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Fine Quality Furs Arrive

More furs have recently been brought to town by local trappers who have combined the business of marketing their catches with the pleasure of spending the festive season in civilization.

Peter Marrin, who has been trapping in the Salmon River country, brought down a bunch of mink and lynx of the highest quality.

The Hendricks Brothers and F. E. Bean, who have been trapping at the head of some of the creeks on Dean Channel, brought in a substantial collection of skins, including marten, otter and beaver. The marten are of especially fine quality and as a bunch would be extremely hard to beat. Weather conditions have been extremely favorable to the trappers and there is every prospect of this season's local catch being a bumper one.

Probable New Appointment

Victoria, Dec. 31.—It is mooted that J. W. Griffith the recently appointed Deputy-Minister of Public Works, is to give up his former post of Public Works Engineer and that this post is to be filled at an early date.

Already the claims of several engineers in the employ of the government are being forced on Sir Richard McBride.

Among the many aspirants who are spoken of as likely to be recognised in this appointment is J. W. Macfarlane, for some years in charge of important public works in the Skeena district.

Drowning Fatality Near Shushartie Bay

A sad, fatal mishap occurred on December 15, at the mouth of Cache Creek, (North Vancouver Island). John Widdahl, in company with a settler named Schultz, was endeavoring to tow some sections of a scow into the river with a gasoline boat. A heavy sea was running at the time and Widdahl was manoeuvring very near a dangerous reef when a huge comber broke over and swamped his craft, stopping the engine and leaving them in a perilous position. They contrived to launch a small dinghy in which Schultz attempted to enter the river, but, getting beam on to the seas the dinghy overturned and Schultz was drowned. Widdahl stayed by his boat until eventually the seas washed him overboard. He owes his life to clinging to a piece of lumber and drifting with it to the shore. This is the fourth case of drowning within a year that has occurred between Cape Scott and Shushartie. Up to the time of writing, the body of Schultz has not been recovered.

Liberal Convention Next Month

Victoria, Dec. 31.—A call has been sent out by the leader of the Liberal party for a convention to be opened in this city during the sitting of the legislature. It will open on Wednesday, February 25, under the presidency of Mr. M. A. McDonald, K. C., Vancouver, president of the Provincial Liberal Association.

Christmas is over, and the people of Bella Coola Valley have returned to their usual occupations with the happy recollection of good times. Owing to there being no snow, and the roughness of the roads consequent on the hard frost following heavy rains, people were loth to leave their homes, so that the attendance at the various X'mas tree entertainments was not as large as in past years.

In the case of the entertainment at the Mackenzie School, which took place on Tuesday 23, any larger attendance must have meant discomfort, for the building was filled and seating accommodation at a premium. The entertainment throughout was of a most enjoyable nature, the singing of Nellie Charlton, a little Miss of some six years, being worthy of special mention.

The entertainment at the Mission Church in the Indian town took place on the 24th, and was the usual unqualified success. Reuben Schooner, robust and stalwart of nature, made an excellent Santa Claus, his spectacular arrival with his reindeer being one of the features of the evening.

The X'mas tree entertainments at the Lower Bella Coola School and Hagensborg were up to their usual high standard, and in spite of the conditions being so unfavorable for travel, were exceedingly well attended.

The entertainment billed to take place at The Crossing was postponed as it was considered advisable to wait until a fall of snow facilitated travel.

Greetings! We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the loyal support extended to us by our readers during the year now past.

The Courier looks forward to greater developments, greater business activities for Bella Coola during the coming year, and hopes that each of you may be generously benefitted thereby.

We thank you for the many evidences of your friendship and extend to you our cordial wishes for

A Happy New Year

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Jottings of Bella Coola and District

The SS. Chelohsin arrived in port late Sunday evening, having laid over in order to give officers and crew Christmas ashore.

Among the passengers for this port were: Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Gibson and family, Dr. W. J. Quinlan, dental-surgeon of Prince Rupert, Messrs. Chris. Allertson and Harry Burt.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson and family are visiting Rev. W. H. Gibson and will return south by the next steamer.

Dr. Quinlan is here on business and will spend the next two weeks in the valley. He is at present attending to patients at Hagensborg after which he will spend a week in this town.

