

BELLA COOLA

COURIER

WEATHER REPORT FOR MAY.

Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the Bella Coola Observatory.
Temperature: maximum on 22nd, 86; mean maximum, 64. Minimum on 5th, 35; mean minimum, 42.16. Rainfall, 2.22 inches.

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Huerta Refuses to Leave Mexico in British Ship

Threatens to Have Sir Lionel Carden Arrested if He Again Suggests Resignation

Vera-Cruz, Mexico, June 25.—British subjects who arrived here from Mexico City reported a recent clash between Provisional President Huerta and Sir Lionel Carden, the British minister.

The dispute arose out of the advice volunteered by Sir Lionel that the de facto president should resign and leave the country immediately. The British minister also offered General Huerta British safe conduct and a warship to take him and his family to any port he might name.

General Huerta is said to have become enraged and to have threatened to arrest Sir Lionel Carden if he ever repeated his proposal.

Urge Freight Road to Peace River

Fort George, June 25.—The Fort George Board of Trade assisted by the trade organizations of Vancouver and other coast cities, is urging upon the provincial authorities the advisability of starting at once upon the construction of the new winter road which is to be built connecting Fort George with the Peace River country.

It is pointed out that there is more than ten thousand settlers in the Pouce Coupe and adjoining districts, who are much nearer to Fort George than any other railway point, and they look to the Provincial Government to establish communication in time for them to use the road for freighting in their supplies this winter. It has been estimated that the cost of freighting into the heart of the Peace River country will be cut in half by this road.

May Find Bison Still In Wild State

Vancouver, June 25.—United States government naturalists will spend the summer in this province, engaged in classifying the animals of British Columbia in preparation for a bulletin, which will be issued at an early period. Considerable interest attaches to the work of this party, as there is reason to believe that the bison, commonly supposed to be extinct, in a wild state, still exists in small numbers in the Peace River district, north of the Peace River. Recently a herd of fourteen is said to have been seen. The Indians also constantly report having seen bison in a wild state.

C. N. R. Tracklaying

Work Will Be Rushed on Canadian Northern as Soon as Rail Shipments Arrive

Vancouver, June 25.—Word has been received at the local offices of the Canadian Northern that track-laying on the uncompleted portion of the line in British Columbia will be resumed as soon as the arrival of large shipments of rails, which are now en route. Steel has been laid on 269 miles of the 499 miles of line in this province and grading is practically completed throughout.

Tracklaying will be proceeded with from the eastern end of construction, a few miles on the British Columbia side of the Yellowhead Pass, from Kamloops north towards Albretha summit, along the Thompson river west of Kamloops and on east from the present end of steel at Cisco, the first crossing of the Fraser River from the Port Mann end, just as soon as the bridge at that point is completed.

More than 45,000 tons of rails will be shipped to British Columbia for the uncompleted sections. Of this 8000 will be sent to Kamloops, 5000 to Port Mann, 17,000 to the end of steel near the Yellowhead, and 15,000 tons to Vancouver Island.

Can the Provinces Impose Conditions on Federal Railways

Ottawa, June 25.—Whether a province has a right to bring under provincial control and impose conditions on railways incorporated by federal authority is a question to be brought before the privy council at its midsummer sitting. The government of Alberta passed such an act, and the government here instead of exercising the prerogative of disallowance, decided to refer it to the privy council. The case will be argued by the deputy minister of justice.

No Help for Karluk Yet

Washington, June 25.—The United States revenue cutter Bear has arrived at Nome, Alaska, and advised the treasury department that it will be impossible, owing to the ice, to proceed north at this time for the rescue of the crew of the Canadian ship Karluk, which was wrecked on Wrangell Island. The Karluk is the Canadian vessel on which Stefansson was sailing on his Polar expedition.

Extend G. T. P. Service

Prince Rupert, June 25.—Passenger and freight service has been extended on the Grand Trunk Pacific line to Priestley, 337 miles east of Prince Rupert.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

Among the passengers arriving by the S. S. Camosun on Sunday was Mr. T. Beauchamp, the well known land surveyor. Mr. Beauchamp left town early in the week for Anaham Lake, where he has a contract for the surveying of a large area of land.

Judging by the large amount, and more especially the character, of the freight which arrived here by the "Camosun" on Sunday last, one cannot help but feel that whatever the conditions in other parts of the province, there is very little evidence of any financial stringency as far as Bella Coola is concerned.

