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WEATHER REPORT
Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the Hagensborg Observatory.
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Rainfall for same period, 4.39.

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Turkish Grand Vizier Assassinated

Aide-de-Camp Also Mortally Wounded

Constantinople, June 11.—The Turkish Grand Vizier, Mammoud Schefket Pasha, was assassinated today while proceeding by motor car to the sublime port.

The Grand Vizier and his aide-de-camp were attacked by two men armed with revolvers. The shots had most terrible effect, the Grand Vizier being instantly killed, while his aide-de-camp was mortally wounded, death ensuing within a few minutes.

Mammoud Schefket Pasha was an Arab who was brought to Constantinople when a young boy, becoming a great favorite of the Sultan he was placed in a military school, from whence he graduated with high honors at the age of 18 years.

Brutal Crime Recalled

Porter Charleton to Be Extradited

Washington, June 11. — The United States Supreme Court today affirmed the decision of the New Jersey Court in dismissing the application of Porter Charleton who killed his wife Mary Scott Castle, of San Francisco, for a writ of Habeas Corpus to prevent his extradition to Italy to stand trial. The decision came three years to a day after Mrs. Charleton's body was found in a trunk in Lake Como, Italy.

Paul Charleton, father of the confessed murderer is an intimate friend of ex-president Taft.

The crime has been described as the most brutal in the annals of Europe, the prisoner making a full confession at time of his arrest at Hoboken, New Jersey, on June 23, 1910.

In the event of his conviction it is probable that he may be sent to the underground jail for life, where murderers are disposed of in Italy and it is seldom that they live more than a few years. Physicians declare that incarceration in such a place would mean death to the boy within six months.

Since passing new penal code Italy refused to recognise the request of United States for extradition from Italy to United States of Italians arrested in Italy

Hon. Thomas Taylor Goes to England

Vancouver, June 14. — Hon. Thomas Taylor, minister of public works, has left for the old country. Where in London, on June 23, he will represent the province of British Columbia at the International Good Roads Congress.

Government Astronomers Arrive

A party of Dominion Government Astronomers who arrived in town last Sunday have installed their instruments in a specially constructed building adjacent to the telegraph station.

The party is engaged in determining the exact latitude and longtitude for the purpose of future provincial surveys, and also for the correction of the present maps of British Columbia.

F. A. McDiarmid, B.A., who has charge of the party is an astronomer of considerable experience, having conducted similar work for the Dominion Government on various occasions. The party has already visited Moricetown, near Hazelton, and Bamfield, Vancouver Island, and on completing observations at this place will proceed via Prince Rupert and Hazelton to Ground Hog mountain.

The length of the party's stay at this place rests entirely on the weather conditions.

Alaskan Volcano Active

Seward, Alaska, June 11.—Another volcano is in action today, the fumes spreading over the country. There is, however, no anticipation of any serious eruption.

Engineers to Begin Work at Soda Creek

Vancouver, June 11.—Surveyors at work on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway down Howe Sound will be sent, when they have completed the survey at Horseshoe Bay, to Soda Creek and Quesnel, important points between Lillooet and Fort George on the main line. The railway will be rushed to completion in time for work on the grade this summer. More than two thousand men are at work on the construction of the line between Lillooet and Newport at the present time.

New Dances Come From the Zoo?

London, June 11. Father Bernard Vaughan, addressing the Catholic Women's League on the subject of the freak dances, said: "There is not much need of my expressing any view about those dances which of recent date have been imported from the Zoological gardens into London drawing rooms. Their very animal names imply their animal nature. Not even the negro and the negress think of breaking into such performances except when they are drunk."

Great Progressive Effort to Be Made

Landowners Decide to Help—Saw Mill, Sash, Door and Box Factory to Be Operated

A meeting was held in the Farmers' Institute Hall, Hagensbor, on Wednesday last, when a large number of landowners assembled to discuss the matter of dividing up their surplus land into five and ten acre plots.

Mr. B. Brynildsen was elected to the chair, with Rev. H. Sageng as secretary.

After the chairman had briefly outlined the object of the meeting, the matter was fully discussed, several of the landowners introducing important points which are likely to arise during the organization of the proposed company.

The amount and character of land, amount of timber and price of same were questions that required consideration, while a saw mill, including sash and door factory and box factory were given the strict attention they certainly deserve.