Mr. Allertson returns after a short business trip to Vancouver.

H. Burt spent Christmas with his parents at North Vancouver.

Mr. B. F. Jacobsen left for Vancouver on the last southbound steamer and is expected to return in the course of a couple of weeks.

We are asked to announce that next Sunday is set for a rally day for church attendance.

A special service will be held in the Mackenzie School at 3:30 p. m., to which all are cordially invited. Rev. T. C. Colwell will preach.

The Courier is in receipt of a letter from our townsman Mr. Karl Brink, who is at present visiting his old home in Norway. His trip across the Atlantic was not a pleasant one on account of extremely heavy weather.

Mr. Brink tells us that in his home town of Fredrickstad exceptionally favorable conditions are being enjoyed and that all over Norway signs of increased prosperity are distinctly noticeable.

Mr. Wm. Gross and Miss Mabel Svisdahl both of Hagensborg, a popular young couple, were married on X'mas Eve. Rev. Hans Sageng officiating. The Courier wishes them a long life of joy and prosperity.

WOLVERINE IN CAPTIVITY

Mr. Hall, of the Crossing, has succeeded in capturing alive, a fine female wolverine.

The wolverine if one of the most difficult animals to capture and doubtless this fine specimen will be quickly snapped up by some zoological society. This is the second of the species to be held in captivity at Bella Coola, the other unfortunately being allowed to escape.

Anyone interested should communicate with Mr. Hall whose post office address is Hagensborg, B. C.

The merchants of the town are well satisfied with the business of the season just closed. X'mas trade this year has been exceptionally heavy owing to the population of the valley having materially increased.

Bella Coola has no industries likely to be affected by hard times. The district is essentially an agricultural one, and last year's crop of almost every kind was the largest in the history of the settlement. Though the season was a very wet one, all field crops were harvested in perfect shape.

Mr. Harry Morgan of Ootsa Lake, writes to a friend that the conditions in that country are very encouraging.

The first real fall of snow occurred on December 10, and up to time of his writing the weather had been exceptionally mild.

The settlement is steadily growing and health conditions are excellent. It is pleasing to note that many families are settling in that locality.

The end of steel is now within forty miles of the settlement.

We have a note from a well known rancher at Colley, in which he tells us that all is well in that part of the Bella Coola Valley.

The writer makes reference to the local Conservatives and their work, explaining that the idea of forming an association in that district was to induce the government to come up with some money for trail work, so as to enable the settlers to get in their supplies by other means than pack-horse.

We also learn that at the annual meeting of the Atnarko Conservative Association, held at the house of Mr. M. W. Marvin at Colley, several strong resolutions were passed which in due time will be forwarded to the authorities at Victoria, with the object of obtaining something in the shape of a sleigh road, if nothing more, built to the upper end of the valley during the coming year.

The settlers built some bridges many years ago, which have now become old and dangerous, and it is now up to the Provincial government to place this matter into the hands of men who understand local conditions and know something about trail work.

The Courier commends the stand which the organization is taking in this matter.

We learn also that several members have withdrawn from the Conservative organization, for the reason that the views expressed by the association met with no consideration from Mr. Manson. This we are exceedingly sorry to hear.

Though we do not agree with the extravagant waste of public funds, we are nevertheless interested in the development of the whole northern portion of the Province, and particularly Bella Coola Valley our own home, and we cannot see how any one leaving this or that organization in the mood that "if I can't get my own way I wont play" is going to help matters.

We think that by a united action on the part of the whole Conservative party in Bella Coola Valley, it should be able to force the local member to favorably consider their views. We believe that Mr. Manson should take advice from this source on all matters pertaining to this immediate neighborhood. He should be made to feel that he is the servant of the electors of the Skeena District as a whole, but we fear that he has been allowed to feel that he is the master and we the servants.

Time is fleeting, and while the Conservatives of Bella Coola are quarrelling among themselves as to are to be the recognized party leaders, an incompetent road boss is wasting money that should go into permanent and lasting improvements for the benefit of the whole community.

Until the Conservatives decide to pull together with a set purpose the Courier fears that the much desired change in local affairs is still far distant.

