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THE PROSPECT FOR LUMBERMEN

A brief survey of the conditions affecting the lumber industry is given in the annual number of the Western Lumberman, which has recently come to hand. No feeling of despondency on account of the money stringency is expressed. On the contrary the Lumberman thinks that such temporary depressions may be, perhaps, blessings in disguise, since they serve as a check to the tendency towards an excessive precocity and put a brake upon the too rapid development which is apt to arise from a prolonged spell of uniform prosperity.

In spite of the inactivity which has prevailed in business circles during the past six months there has been considerable development in the lumber industry of the west during the year. At the coast and in the mountains new mills have been placed in operation and existing mills have undergone enlargement while in the Prairies many new retail yards and wholesale warehouses have opened for business. Almost all existing businesses, too, whether manufacturing, wholesale, or retail report increased trade—a condition brought about by the great increase in population—and state that the year's business has been good.

Future prospects are considered to be good. For one thing with a good crop, there will be an immediate betterment in all lines of business. Again in the lumber manufacturing circles prospects are excellent. The proposed alterations in the United States tariff should, if they go through, enable the Canadian manufacturers to enter the American market upon a basis of equality. The opening of the

Panama Canal, also, should do a great deal to stimulate the manufacturing industry of British Columbia by lessening the freight rates and the time of transportation between Western Canada and European ports.

There are, however, dangers which, though still distant, are beginning to threaten certain branches of the lumber industry. Chief among these is the competition which is creeping in owing to the cheapening of brick and brick construction. Other rivals to the lumberman are the makers of concrete, of metallic ceiling and metallic siding, of metallic and asbestos shingles and of the tiles which many of the brick plants recently established throughout the west are turning out.

To cope with their rivals the Western Lumberman advises the heads of the lumbering industry to advertise their wares vigorously. It does not think, however, that the threat of such extraneous competition is commensurate with the possibilities afforded by the prospects of a widening market.

THINK OF THIS, IN ULSTER!

The Londonderry and other Ulster towns rowdies for the last three years have been chalking on walls such legends as "Papist Ned," "Fenian Geordie." Outside admirers of Ulster loyalists, if there are any, may be surprised to learn that "Papist Ned" meant the late King Edward, "Fenian Geordie" our present King. The observance of constitutional procedure by the sovereign is thus stigmatized by the patriots of North Ireland who want to continue ruling that country.

SCENES AROUND STEWART



GOVERNMENT BRIDGE ACROSS BEAR RIVER AT THE NORTH END OF THE TOWNSITE



WHERE A YEAR AGO STOOD A FEW LOG CABINS TO-DAY STEWART BOASTS OF MANY HANDSOME RESIDENCES

(Courtesy Portland Canal Miner)

HAZELTON MINING NOTES

Frank Brown and Bert McNaught have been on the Lead King, on Nine Mile Mountain, doing exploration work on the big King vein, which was discovered two summers ago by P. J. and Theodore Jennings and which was of so much interest at the time. The improved transportation will enable the owners to get busy.

Slats Webber came into town Monday from the Ingencia group with some fine specimens of ore taken from under the capping on Pyramid claim. The boys are making new discoveries every day, although the prospecting is slow on account of the slide rock and timber. They have a good trail to their property.

At the present time there is a good deal of prospecting around the Skeena Crossing side of the Roche de Boule Mountain in the vicinity of the Brian Boru.

Martin Kane has some fine looking ore on the Maid of Erin group on Four Mile Mountain, adjoining the Erie.

Tim Sexton, better known as Tracey, is in from the Hudson Bay Mountain with some nice looking rock from his claim, adjoining the White Heather group of Frank Martin and Joe Trethewey. It looks like the same character of ore and will likely run rich in silver.

P. J. Jennings and M. J. Burns left Tuesday morning for the Highland Boy group on Roche de Boule, where they will spend the next week or ten days. It is their intention to go up on Nine Mile Mountain as soon as they get back and look over the properties there with a view to further investments.

Reports this week from the Wild Rose mineral claim on the Roche de Boule, just behind the Great Ohio group, are very promising. The first of the

week Ferguson came in from the property with some fine samples of ore he took from the main vein. Ferguson was out for Fred Peterson, the owner of the Wild Rose.

At the Harris mines the boys are drifting to the north on the 185 foot level and also raising to the 100 foot level for air. The ore in the drift continues good and the boys are well satisfied. They are now stripping the vein at the north end and down the hill preparatory to starting the long tunnel on the vein.