Numbers of the landowners expressed their willingness to dispose of some of their land at a reasonably low figure, providing that the proposed company undertake to start some industry in the Valley such as those above mentioned.

The above sentiment was expressed in the following resolution which was unanimously passed by the meeting:

"Resolved that it is the sense of this meeting from the expressions uttered, that there are a number of landowners here in Bella Coola who will be willing to sell their land at reasonable prices to any company that will give assurance of the building of a railroad, and the starting of some industries benefitting the community as a whole and bringing in more actual settlers."

Cancer Can Be Cured Says German Professor

Cologne, Germany, June 11.—Cancer has been proved to be a contagious disease, caused by a parasite, and it can be healed, according to Dr. Otto Schmidt, a cancer expert, who claims to have produced a vaccine with which he has cured numerous cases of this dread disease. The serum, it is said, is taken from animals.

Goverment to Construct Chain of Elevators

Ottawa, June 11. — The Dominion government will erect two large storage grain elevators in the interior, to have from three to four million bushels capacity, and which will cost $1,000,000 each. These will be located at Moose Jaw and Saskatoon, and another will likely be built at Calgary.

Also a big transfer elevator will be located on the Pacific Coast, which will be owned and operated by the government in order to handle the grain business, which it is expected will flow west when the Panama Canal is opened.

No More Poet-Laureates

London, June 11.—It is reported here that King George considers the post of poet-laureate obsolete and that no successor to the late Alfred Austin will be appointed.

East Experiences Extraordinary Weather

Montreal, June 11.—Several inches of snow fell today, the temperature falling to thirty-five degrees.

Quebec and the Maritine Provinces are experiencing the most extraordinary weather ever known at this time of the year.

New York, June 11.—The cold-weather ever recorded in the New England States for this time of the year is being experienced today.

Lloyd-George Cancels Trip to Dominion

London, June 11.—Because he will be "too busy at the time," Chancellor David Lloyd-George has cancelled his proposed whirlwind tour of Canada in September. It had been planned Lloyd-George to make twelve speeches in Canada and the United States.

RIFLES FOR BELFAST

Belfast, Ireland, June 11—One thousand rifles with bayonets arrived here on a steamer from Manchester in cases marked "electrical fittings." Detectives promptly seized them.

Goverment officials say they are fully informed on the plans of the Orange clubs to resist Home Rule. This action of the authorities was the first interference with the importation of arms.

Naval Bill to Be Introduced Next Session

Vancouver, June 11.—Mr. H. H. Stevens, M.P., returning from Ottawa says that the Naval Bill is to be introduced at the next session of Parliament, when Premier Borden intends to make another attempt to assist in Imperial defence.

Drydock for Vancouver

A drydock is to be constructed at an early date, final arrangements now being practically completed.

Panama Canal Nearing Completion

New York, June 11.—Colonel Goethals states that by January 1, 1915, any ship that floats will be able to pass through the Panama Canal. He says, "I shall send a vessel through the canal as soon as water is in it. I promised that the "Fram" used by Captain R. Amundsen in discovering the South Pole should make the initial passage, but the first passage will be made by a smaller craft."

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Princess Beatrice arrived on Saturday last with a heavy consignment of freight for the Cannery and the several local merchants.

The passenger list for this port included Mr. and Mrs. H. Hewitt, Messrs J. James, T. Jones, F. A. McDiarmid, A. J. Tennant, A. Beddoes. R. and G. Drayney.

The "Queen City," due on Friday last, evidently gave this port the go-bye, but better things are expected from the Company this week.

E. Gillenspitz is in charge of the work of clearing the trail from Stewic through to the McClinchy ranch. Having completed this work they will give their attention to the Anaham Lake trail.

Walter Ratcliff who has a ranch on the Stillwater, close to Atnarko, was in town last week. Mr. Ratcliff expressed his intention of shortly engaging in Mink farming, which he says can be made very profitable in the locality in which he resides.

Mr. E. Whitehead has rented the farm lately occupied by E. Oein, close to the Crossing. Mr. Whitehead gets a good farm but the town loses an excellent cobbler.

Messrs W. and H. Sutherland were in town for the week-end but returned to their summer home at Batchelor Bay on Monday last.

Fishery officer John Widsten has been visiting the upper reaches of the Bella Coola River, for the purpose of inspecting the work of clearing out some log jams done by Walter Radcliffe this spring.