It is a mystery to us why Mr. Manson persists in countenancing the waste of the taxpayers money, instead of heeding to the advice of the settlers who are the people for whom roads and trails are built and who are forced to use them however hard they may be to travel.

Mr. H. P. Keary, manager of Dominion Government hatchery at Rivers Inlet, called here on his way south by the last mail steamer.

Mr. Keary reports a most successful season. Eleven million salmon eggs were secured and have been brought successfully to the eye stage. The fry or young salmon will be liberated about the 15th of the month.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Bella Coola Farmers Institute will be held in the Colony Hall, Hagensborg, on Saturday, 10th day of January, 1914.

General business and election of officers.

Hagensborg, December 31, 1913.

A. HAMMER, Sec.

The draw for the beautiful hardanger-worked teacloth, the proceeds of which are to go towards the funds of the local hospital, took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jacobsen on New Year's eve. Quite a large number accepted the invitation of Mrs. Jacobsen and a most enjoyable evening was spent, the chief forms of entertainment being dancing and music.

Miss Ellen Thorsen was the winner of the draw and is to be congratulated on commencing the New Year with good fortune.

Fred Covey, Andy Wood and A. L. Anderson have arrived in town from the logging camps down the Inlet.

B. C. A. A. ITEMS.

On December 18th there was a meeting of the Bella Coola Athletic Association held at the Lower Bella Coola Schoolhouse which was well attended. The president, H. H. Rolston, was in the chair. The constitution as recommended by the committee was taken up seriatim and a number of clauses were amended. The matter of colors was left over till some colored prints of the various uniforms could be secured by the secretary. The colors as recommended by the committee were dark blue and old rose, and maroon and white were suggested at the meeting.

The meeting decided to order a punching bag and rack, a set of gloves, rings and trapeze for the Hagensborg Hall, pending the possibility of obtaining the same and if possible a gasoline light for the Clayton Hall. Two punching bag bladders were ordered for The Crossing. A. Oveson was appointed janitor with a stated salary.

The meeting adjourned in the usual way.

W. C. T. U.

The Bella Coola Branch of the W. C. T. U. will give a CONCERT & BASKET SOCIAL in the Mackenzie Schoolhouse on FRIDAY the 9th day of January, at 7:30 p. m.

The Committee in charge kindly request that all ladies bring baskets. Everybody welcome.

ADMISSION 50 cents.

Mrs. J. R. Morrison, Sec.

NOTICE.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Bella Coola Development League will be held in the COLONY HALL on THURSDAY January 8th, at 7:30 p. m.

Business:—Recommendations regarding Public Works for the year.

All members are urgently requested to attend.

HUBERT L. HARRIS, Sec.

Bella Coola Conservative Association

A meeting of this Association will be held in the Mackenzie Schoolhouse on Saturday, January 3rd, at 2:30 p. m.

All members are earnestly requested to attend as business of importance will be dealt with.

G. R. LINDSELL, Sec.

Church Notice

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SATURDAY, JAN. 3, 1914

Road Work

The Prince Rupert News commenting on the Wm. Manson organ's defence of the road work at Bella Coola has this to say:

"OF COURSE IF THE EDITOR OF THE CONSERVATIVE ORGAN IN PRINCE RUPERT IS SATISFIED WITH THE EXPENDITURE OF THE ROAD MONIES IN BELLA COOLA DISTRICT THE SETTLERS IN THAT VALLEY SHOULD REFRAIN FROM KICKING ABOUT IT."

The fact is that neither Wm. Manson, M.P.P., his supporters nor his newspapers at Prince Rupert, know anything about the roads, the conditions, or the people at Bella Coola.

Mr. Manson himself, does not even know the Bella Coola Valley; how much less those responsible for the paper which defends his rotten methods of road building.

The sore point with Mr. Manson is that the people of Bella Coola are not backward in expressing their views on public matters, and were it only possible, it would probably suit his purpose to deport all the old settlers and populate the valley with a less intelligent people who would do and say only at his bidding.

Even if we should agree with Mr. Manson to the point of admitting that there is the same average of simpletons at Bella Coola as in any other place, we know that the large majority of the people cannot be bluffed by any further efforts, on the part of him or his supporters, to keep the people subservient to their dictation, even in regard to the reckless and extravagant expenditure of public funds.