Four pianos arrived on Sunday, and this, together with numbers of buggies and agricultural implements constantly arriving, goes to show that the settlers in this valley are very comfortably fixed.

Mr. P. McArthur, whom many of our local readers will remember as having been employed at the Kimsquit cannery some four years ago, called here on Sunday en route for Kimsquit.

Since leaving this northern coast Mr. McArthur has travelled extensively, visiting Europe, Australia, and several of the South American Republics. By far the most interesting of his many experiences was his trip to the Antarctic regions in the capacity of engineer on the "Aurora," which ship as is well known was connected with Dr. Mawson's famous Antarctic expedition. While extremely reticent to speak of anything which even indirectly concerns himself, Mr. McArthur has many strange and interesting stories to tell of his experiences aboard the "Aurora." As a diversion from the eternal snows of the Antarctic, he has latterly resided in Chile, but the call of the north proved too strong for this intrepid young Scot, and packing his traps he lost no time in making for his old haunts on this part of the northern coast.

Mrs. R. A. Teebay and daughter left for the south by last Sunday's steamer.

H. W. M. Rolston left by the last south-bound Camosun. After a brief visit to his parents in Victoria, he intends proceeding to the Fort George country.

Tom Murray, who as a successful commercial man needs no introduction on this northern coast spent a profitable week in town on business with our local merchants.

Indian-agent I. Fougner left for Vancouver by the Camosun on Sunday.

The cruiser Charles Todd of the Indian Department left port yesterday morning for Rivers Inlet, where it is expected that she will pick up Inspector A. M. Tyson who left Vancouver by the Camosun on Thursday last.

Mr. Tyson will probably visit this place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morrison have moved into their new residence which presents a charming appearance.

District-forester H. Irwin of Prince Rupert, made one of his periodical visits to this place on Monday last.

Some time ago a farmer of the Upper Valley sent to the Courier office an excellent sample of orchard grass cut on his ranch during the early part of May. This sample struck us as being well worthy of public attention, and with the object of making better known the great possibilities of the valley, we despatched a portion of the sample to the Department of Agriculture, Victoria, where it might be seen by the numerous persons who are constantly calling to acquire information regarding the agricultural possibilities of the various parts of the province.

That our high estimation of the quality of this grass was well justified is evidenced by the following letter which we lately received:

Victoria, 11th June, 1914.

B. Brynildsen, Esq.,
Bella Coola, B. C.

Dear Sir,—In Mr. Scott's absence, the sample of orchard grass you sent has been referred to me.

It certainly is an excellent sample for being cut so early. I do not at present recall seeing a more rank growth for the month of May.

I trust your exhibits at the fall fairs will show good samples of this valuable forage crop, along with the other grasses from your district.—Yours truly,

H. Thorner,
Assistant Horticulturist.

The Courier has repeatedly pointed out that in order to encourage and stimulate the farming industry in this valley, it behoves every individual farmer to lose no opportunity of exhibiting his produce before the public. Our own annual local fair and agricultural exhibition is a very good thing, inasmuch as it arouses a friendly rivalry which cannot help but spur the enthusiastic farmer to greater efforts. But is it sufficient? Should we not embrace every chance of placing our products alongside of that from other parts for fair judgment? The commendable and highly successful efforts of Mr. S. Le C. Grant by which he, at Prince Rupert fair last fall, advertised Bella Coola in a manner unprecedented should be ample evidence that Bella Coola farm produce will bear comparison with the best the province can produce.

We again express the hope that this valley will be adequately represented at the Prince Rupert Exhibition this fall.

"Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast." Should constable Broughton have in custody any dangerous characters, instead of adopting the old-fashioned and expensive course of engaging special constables as extra guards, he will in future simply proceed to discourse sweet melodies on his new piano which can be depended upon to have the desired quietening effect. Of course always supposing that his prisoner has an ear for music.

Local farmers are busily engaged getting in their hay of which there is a bumper crop.

Mr. E. Gyllenspitz came down from the Upper Valley on Wednesday for supplies.

Jesse Hendricks and the brothers White left town on Tuesday for a short cruise in local waters.

Mr. P. J. Kenyon returned to town on Wednesday after a visit to his ranch in the Upper Valley.

Mr. Kenyon reports that an outbreak of fire which occurred recently in the neighborhood of the Whitewater River is entirely extinguished. The fire was at once reported to fire-warden Lunos who proceeded to the spot and procuring assistance undertook the necessary precautionary measures to prevent the outbreak from spreading. A timely downpour of rain put an end to all danger before any damage was done to the valuable timber in that part. The fire was occasioned by lightning during one of the most severe electrical storms ever experienced in that part.