Mr. Widsten is expected to return this week; in the meantime his duties on the salt water are being ably attended to by assistant officer O. Oveson.

F. A. Johnson visited town last weekend, returning with a heavy load of provisions for the road-gang in the Upper Valley.

Miss Addie Gibson, who sustained somewhat serious injuries by falling off her horse on May 23, made her reappearance on Wednesday last, receiving many congratulations on her complete recovery.

Road foreman Svisdahl and his gang who have been engaged in the vicinity of Hagensborg, have been moved to above the Crossing, a locality that certainly needs the attention of a road gang.

S.S. Coquitlam called here on Wednesday with considerable freight for the cannery, besides a consignment of powder which she landed at the government wharf.

A meeting of the Church building committee was held at Mr. Fougner's house on Tuesday last, when several proposals were drafted and submitted to a meeting of the people on Thursday evening. It was decided to adjourn this meeting until 8 p. m. Monday next, when the various proposals will be considered and a program definitely decided on.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1913.

British Columbia's Liberal Leader

The selection of Mr. H. C. Brewster as leader of the Liberal party will meet with the unqualified approval of every Liberal in the province.

There is not a man in the public life of British Columbia today, who ranks higher in the esteem of the people than Mr. Brewster.

Although, still comparatively a young man, he has had considerable experience, and as a member of the Provincial Legislature has shown unusual ability as a debater; his indefatigable courage and skill marking him as a person fully worthy and capable of holding the responsible position to which he has been elected.

We heartily endorse the sentiments already expressed, that the Liberal convention honored the party and did a signal service to the province when it unanimously selected Mr. Brewster as leader.

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Senator Lougheed in opening the debate on the Naval Bill is reported as saying that its main principles had been endorsed by the people at the last general election.

The emergency has never been apparent except in the minds of some alarmists, whose baseless fears have long been allayed by the repeated assurances of the Admiralty that all is well.

That the Borden naval policy was endorsed by the people at the last general election is both false and misleading. Certainly the issue in the West was that of reciprocity, and we heard nothing of the Borden policy of contribution for the simple reason that it had not then been formulated.

True, in Quebec the Laurier naval policy was introduced on the hustlings, but it was only by pledging themselves to oppose any measure of naval aid to Great Britain that the Nationalists carried their seats.

Then came the unholy alliance with Mr. Borden which, while ensuring a government majority, tempted these Nationalists to betray their constituents in the most shameless manner.

Commenting on the rejection of Hon. Mr. Borden's naval bill by the senators, London Truth says: "On its merits, Canada's Senate is perfectly right in the attitude it has taken up. Whatever may have been the German scare, it is now exploded, and Great Britain would be relieved if Canada would go back to farming instead of planting the maintenance of seven millions of pounds worth of battleships on our estimates."

RATHER CREDITABLE

For some time past fault has been found with the early settlers who first colonized Bella Coola Valley, some twenty years ago, for not allowing liquor to be sold within the settlement.

That a community should exist for so long a time without a licensed saloon has been described as evidence of a lack of energy and ambition, and as a reflection on the people as being antiquated in their ideas.

Great stress is laid on the claim that the establishment of a saloon for the selling of liquor is a sign of up-to-date progress and prosperity.

Knowing full well that we are invoking the wrath of a certain section of the community the "Courier" is inclined to think that the keeping out of the saloon for so many years redounds to the credit of the sturdy pioneer rather than to his discredit, and we are also inclined to the belief that the community of Bella Coola compares favorably with others of its size and age; prosperity with peace and plenty being distinctly visible throughout the whole of the Valley.

No fear of the Borden government reforming the Senate. There are two things in the world that will not mix. They are Toryism and reform. The one particular curse of the former is the latter.

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Mr. Bourassa has stated that the Nationalist party owed its origin to the position taken by Laurier in sending Canadian troops to assist Great Britain in the South African war. It must be a proud position for the jingo-Conservative party to have its policies dictated by the Nationalist party born under such auspices.

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Now the property men and stage setters have arranged that "Rule Britannia" shall be sung when the great Sir Richard appears before the footlights. Why not go a step further and make it "God Save the King," or a little further yet, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." The grand finale in apotheosis must come some day.

H. S. Clements, M.P., has secured an appropriation for a post office building in New Hazelton of $7000.

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Bella Coola is waiting for a new government building, we understood that Mr. Clements was to have it constructed at once. The building in New Hazelton is on "Kelly" street. Bella Coola has no street by that name hence the delay.

