them. Bella Coola is becoming a place well known in this province at least, and its inhabitants are more and more gaining the respect of the outside world. For all this we ought to be thankful, look into the future with stronger hope, and this again should "man us up" to greater exertions that we may be found worthy and ready for the changes the future will carry in her lap.

(To be concluded next issue.)

**SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS**

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DISTRICT OF COAST—RANGE III.**  
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Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Lot 857, thence south twenty-two chains, thence east twenty chains, thence north twenty-two chains, thence west twenty chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.  
EDWARD D'URBAN SHERINGHAM  
Dated September 30, 1913. Nov. 22—Jan. 24

**VANCOUVER LAND DISTRICT  
DISTRICT OF COAST—RANGE III.**  
TAKE NOTICE that William Wright Copeland of Chezacut, B. C., occupation stock raiser, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:  
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WILLIAM WRIGHT COPELAND.  
Dated, October 11, 1913. Nov. 29—Jan. 24

**VANCOUVER LAND DISTRICT  
DISTRICT OF COAST—RANGE III.**  
TAKE NOTICE that Samuel Copeland, of Okanagan Center, occupation fruit raiser, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:  
Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Lot 733, thence west twenty chains, thence south twenty chains, thence east twenty chains, thence north twenty chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.  
SAMUEL COPELAND.  
Dated, October 11, 1913. W. W. COPELAND, Agent.  
Nov. 29—Jan. 24.

Digusted Sportsman—Missed again! I can't hit a thing. I'll have to give it up.  
Stalker—Oh, I wadna dae like that. Ye canna hit them, but ye hae a fine style, whatever.

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The Courier cannot pass the opportunity of congratulating the Conservative Club on their wise selection of men to fill the important offices for the ensuing year.  
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ous efforts to obtain control but failed utterly, and as the Courier knows the pros and cons in regard to this matter, it brings us great pleasure to know that local affairs are in safe hands for the next year at least.  
"Everybody can't be a road boss," says a Tory paper. "Tis true! Nor can everybody be employed on the road gang, for there are many settlers in Skeena district now who refuse to vote Tory even at the expense of a summer's job.

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The Courier appreciates the work of Messrs. S. Le C. Grant and G. R. Lindsell during last year, and while they may not have accomplished as much through the Association as might have been expected, we feel sure that they have spared no efforts on behalf of the Conservative party and the community in which they live.  
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