A general meeting of the Bella Coola Athletic Association took place at the Mackenzie School last Saturday evening, the main business being the election of a new president in place of H. W. M. Rolston, who has been forced to resign on account of his business preventing his continued residence in the valley. Mr. T. P. Saugstad was unanimously elected to fill the office and in a few well chosen words thanked the members for the honor done him. A hearty vote of thanks to the retiring president and an appropriate response was followed by the election of a secretary pro-tem until the return of Rev. T. C. Colwell. Mr. Fred Grant was the unanimous choice of the meeting for this position.

Several new members were enrolled and the keen interest shown can safely be taken as promising well for the future of the organization.

Capt. McDonald came in with a power boat from Kimsquit on Monday. He reports that both canneries at that place have started sockeye fishing. Preparations have been made for a large pack and from present indications it would appear that their hopes will be fulfilled.

Capt. McDonald brought with him Roy Wood, who had some business to transact at this place.

Sockeye fishing is now in full swing at the local cannery and there is every prospect of a very good season.

The stores in town are now well supplied with local strawberries, of which there is a bumper crop this season. Bella Coola strawberries are famous on the northern coast on account of their excellent quality, and this year's crop is, if anything, a little above the average.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Walker are receiving the hearty congratulations of their numerous friends on the birth of a son, which happy event occurred on Monday 22nd.

The recently prepared tennis court in the town is now in use, and local enthusiasts are taking advantage of the long cool evenings to indulge in this favorite game. Mr. Crofton, a player of note from Ireland, is showing excellent form and it will probably be some time before he meets his peer in this district.

The court does great credit to those responsible for its preparation and will afford considerable pleasure both to players and on-lookers during the summer evenings.

The examination of pupils of the local schools for entrance to high school took place at the Mackenzie School on the first three days of the week. There were five entrants, all of whom it is hoped will meet with the success that their hard work of preparation deserves.

Local entrants for this examination have in the past always done remarkably well, and have shown that the standard of education in this district compares favorably with any rural district in the province.

Church Notice

Sunday School - 11 a.m.

Church Service - 7:30 p.m.

Preacher for Sunday—Rev. W. H. Gibson.

Rev. T. C. Colwell, B. A., Pastor

Shushartie Bay

(FROM OUR RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT)

The north end of Vancouver Island has been the hunting ground lately of an unusual number of cougars. They are seen frequently on the roads and trails and are besides responsible for the death of a number of dogs and small stock. Some few months ago a large number of the species was discovered by a startled visitor in a dog kennel quite near to Mr. Skinner's house at Shushartie. Mr. R. F. Warren of Cape Scott, is a fortunate hunter, having within a short space of time accounted for about seven of these feline monsters, whose latest depredation, we hear, was to devour eight of Mrs. Pete Suvik's chickens in broad daylight. No doubt they are likewise responsible for the present scarcity of deer, an animal fairly numerous in this section of the province two years ago. It is to be hoped that the government will take additional measures to extirpate these creatures by offering better inducement for their destruction before they become a scourge in the neighborhood, and whilst yet their appetite is satisfied with dogs and chickens and temptation is not extended to small children.

Mr. J. J. Skinner has returned after a two weeks stay in Vancouver.

Mr. Harry Hanson, in temporary charge of the launch Sea Foam, had much difficulty in landing the mail last weekend. At both Nahwitti and Cache Creek he experienced a "ducking" through the swamping of the skiff.

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"Salus populi suprema est lex."

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1914.

A Climb-Down.

In the estimates of the department of railways and canals passed during the closing days of the session was an item of \$1,000,000 to be used for the purpose of restoring the grade of the National Transcontinental to its former standard.

This appropriation completely justifies the opposition in their criticism of the degradation of the standard originally fixed, and knocks the bottom out of the notorious Gutelius and Lynch-Staunton report.

One of the first things the Borden government did on assuming office, was to do away with the National Transcontinental commission of four members, on the plea that they were not properly qualified to supervise railroad construction.

Major Leonard, after conferring with Mr. Gutelius, decided to lower the standard of that part of the line not already completed.

Rather than adhere to the standard fixed upon by parliament and agreed upon with the Grand Trunk Pacific, this lone commissioner substituted "momentum grades," which means that the track instead of being on the level, runs down a hill and then up a hill.