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The famous roller, which was paid so much attention to by the Provincial legislature during last session, has now been hauled out into the woods, soon to be covered with the heavy growth of vegetation so prevalent throughout the Valley.

Fifty years from now it will probably be stumbled onto by some ardent hunter in search of signs of the extinct species of Kermode's white bear.

The roller was an eye sore to the people whose money paid for it, it rendered no service to the community and is wept over by no one.

The time may arrive when the future municipality of Bella Coola will send it to the provincial museum as a relic of by-gone days, but in the meantime the road roller is resting in peace.

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A considerable amount of road machinery has arrived and can be seen strewn all over the wharf.

Providence and the Road Boss probably know what to do with it, but we certainly don't.

It only reminds us of the saying—"a five dollar hat on a fifty cent head."

Is it not about time that the road through the Valley was surveyed, so that people could know where it was intended to go? Of course should this happen there would be an end to the Road Boss' favorite pastime of "kinklocating."

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A notice of application is being made for a license to sell liquor by retail in and upon the premises known as the Bella Coola Hotel.

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The "Courier" does not care to give the lot number and name of publication in which the notice is to be found for fear people may think that we are after the job of printing it.

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There is no building known as the Bella Coola Hotel, nor any attempt being made to construct one, nor any signs of clearing the lot, yet some people will insist that it be so.

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A great many people tell us that the saloon is a good thing for Bella Coola. It will stimulate business all along the line of the scriptural injunction—"Bear ye one another's burdens." The Courier's motto, "The welfare of the public is the first law," is still at the masthead, there to remain.

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The question is being asked "why is the road not surveyed through the Valley so that the ranchers whose land will be affected might know where it is intended to go?"

This is one of the many questions regarding local affairs that we cannot answer.

It is professedly the intention of the Government to continue the road through to the Interior.

Why then, we ask, does not the Road Boss have the route located and surveyed through to the Interior and so determine the course of the road for all time?

Had this been done years ago, how much money would have been saved that is at present being spent "kinklocating."

In parts of the Upper Valley can be seen three or four attempts at a road, each having been used for a time and then abandoned in favor of a new route.

Stretches of the road at this end were ditched and gravelled last year only to be abandoned this year, it being found that the road in these particular sections

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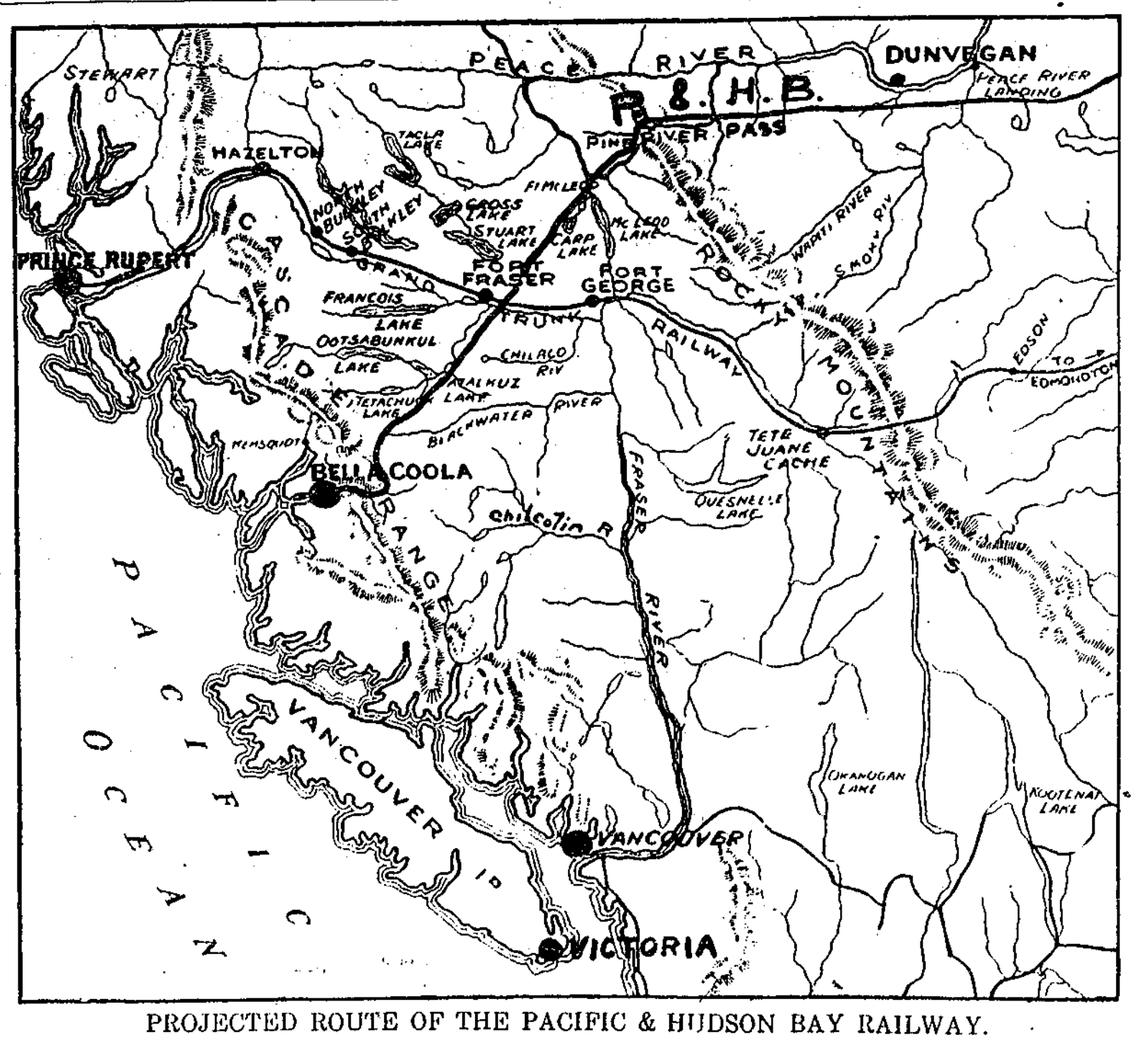