Good roads are an asset to any community, and we know of no person in this settlement who would not welcome a good wagon road through the whole length of the valley.

What the Courier has said about local road work is perfectly true, likewise the utterances of the settlers themselves which have appeared in our columns.

It becomes tiresome to be constantly told by Mr. Manson or anyone else, that we have fifty or sixty miles of excellent wagon road. when everyone here knows that there is not a single mile of road in the whole valley that would hold up traffic all the year round.

The settlers here have seen roads built, and have built roads too, long before coming to Bella Coola, and the fact makes the efforts of Mr. Manson and his road superintendent the more ridiculous.

It would be well if Mr. Manson could be prevailed upon to take a trip through the whole length of the valley, and now would be a good time for such a trip. Let him go unaccompanied by the road superintendent or any other public official.

Let him seek information from the settlers first hand. He will surely get it, and lots of it. Then by an occasional perusal of the columns of the Courier he would be able to form some idea of the requirements of the actual settler. Not the idler mind you, he needs no roads nor trails, for all he may be an adviser to the member for Skeena on all such matters.

Again we advise Mr. Manson to take the settlers (for whose use after all the roads are built) into his confidence. Let him talk to them about the roads. We are sure that some of the ranchers have forgotten more about road building than the road superintendent ever knew.

It is useless continuing the present waste of both time and money in a lot of unnecessary work. Our idea is to have the road surveyed and definitely located, then follow on with substantial work.

There is no reason why the Provincial Government should not build roads as well and as fast as do private concerns. Employ only competent men. Take the matter of road work out of the range of politics altogether. Put the work out on contract to responsible parties and the work will be done better and quicker than at present. The community will reap just as much benefit during construction as at present, and will have the added satisfaction of a reasonable chance of the road being completed during the present generation.

We cannot blame a man who leads a dog's life if he growls.

A Bella Coola--Tatla Lake Road

There are people in this valley who for upwards of twenty years have been talking about a wagon road from Bella Coola to connect with the Cariboo Road, but up to now it has been all talk and no action.

The time for action has arrived, and the Courier will from now on take the matter up and lay the desirability of this trunk road before the public, with a view to interesting Sir Richard McBride and his government in the matter.

Had a wagon road from Bella Coola to Quesnel been built years ago, there is no question but goods to the amount of millions of dollars would have been purchased in Vancouver and Victoria, shipped to Bella Coola and transported over this road. This trade which should rightly have belonged to our coast cities has gone to Calgary, Winnipeg and the cities of the east, from whence the goods are shipped to Ashcroft and hauled over the Cariboo Road.

Now, however, a new condition has evolved. The vast country lying westward from the Cariboo Road has become settled and no railroad will serve these various settlements, and it is now up to the Provincial Government to come forward with a broader and more effective policy of road construction.

What is required is a good wagon road from tide water at this place to connect with the existing road at Tatla Lake, which, traversing the rich Chilcotin country connects up with the Cariboo Road.

After leaving the Bella Coola valley the cost of this road would be very light, as the country is flat and very sparsely timbered, and as it would pass through what is known as the "dry belt" the cost of upkeep would be reduced to a minimum.

In our efforts in regard to this road, we ask all who have the interest of Bella Coola at heart, to come forward with their ideas on this most important matter.

Bella Coola needs a good wagon road, and needs also the traffic from Northern Chilcotin, a traffic which rightly belongs to us.

It has been suggested by some to "petition the Government." We have had some experience in this petition business and for that reason do not favor the course.

Many people nowadays believing in the power of the press, prefer to adopt that means of forwarding the claims of their respective communities.

The Courier will always have space for any communication on this subject, and trusts that those interested (and what person in this district is not?) will not hesitate to put their views before our wide circle of readers.

It is the intention of the Courier to continue to put forward the claims of this section of the province with all the force at our command. It is our intention during the coming year to keep closer to the mark, even to the point of splitting the line, let the chips fall where they may.