On Wednesday afternoon the good news came from General Manager Haskins at the Silver Standard mine that they had broke into ore on the upper vein. The big crosscut tunnel from the main shaft was completed the latter part of the week and it opened up a strong vein three feet wide. The tunnel is 425 feet long and gives a depth of 350 feet on the upper vein.

Last week D. McLeod and Duke Harris made a trip to Silver Cup mine, on Nine Mile Mountain, for the purpose of looking over the property with a view of getting development work started again this summer. Mr. McLeod reported that they inspected Nos. 2 and 3 tunnels on the Cup claim as well as the workings on the Duke claim, farther down the hill. The No. 1 tunnel is still filled with snow. With the Nos. 2 and 3 he was more than pleased and states that they are in fine shape to begin taking out ore. The No. 3 gives them at least 700 feet of depth and the vein is strong and the ore high grade. Mr. McLeod is recommending to the company that work on the Silver Cup be resumed this summer. He is making a full report to the company and it is expected that the directors will act upon his recommendations.—Omineca Herald.

BELLA COOLA NOTES

The local farmers are busily engaged hauling potatoes to the wharf in readiness for shipment to Prince Rupert and other coast ports. Over forty tons were shipped on the Venture last week, consigned to Prince Rupert, and a like quantity will be ready for the same boat on her next call.

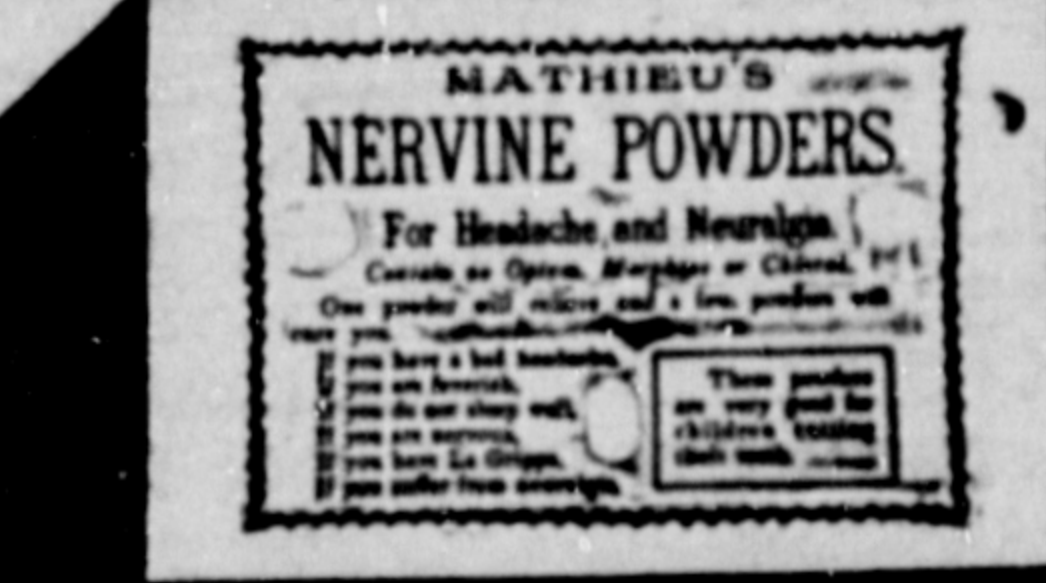
Bridge Foreman Keough and his gang are making preparations for the commencement of construction, which will be undertaken as soon as possible. The new bridge will be built immediately alongside the present one, thus necessitating very slight alteration to the present road.

Mrs. P. Noot comes from Victoria to pay a visit to Captain and Mrs. T. Thorson.

Miss Ellen Thorson returns home after an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. P. Noot, Victoria. Mr. and Mrs. Rolston have taken temporary residence in a beautifully situated summer camp on the Necleetsconny River, where Mrs. Rolston and some lady friends will spend a portion of the summer.

Mr. Roy Collard, who recently left Bella Coola to make his home in the Peace River country, writing to a reader of the Courier, says: "I am thoroughly satisfied with the country and have already taken up a homestead about twenty-two miles northwest of Peace River Crossing. It is a fine, parklike country, every quarter section containing from sixty to one hundred and twenty acres of open prairie."—Bella Coola Courier.

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