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COAL MINING RIGHTS of the Dominion, in MANITOBA, SASKATCHEWAN and ALBERTA, the YUKON TERRITORY, the NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES and in a portion of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 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,
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was not straight.

We doubt if any section of the road is any more crooked this year than it was last, but the money must be spent—and spent as the Boss alone thinks fit.

At the present rate the road may reach the Interior in the course of the next generation, but it would be a venturesome soul who would so prophesy.

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There are roads and roads. Some are macadamised ours are macfarlanised.

JAPS IN CALIFORNIA

In the beginning the California rancher hailed the advent of the Japanese laborer joyously. He was by no means ideal; he was hired principally in gangs and through a boss; he was tricky, grasping, and unscrupulous about keeping contracts; but he filled a gap created by the gradual decrease of the Chinese since the exclusion act, and he was the best available until the hoped-for influx of agricultural labor from Europe should come by way of the Isthmus Canal.

Besides all of which the Jap is peculiarly adept at "squat" labor. Because of that the berry crop of California is almost entirely in his hands.

In some situations, too, he has worked successfully where the white man could not work at all.

For instance, in the delta of San Soaquin and Sacramento Rivers, where the white man could not compete with unhealthy nature, the Japanese came in, survived year after year, raised a better potato than the white man could raise, graded it better, sold it better, and has all but taken entire possession of the land.

The leading producer in this whole district is a Japanese, George Shima, who is sometimes called the potato king. He is said to be worth a half million dollars and is assessed in the San Joaquin Valley for $141,680.

Yet the use of fuel oil by steamers, with its consequent wastage from passing boats and seepage into the tule grasses, has killed out the mosquito to such an extent that it is claimed in a very few years more the delta will be comfortably habitable for white men, and they will be prepared to go back and contend with the Japs for a place upon this soil of Egyptian richness.—Colliers.

LAND LEASE

VANCOUVER LAND DISTRICT

DISTRICT OF COAST, RANGE 2.

Take notice that Adolph Schilling, of Kleena Kleen, B.C., occupation farmer, intends to apply for permission to lease 40 acres of land described as follows:

Commencing at a post planted about two miles below Turner's preemption in the Coast District, Range 2, on the left limit of Kleena Kleen River, thence north twenty chains, thence east twenty chains, thence south chains, thence west twenty chains to point of commencement.

ADOLPH SCHILLING.
Date, May 7, 1913. May 24--July 19

Land Notices

VANCOUVER LAND DISTRICT

DISTRICT OF COAST—RANGE III.