The community of Bella Coola can no longer be looked upon as a mere handful of people who have no object or aim in view, as has been inferred in connection with requests for road money from the Government from time to time. We must be recognized in the future as a community of some importance, and it would be well for the representatives of both the Dominion and Provincial governments to make a note of this fact.

Why Not a Bella Coola Electoral District

Western Canada is under represented in the Dominion House of Commons, and after a redistribution of seats will have double the representation of the present time. Our district of Comox-Atlin will be practically cut in half.

The Provincial government will bring in a redistribution of seats and the present Skeena Electoral District will be represented by perhaps three members.

Bella Coola will be the oldest and perhaps the largest settlement in the southern portion of the present Skeena District, and it is not unlikely that Sir Richard McBride and his government will confer on us the high honor of calling the new riding in which we will be included the Bella Coola Electoral District.

How Mr. Manson will be disposed towards this proposal, we do not know, but he may favor it or not as he pleases. His opinion will not detract from the merits of our claims in the eyes of the Government, of that we feel assured.

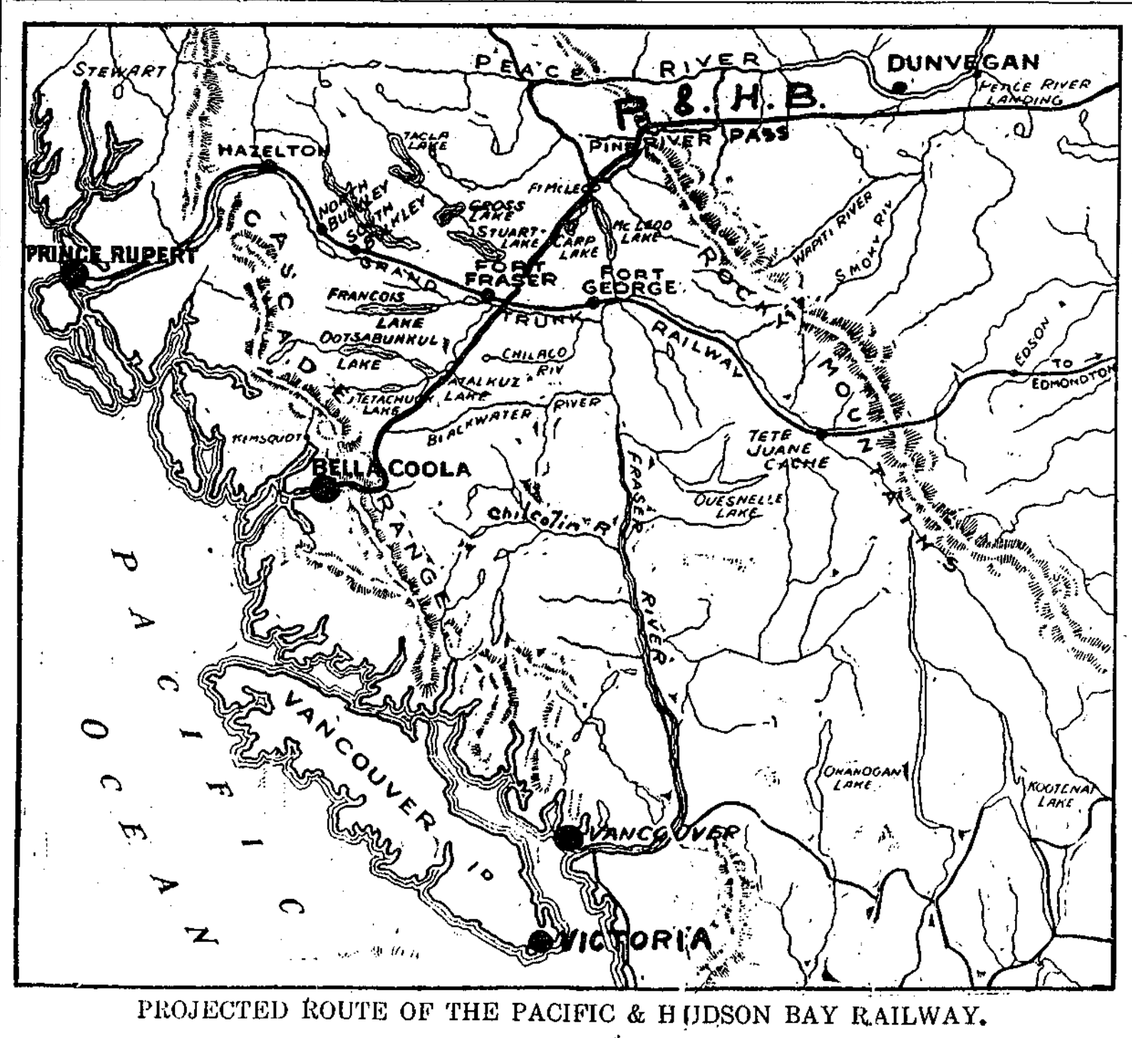
Bella Coola will have its own member sooner or later. Sir Richard and his government know this and may take time by the forelock.