How these changes coincided with the ideas of Mr. Chamberlain, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific, can be judged by the following letter:

"July 18, 1912. Major R. W. Leonard, Chairman, Transcontinental Commission, Ottawa, Ont.

"Dear Sir,—I learn from our engineers that the standard of work on that portion of the Transcontinental railway between Lake Superior Junction and Cochrane, which was at the outset adopted and has so far been complied with, is being departed from, and that instead of four-tenths grade and permanent structures, you have authorized grades up to one per cent, and the erection of temporary wooden structures. In regard to this I would call attention to clause 7 of the agreement of the 29th July, 1903, which provides

that the work of construction of the eastern division shall be done according to the specifications approved by the company and shall be subject to the joint supervision, inspection and acceptance of our chief engineer and the chief engineer of the commission. I beg to say if this work is done in accordance with what I understand to be your recent instructions, it will not be in compliance with the agreement nor satisfactory to this company and cannot be accepted.

"(Sgd.) E. J. Chamberlain." This degradation of the road was vigorously opposed in parliament by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Geo. P. Graham. It was pointed out by them that such a change constituted a breach of the agreement with the G. T. P. and would be followed by dire results.

The government, however, argued that momentum grades represented the last word in scientific railroad construction.

The now almost forgotten report of Messrs. Gutelius and Lynch-Staunton applauded the lowering of the standard, declaring that had such a principle been applied generally, \$8,000,000 would have been saved on the cost of the road.

Now, however, according to an announcement from Ottawa, Major Leonard is to be relieved of his duties as commissioner, and the government will finish the road itself. It has appropriated an amount to cover the cost of taking out the momentum grades which it put in in violation of its agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific, and the road is to be constructed to the standard set by the Laurier administration.

This is openly admitted by the Minister of Railways and Canals.

Is it any wonder that the Gutelius-Lynch-Staunton report is buried deep in the archives, nevermore to see the light of day.

Mr. Borden's Commissions.

The report of E. Howard Ferguson, a Conservative member of the Ontario legislature, appointed to investigate the management of the Trent canal, was received by parliament during the last days of the session. Like



the reports of other of Mr. Borden's commissions it was a party document from start to finish; so full of misstatements and falsehoods that it was unmercifully attacked even by Tory members of the House of Commons. Colonel Sam Hughes described it as "humbug."

Mr. Borden seems to have been unfortunate with his commissions.

First came the public enquiries commission headed by Hon. A. B. Morine, whom Mr. Borden was forced to dismiss following charges which were made against him in the House by Mr. Frank Carvell. Next came the Gutelius-Lynch-Staunton transcontinental commission which only had the effect of bringing shame on the government.

Next followed the commission appointed to investigate the high cost of living which has already proved itself a ridiculous farce. Now it is the Trent Canal commission that brings discredit on itself and the government by which it was appointed.

If Mr. Borden's commissions were given a thorough understanding of their duties, rather than be made believe it consisted solely in making political capital regardless of any other consideration, perhaps some good would accrue from this expenditure of the people's money.

The leading Conservative organ at Prince Rupert refers to Mr. Wm. Manson as "a consistent defender of the people's rights." Whose rights has he consistently defended? Did he defend the rights of his constituency when he allowed to go unchallenged the statement of the Premier that public works would be curtailed "Particularly in the North?" Did he defend the rights of the people of Bella Coola Valley when year after year they were being imposed upon by an incompetent road-superintendent? or did he not rather consistently defend the incompetent official, until he was finally brought to time by a solid protest from practically every settler in the Valley? Did he defend the rights of the

man who tendered for the contract of building the jail at this place? He did, just in so much that he allowed the man's figures to be disclosed to an incompetent road-boss so that he (the road-boss) might submit a lower estimate and so get the job into his hands, which he did.

Was the statement by Mr. Manson at Hagensborg on October 2nd last that the provincial government had a surplus in the treasury of \$6,000,000, when a short loan had actually been negotiated at the time to tide the government over to the end of the fiscal year; was this, we ask, a sample of Mr. Manson's consistency? We sincerely hope not.

Mr. Manson, as a private individual, may be an admirable citizen and worthy of high regard, but as "defender of the people's rights" he cuts a very sorry figure.

Editor, Bella Coola Courier.