Take Notice that I, Lewis Wiley Hogan of Rivers Inlet, B. C., occupation cannery man, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted on Campbell Island, alongside of the south-east corner-post of Lot or Claim No. 1, thence west twenty chains, thence south twenty chains, thence east twenty chains more or less to sea shore, thence meandering along shore to point of commencement and containing 40 acres, more or less.

LEWIS WILEY HOGAN.
Date, May 20, 1913. Per A. H. HOGAN, Agent.
June 7--Aug. 2.

VANCOUVER LAND DISTRICT

DISTRICT OF COAST—RANGE III.

Take Notice that H. J. S. Gaine, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation engineer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Lot No. 854, thence North 20 chains, thence East 40 chains, thence South 20 chains more or less to the shore line, thence westerly along shore line 40 chains more or less to point of commencement, containing 80 acres more or less.

HERBERT J. S. GAINE.
Dated. April 1, 1913. Ap'l 26--June 21

VANCOUVER LAND DISTRICT

DISTRICT OF COAST—RANGE III.

Take Notice that Gustav Ehrenborg, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation engineer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Lot No. 856, thence North 20 chains, thence East 20 chains, thence South 20 chains more or less to the shore line, thence westerly along shore line 20 chains more or less to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.

GUSTAV EHRENBORG.
Dated, April 3, 1913. Herbert J. S. Gaine, Agent.
Ap'l 26--June 21

VANCOUVER LAND DISTRICT

DISTRICT OF COAST RANGE III.

Take Notice that I, Edward D. Sheringham of Chezacut, B. C., occupation stock raiser, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted twenty chains west of the south-east corner of Lot 328, 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.

EDWARD D'URBAN SHERINGHAM
Dated, March 24, 1913. Ap'l 19--June 14.

VANCOUVER LAND DISTRICT

DISTRICT OF COAST—RANGE III.

Take Notice that Marguerite Sara Barker, of Bella Coola, B. C., occupation spinster, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted at high water mark on the north shore of Bentinck Arm one hundred and twenty chains west of the south-west corner of Lot 16, Range 3, Coast district, thence easterly and following the shore line of Bentinck Arm forty chains, thence north twenty chains, thence west forty chains, thence south twenty chains to point of commencement, containing 80 acres, more or less.

MARGUERITE SARA BARKER.
Date, February 28, 1913. May 3--June 23

VANCOUVER LAND DISTRICT

DISTRICT OF COAST—RANGE III.

Take Notice that Florence Maud Barker, of Bella Coola, B. C., occupation spinster, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted at high water mark on the north shore of Bentinck Arm forty chains west of the north-east corner of P.R. 57, thence westerly and following the shore line of Bentinck Arm eighty chains, thence north twenty chains, thence east eighty chains, thence south twenty chains more or less to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

FLORENCE MAUD BARKER.
Date, February 26, 1913. May 3--June 28

VANCOUVER LAND DISTRICT

DISTRICT OF COAST—RANGE III.

Take Notice that Annie E. J. Burnett, of New Westminster, B. C., occupation married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at a post planted about two feet distant and in a westerly direction from the south-west corner of Lot 324 A, thence South 40 chains, more or less, to the south-west corner of Lot 88, thence West and following the north boundaries of Lots 325 and 86, 100 chains, more or less, to the shore of Bentinck Arm, thence Eastwardly and following the shore of Bentinck Arm 100 chains, more or less, to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

ANNIE E. J. BURNETT.
Date, March 31st, 1913. Robert K. Burnett, Agent.
May 17--July 12

VANCOUVER LAND DISTRICT

DISTRICT OF COAST - RANGE III.

Take Notice that Robert K. Burnett, of New Westminster, B.C., occupation boat builder, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted about two feet distant and in a westerly direction from the north-west corner of T.L. 43600, thence westerly and following the shore of Bentinck Arm 80 chains, thence South 20 chains, thence East 80 chains, thence North 20 chains more or less to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

ROBERT K. BURNETT.
Date, March 31st, 1913. May 17--July 12

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DISTRICT OF COAST - RANGE III.

Take Notice that Leonard John Calnan, of Bella Coola, B.C., occupation rancher, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land;

Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of P. R. 3011 situate on Bella Coola River, thence south 20 chains, thence west 20 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres.

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