Growing settlements are springing up at Smiths Inlet and Calvert Island and will shortly be followed by the settlement of many of the smaller islands as soon as there is a chance of communication.

The population of this part is likely to increase more rapidly than further north.

South Bentinck Arm will have lots of land available for settlement as soon as the Ocean Falls Company takes their timber off, and there are many other places between Queen Charlotte Sound and Millbank Sound were settlement will take place.

Bella Bella, Ocean Falls and Kimsquit are all tributary to Bella Coola, the rapidly settling



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inland valley and the town of Bella Coola itself with its prospects of being a railroad terminus.

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AID FOR THE NAVY

An order-in-council has just been passed by the Government for the award of pensions or gratuities to the officers of the Canadian navy who may be permanently disabled through injury arising, or illness contracted during drill, training or on duty. This is a welcome regulation and should give great comfort to the hardy sea dogs who dictate letters and pound typewriters at the Headquarters of the Canadian Navy on Sussex Street, Ottawa. The collection of Admirals, Rear-Admirals, Captains, Directors of the Naval Service, and the whole host of other officers who direct the fleet of typewriters, clerks and messenger boys that at present comprise the Canadian Navy must need consideration. It would be disastrous if an Admiral should slip on a banana peel in the performance of his duty and not even get a medal for his distinguished service.

A Humiliating Confession

Discussing the Government's relations with railroads in his famous Calgary speech, Mr. R. B. Bennett, who has cabinet aspirations, made the following remark:

"You say why didn't we expose the graft? We dare not. As a Canadian I am ashamed to tell you what we know. I fear for the results if it were known in London."

No such humiliating confession was ever necessary during the years from 1896 to 1911 when the Liberals were in power. It remained for the Borden government, with its lofty professions of political honour to wring such a confession from one of its leading members.

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"The Lord knows we have had enough commissions. They are as plentiful as blackberries. Commissions are roaming the country, wasting good ink and paper, preparing reports which are laid on the shelf and nothing done with them. It is not a commission that will right this matter." Who was it uttered these words in a public speech a few days ago? Hon. George Eulas Foster, senior Minister in the Borden government, which has just appointed another commission to "look into" the high cost of living.

We are hearing a lot too much about the advantages of physical health. Good health is produced not by care, but by a sort of commonsense carlessness, a wise neglect, and an occupation of the mind with things that do not relate wholly to one's self. Too much hygiene can be trusted to undermine even the most robust constitution. Even a healthy crocodile would succumb, not to germs, but to the fear of germs. The man who is not particularly anxious to live can be killed only with a hatchet. The man who "takes care of his health" is signing his own death warrant.

EXTENSION OF TIME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the time for the reception of tenders for the construction of wharfs at Victoria Harbor, B. C., is extended to Thursday, January 8, 1914.

By order,
R. C. DESROCHERS,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, December, 9, 1913.

SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS

COAL MINING RIGHTS of the Dominion, in MANITOBA, SASKATCHEWAN and ALBERTA, the YUKON TERRITORY, the NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES and in a portion of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,500 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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Land Notices

VANCOUVER LAND DISTRICT

DISTRICT OF COAST—RANGE III.

Take Notice that I, Mark Walter Marvin, of Atnarko, B. C., occupation rancher, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted about twenty chains distant and in a southerly direction from the north-east corner of Lot 310, thence south forty chains, thence east twenty chains, thence north forty chains, thence west twenty chains to point of commencement, containing eighty acres, more or less. Formerly preemption 3082.

