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NEWS NOTES OF THE GREAT WEST

In Winnipeg bank clearings for the week amounted to \$14,718, compared with \$36,067,000 during the same week last year, being an increase of 24 per cent. direct by farmers since September 18th.

Henry Stege has left New Denver for the moist climate of Vancouver. He kept an hotel for nearly twenty years in New Denver, and his removal from the Lucerne is like losing part of the scenery of that beauty spot.

George Clark, who recently was injured by an explosion in the Payne mine, will soon be out of the hospital in Vancouver, and has saved one eye.

Joe Wilmshurst, Provincial road superintendent, now has his headquarters at Courtenay. He was formerly connected with the road service in Greenwood.

There is some talk of building a \$5,000 agricultural hall at Duncan. This town is called after W. C. Duncan, who came from Sarnia, Ontario, to B. C. in 1861.

In Hope last week a trapper sold the skins of two mink, six lynx and one brown bear for \$45. This is a low price, but the fur may not have been of first quality.

George L. Charleton has opened a general store at Mud River. It is near Slim Miller's ranch, and will be a great convenience to settlers in the Fraser Lake country.

The C. P. R. is now double tracking its road between Ruby Creek and Vancouver. Next March work for the same purpose will begin between Ruby Creek and Spence's Bridge.

STEAM SHOVELS WILL MOVE OVER THE SNOW

Great Shovels Are Awaiting Fall of Snow to Be Taken to Burns Lake for Work.

On Sunday last the first steam shovel of three arrived in town and has since been dismantled and loaded on sleighs ready for shipment to Burns Lake as soon as the snow comes. This shovel came from camp 24 and was brought to town under her own steam. Dick Johnston, superintendent at Stewart Bros.' camp, Burns Lake, is in charge of the work. The other two shovels will arrive any time now and will be ready for shipment when the snow comes.

The Burns Lake work is one of the big pieces on the western end of the G. T. P. Stewart Bros. and Rankin are the contractors, and to accomplish their task they will use three shovels, six dinky engines, one hundred cars and between three and four hundred men. The engines and cars are now at Sealey and along the line ready for shipment, and Johnston will have at least a hundred head of horses on the road when he once gets started. To complete the work will take at least two years and during that time an immense amount of supplies will be sent out from New Hazelton to keep the camps going. There are between 600,000 and 700,000 yards of material to move and the rock is some of the hardest yet encountered. At the present time they are drifting for a big shot, which will be put off about the first of the month. This one shot will use 35 tons of powder. The completion of the Burns Lake work will very nearly mark the completion of the western division of the road and the eastern division will not be many months behind. It is hardly expected, however, that the road will be connected up in less than two and a half years.—Omineca Herald.

Messrs. N. McIvor, Berkshire; P. Byng Hall and A. Harvey, the four prominent Victoria business men representing large British financial interests, who have been visiting the district for some little time past, returned to Victoria yesterday morning on the Prince Rupert. They returned the evening before on the train from the interior, where they have been negotiating a big land deal.

Latin Teacher: "Now you may give me an example of the dative. High School Girl (with her mind elsewhere)—I will meet you at 8 o'clock."—Puck.

ITEMS OF NEWS FROM HAZELTON

H. W. Sharpe has returned from a trip to the Upper Bulkley to inspect his land, which is situated near the Diamond D ranch.

A new warehouse is being built on the Hudson's Bay property for the storage of gasoline and other inflammable commodities.

Cataline, the veteran packer, brought part of his pack train to Hazelton during the week. The animals will be wintered in this vicinity.

W. E. Blake of Francois Lake, came to town on Tuesday. He reports a good hay crop in the lake district and says all the settlers are doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mason Adams and their little daughter have gone to Seattle for a brief visit. Returning next week, they will make their home in Telkwa.

G. A. Rosenthal has gone to his Chicken Lake ranch.

R. G. Steel and H. Carpenter are back from Hudson Bay Mountain.

James McDonald of Prince Rupert is spending a few days in town.

W. P. Murray and P. B. Carr expect to leave tomorrow for a trip to the Bulkley Valley on land business.

W. J. McAfee left for the coast Thursday. He expects to purchase an up-to-date motor car while in Vancouver.

Extract from bridegroom's letter—"I never had any idea that one had to learn so much after marriage. My Emily is learning to cook and I am learning to eat."—Lustige Blaetter.

TELKWA WANTS STATION AND THINK WILL GET IT

Organized Efforts Being Made to Induce G. T. P. to Build Station at That Place.

The Telkwa people are organizing for the purpose of a united action to get a station at that town as soon as the railway reaches that point in the spring. Telkwa is the oldest place in the northern interior to Hazelton and for many years people have made that their headquarters; the Provincial government has spent many thousands of dollars on roads, trails and bridges leading from all points to Telkwa. At the present time all roads go there and the mining properties in the district make that their headquarters. The town is growing rapidly and is quite a size. It is exceptionally well situated and the people there do not wish to move. They have a strong case and there is no doubt but that they will get a station.—Omineca Herald.

ITEMS OF SPORT!

Down east they're holding a hockey players' popularity voting contest, but out here we're satisfied to wait until the men are finally signed before even thinking of voting. Contract jumping is the most popular sport with players nowadays.

The Toronto Telegram wants to know what is to become of pro lacrosse next year. We are unable to enlighten the Eastern scribe, but he should think over what happened to the Turks.

Up to Joe
We don't hold any brief for Tommy Burns, and certainly do not approve of his action in peddling the lightweight championship title about the country but his action doesn't let Gordon and Bayley out. So far they have failed to cover Hyland's 2000 iron men. And after all its money that talks.—Vancouver News Advertiser.

Scottish League.
Aberdeen 3, Partick Thistle 1.
Airdrieonians 0, Raith Rovers 1.
Queen's Park 0, Celtic 1.
Clyde 2, Hamilton Academicals 1.
Dundee 0, Morton 1.
Motherwell 1, Falkirk 4.
Hearts 2, St. Mirren 0.
Kilmarnock 0, Hibernians 1.
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