Dear Sir,—May I through the medium of your columns tender the best thanks of myself and family to all those who so kindly brought or sent flowers on the occasion of my late father's funeral.—Yours truly, G. LINDSELL.

Glenorlie Farm, Hagensborg, B. C., June 19, 1914.

Editor, Bella Coola Courier.

THE MISSING LINK.

Sir,—Road work is now in full swing and the appropriation, "such as it is and such as there is of it," is evidently distributed in the various divisions so as to obtain the best possible results. A meteor (and a solid one) appeared already twice up to the end of the valley in the person of "Express J. n. g.s" who by his bustling and jovial activity has done much to revive the hitherto extinct hope that we may actually live to see the road up here. He came, he saw, and let us hope he will conquer, to the satisfaction of all concerned, the difficulties of the road. For the present at least, so far so good.

But a rumor is persistent that people both from outside of Bella Coola and worse still even some living in the valley but not acquainted with the conditions, requirements and geography of the country, are still wondering whether a Road to the end of the valley is an undertaking in proportion to the number of settlers in the Atnarko district. To justify this it would be

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sufficient to point out that more money has been spent already in branch roads and trails in proportion to the number of settlers living at the end of these than has hitherto been allotted to the main road above the Kahylst River (Burnt Bridge), and some of these branch roads were for settlers but recently arrived. Also that the settlers up here have done more than their share in opening up and improving the land in this district when you consider the handicap of the distance from the source of supplies, and many other reasons for the sake of brevity ought to be enough in themselves to warrant a road 15 settlers actually living in the Atnarko district, in the logic, precedents and facts, not to mention the numerous claims paying heavy taxes.

However, the object of this article is to point out the fact that the land in this district when you consider the handicap of the distance from the source of supplies, and many other reasons for the sake of brevity ought to be enough in themselves to warrant a road 15 settlers actually living in the Atnarko district, in the logic, precedents and facts, not to mention the numerous claims paying heavy taxes.

