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Editorial Notes and Clippings

SIR RICHARD M'BRIDE AND THE COAL MINERS.

As the press despatches indicate, the shortage of coal is becoming a serious thing. At Vancouver and on the Sound great freighters are unable to move and the fuel supply for the small factories and even private consumption is becoming hard to secure. The winter is approaching and those in the big cities will suffer terribly if the strike is not settled.

For the very sake of humanity in general, if he has no sympathy with the miner, Sir Richard McBride should not hesitate to appoint the investigation committee asked for by the miners.

What fairer of more open minded proposal could the miners make than ask for an investigation? They did so immediately and did not wait until months of idleness had passed. And had McBride the interests of the miners, his own department or the people of British Columbia at heart

he would not have waited to be approached by the men, but would have offered the services of the government to avoid the suffering and privation of a coal strike.

All the men wanted was protection of life. The duties of "gas men" often have to be carried out to the annoyance of the coal companies, but they are most necessary for the protection of the lives of all those who work underground.

McBride does not want to have anything too much to do with the coal miners until they forget the fact that his department was held by the coroner's jury to be responsible for the death of seven men at the explosion of the Diamond Vale Collieries at Merritt, and he, instead of holding the investigation he promised the widows and orphans, slunk away to England and came back covered with glory and titles, but he can never, nor can the miner whose life is in the hands of the Premier, forget the seven dead men in the levels of the Diamond Vale Colliery.

TWO MILLION BUSHELS OF WHEAT WERE HANDLED HERE

SWIFT CURRENT, SASK., HANDLED TWO MILLION BUSHELS OF WHEAT DURING PAST SEASON—BUILDING PERMITS EXCEED HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

Swift Current, Sask., Oct. 1.—The substantial development of the Swift Current district is well reflected in the records of the building inspector, which show permits the past year aggregating close to a half million dollars in value. It is also pointed out that over half a hundred houses have been built outside the town limits during the same period. In spite of this record building activity there is not a vacant residence or business house to be found in the town, and the four hotels are constantly crowded to their utmost capacity. There are said to be about 135 new buildings now in course of construction, and four new wholesale houses are now locating here in addition to the five already established. In proportion to population, Swift Current now ranks third in building among Canadian cities. During the

present year sidewalk construction in Swift Current will amount to \$10,000, while the outlay for 1913 is expected to reach double that figure. The fact that during the season just past over 2,000,000 bushels of wheat have been handled here is taken as a reliable basis for future estimates, conservatively stated at 30,000,000 bushels yearly as the potential output of the district.

Opium Smokers Fined.

The police were unable to obtain convictions in the cases of the thirteen Chinamen, charged with gambling and using opium, except in two cases, that of Wgn Long, the proprietor of the house, and Wong Yet, who was caught actually using opium. They were each fined \$25. The rest were discharged.

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THINGS WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL FOR



ISLAND COAL STRIKE CAUSES MUCH ANXIETY TO SHIPPERS

MINES ON VANCOUVER ISLAND CANNOT SUPPLY COAL FOR THE BIG FREIGHTERS—NO COAL AVAILABLE ON PUGET SOUND—VANCOUVER FEARS COAL FAMINE.

Vancouver, Oct. 1.—Prospects of a coal famine for steamships all over the Pacific Coast as the result of the strike at Comox, Nanaimo and Ladysmith have begun to give shipping interests no little concern, and unless the situation changes the deep sea liners and tramp steamers sailing from Vancouver and Puget Sound ports will be greatly delayed. For the departure of the Zealandia for Australia scheduled time it is understood that coal will have to be brought from the Sound to Vancouver on barges to complete bunkering the steamer, which is unable to secure her fuel bunker capacity in British Columbia in time for her departure.

The Blue Funnel liner Titan was unable to bunker across the gulf as these steamers usually do, and is now taking on her fuel at Tacoma. The Lord Derby and other steamers from this port are bunkering on the Sound, with the result that the fuel at Seattle and Tacoma, which has been hardly more than sufficient to accommodate steamers sailing from those ports, is rapidly disappearing.

Portland, also, is figuring on a coal famine if the strike continues, and unless further supplies are secured from the interior, there is every prospect of a tie-up of deep sea and coasting steamers using coal fuel within a short period.

Whether the C. P. R. will bring coal from Crows' Nest Pass is

not known, but the Ion ghaul is said to make the price of fuel brought through the mountains almost prohibitive for bunkering steamers. The strike happens at a time when the North Pacific ports are having the greatest rush of shipping in the history of the coast, and unless the strike is settled within a short time steamship owners and charterers will suffer great loss.

In the event of the famine at Puget Sound ports becoming acute it is probable that vessels of the regular lines calling at those ports will be given the preference of the supply of fuel on hand, and in this event Vancouver and Victoria will be the ports so suffer most from the coal strike at the Vancouver Island mines.

Findlay-Brace.

Last evening at the Central Hotel, in the presence of a large gathering of friends, the Rev. F. W. Kerr united in the bonds of holy matrimony Mr. C. H. Findlay of Kitsumkalum and Miss Jessie Brace, who had just arrived in the city for the happy event. A reception and supper afterward took place in the big dining room of the hotel, when felicitations and congratulations were showered upon the bridal couple.

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