MARK WALTER MARVIN.
Dated, October 21, 1913. Nov. 1—Dec. 27

VANCOUVER LAND DISTRICT

DISTRICT OF COAST—RANGE III.

Take notice that Edward D'Urban Sheringham, of Chezacut, B. C., occupation stock raiser, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

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. 21

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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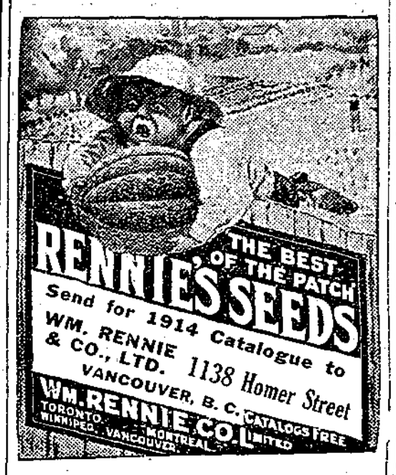

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It was recently stated to the writer by an erstwhile but somewhat disheartened Tory politician that reciprocity is dead and can never be resurrected, because in the Underwood Bill Canada has "received for nothing that which the Laurier government was willing to pay for." Is this true? Let us see.

Under the conditions of the reciprocity pact, food stuffs would have passed free across the borders of the two countries.

This provision would have been restricted to the two countries and would not have been extended to the whole world. It would have reserved for the producers of both countries the markets of both countries, giving them an advantage over the whole world.

The Underwood Bill abolished or largely reduced the duties on food, giving to the whole world the advantage which the reciprocity pact reserved for Canada alone. But there has been no corresponding action by Canada. We still maintain the duties on food stuffs. What is the result? The result is that the Americans are attacking our sources of supply and are carrying off the best of our farm produce. They are getting them duty free, and we have to make up the defficiency by importations upon which we are charged heavy duties.

We will pay in taxes on food for the existing fiscal year some $15,000,000, of which British Columbia will pay a larger proportion than any other province.

Not only are we giving the Americans of our best, but we are actually subsidizing steamers to carry duty free food for their benefit.

Instead of giving us something for nothing the Underwood tariff bill is making us pay dearly for our foolishness in listening to the counsel of leaders who lack the sense of sound economics.

A city official was one of a party which attended the funeral of a Chinaman. He exhibited a great deal of interest in the curious services at the grave, and noticed that, among other things, a roasted duck was left there by the departing mourners. Calling one of the Chinamen aside, he asked: "Why do you leave that duck on the grave? Do you think the dead man will come out and eat it?" "Yeppee," replied the laundryman, "allee samee as le white deadee man come and smellee flowlers."

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Man's Heart Stitched

New York, Dec. 31.—With six stitches in his heart, Vicenzo Lauro, victim of a stabbing affray, is recovering rapidly at the Holy Family Hospital in Brooklyn.

Starving Men Fight for Food

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—The police authorities here are being put to their utmost in dealing with the hundreds of unemployed men, who, through extreme hunger are being driven to extreme measures in order to obtain food. Serious rioting has taken place in which one man was killed and many injured, including several police. Several spectators were also injured by flying rocks and clubs.

When in doubt about a New Year's gift try diamonds. They are usually acceptable.

Quicksand Likely to Impede G. T. P.

May Delay Main Line Several Months in 2,000-Foot Tunnel

Quicksand is likely to impede the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific main line for several months to come. Word has been received at Edmonton that at Mile 186, B. C., where a tunnel 2,000 feet in length is to be built, quicksand was struck after penetrating the rock for a distance of 800 feet. Two thousand men are at work on the line this side of Fort George. Although a few snowfalls have been experienced, the weather so far is ideal. Steel is laid at the rate of a mile a day. It has now reached Mile 195, B. C.

Monster of the Air

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The Russian aviator, Sitzensky, who not long ago built an aeroplane capable of carrying eleven people, tested a giant machine recently with sleeping cabins for passengers. The monster weighs five and one-half tons, and has 4,000-horsepower motors. It circled the aerodome perfectly.

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