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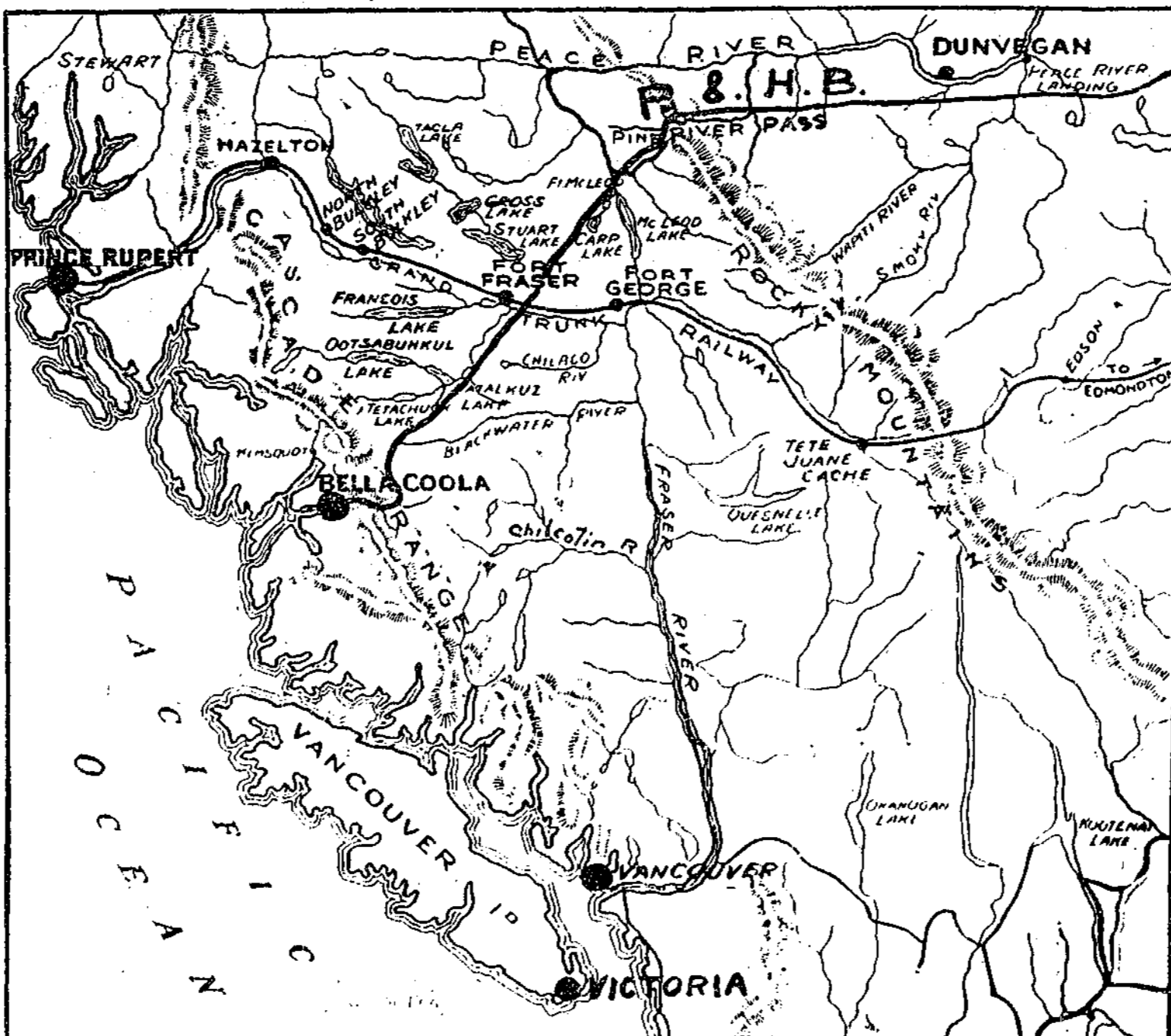
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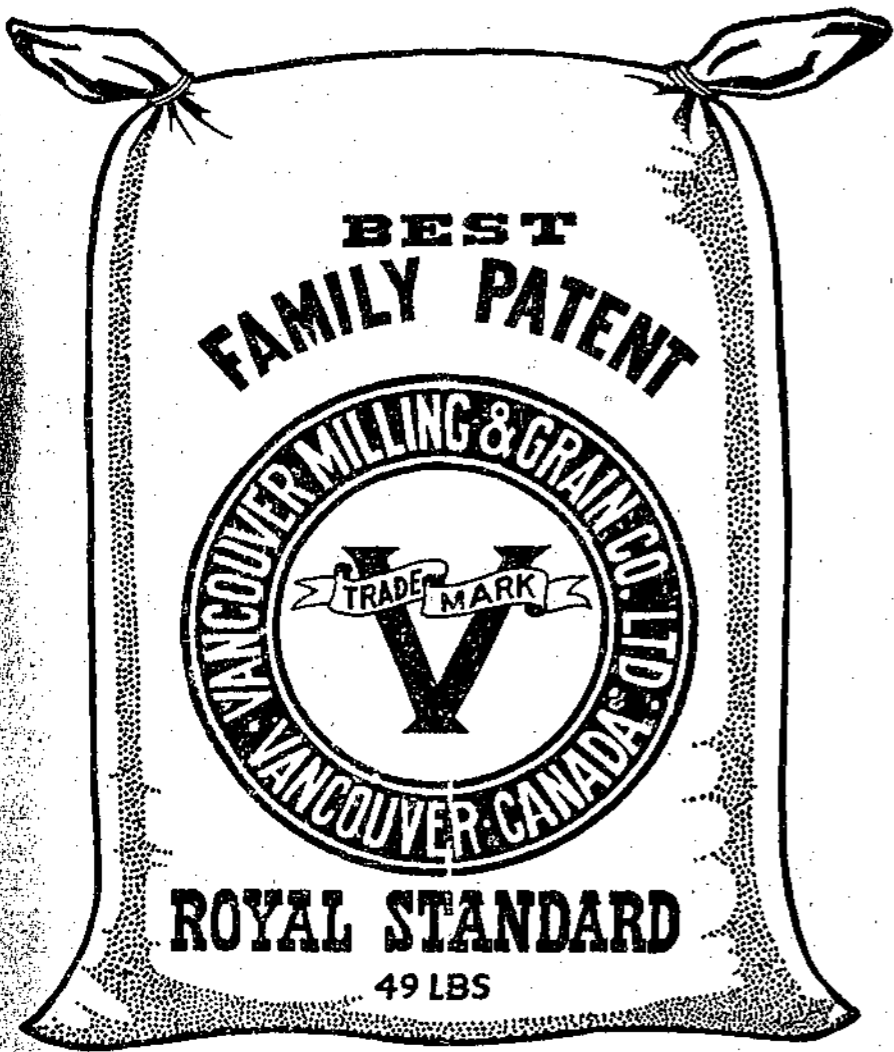
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