

MINISTER ROSS AND THAT WATERFRONT QUESTION

OLD TIME YUKONERS ON WAY TO SHUSHANA—KITIMAT VALLEY IS OPENED FOR PRE-EMPTION

WATERFRONT DIFFICULTIES PRESENTED TO HON. MR. ROSS

QUESTION MADE THAT GOVERNMENT BUILD LARGE WHARF FOR GENERAL USE OF FISHING CONCERNS—MATTER WILL BE CONSIDERED.

The absolute impossibility of having waterfrontage for industries in this city was brought to the attention of Hon. W. R. Williams, minister of lands for the federal government, at a conference between that gentleman and the council of the board of trade last evening. The meeting was held in the office of J. Lorne, secretary of the board of trade, G. R. Naden presiding in the absence of F. G. Dawson, president. W. E. Williams, chairman of the committee having this matter in hand, presented the case in a very clear and forcible manner. Among those who have made application for waterfront sites he mentioned the following: An English company which wants to establish a boat building plant; Prince Rupert Co.; F. Shaw, builders' supplies; J. H. Hilditch, builders' supplies; F. N. Clifton, steamship; Ocean Fish Co., Atlantic Fisheries, Ltd., New England Company, Rogers & Black.

In the course of his remarks Mr. Williams suggested to the minister that the government build on a portion of its waterfront a wharf such as would accommodate a number of fishing companies, with a cold storage plant in connection. After hearing the case, Hon. Mr. Ross said that it was impossible for him to commit the government on such a question or to give any definite answer off hand. He drew attention to the fact that if the government were to alienate its waterfront at the present time more serious difficulties later on might arise. Furthermore, the government had not adopted the principle of public ownership in the matter of wharves. He thought that the Grand Trunk Pacific was the natural source from which industries should expect to get waterfront facilities. In conclusion:

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MONTANA MINES AT STEWART SHOW BIG VALUES IN SILVER

AVERAGES OVER \$300 TO THE TON—MINES WILL SEND FINE EXHIBIT TO THE FAIR.

C. Magee, a well known miner and operator of Stewart, arrived in this city this morning to spend a few days here before continuing on to Vancouver. Mr. Magee has an active interest in the general display that will be sent to Stewart to the Prince Rupert Exhibition and says that the operation, representing the different mines and prospects of the Portland Canal mining division, will be several tons in weight, and confidently expects it will capture the grand prize. He brought down the good ore from the northern mining district that the long bore of the

Portland Canal Tunnels, Ltd., was in over 1,900 feet and that the drills were now working in an ore body, the first to be encountered in the Glacier creek vein series, for which the tunnel was designed to crosscut at considerable depth. Mr. Magee, in association with George Brugg, owns the Montana group, up the Marmot River. This property has been under lease to two men who have taken out and sacked ready for shipment some four tons of high grade silver ore that will average fully \$300 per ton. He has with him specimens that assay \$945.50 in silver and about 40 per cent. in lead.

STRETCH OF KITIMAT VALLEY THROWN OPEN TO PRE-EMPTION

LARGE RESERVE TO BE CUT INTO FORTY ACRE BLOCKS—TO BE THROWN OPEN NEXT FRIDAY AT PRINCE RUPERT GOVERNMENT OFFICE.

The department of lands of the provincial government has issued a pamphlet describing the lands of the Kitimat Valley, which are to be thrown open for pre-emption on September 12th. A sketch map has also been issued to accompany the pamphlet. The Kitimat Valley, running north and south from the head of Kitimat Bay, one of the many picturesque fjord-like fjords which indent the

northern coast, has since 1898 been included in a reserve. It has been cut into forty acre blocks, and from September 12, 1913, these are being thrown open for pre-emption at the office of the government agent at Prince Rupert.

The valley, drained by the Kitimat River and its tributaries, is connected by a low, narrow divide with the Lakelse Valley, which reaches to the Skeena and contains considerable good agricultural land, much of it fairly well covered with timber, mostly hemlock, spruce and balsam. As is well known, the valley was at one time considered as a possible outlet for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway before Prince Rupert was finally decided upon, and the charter held by the Pacific Northern & Omineca Railway for a line through the valley, for which preliminary surveys were made, was acquired by that company. No work was done, however, other than a little grading in the Lakelse Valley. In anticipation of expected development at the time, the railroad and other officials were act-

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LIGHT PUNISHMENT; INCREASED CRIME

Educated Burglars Regard Their Work as Sport or Recreation—Weigh the Risks.

London, Sept. 4.—Such of the 1913 crop of college graduates as have not yet chosen a career may be interested to learn that, according to the chairman of the Middlesex sessions, the opportunity for men of education in the burglary business was never as good as now. The ignorant Bill Sikes type has ceased to exist, to be superseded by the genteel and erudite Raffles.

Sir Robert Anderson, formerly of Scotland Yard, without committing himself to the correctness of the view expressed, declares that if it is true it is due to the fact that punishment is now much lighter than formerly and that long sentences have disappeared. He thinks present methods tend to increase crime.

"I remember that once a friend of mine, who was a minister, went to New York, where he was shown over the prisons," said Sir Robert. "As he was speaking to a well-educated prisoner on the sadness of his position, the man replied: 'You have fox hunting in England. Sometimes you get a bad fall while hunting, do you not? I have had a bad fall, but that is no reason why I should give up the sport.'"

"That is the point of view of the educated prisoner. He considers the risks, and if they are not too heavy he continues to prey on society. The only way to deal with him is to make these risks so heavy that he will not care to incur them."

A REPORTER'S LUCK

Got a Free Cigar and Ruined a Dollar Umbrella.

While gathering the news at the waterfront this morning in connection with the departure of the Prince George and at the same time enjoying a cheap cigar which was probably presented him by someone wanting a column interview, a reporter for one of the evening papers passed a remark as to the unique manner in which he smoked, the cigar burning in rather graceful curves on one side only. The next moment he was waving his hands and arms frantically to extinguish the flames which were bursting from his dollar umbrella which he had purchased only yesterday. Whether the end of the cigar or one of S. M.'s hot editorials had dropped into the folds of the umbrella was not ascertained.

FOR CIVIL SERVICE

Examinations to Be Held Here Middle of November.

Ottawa, Sept. 4.—The civil service commission gives notice that preliminary and qualifying examinations for the outside division of the civil service of Canada would be held on November 11, 12 and 13 at many points throughout Canada, including Victoria, Prince Rupert, Vancouver and Nelson.

Methodist Social.

A social will be given this evening in the basement of the Methodist Church by the young people of the church. The program will consist of music, singing, three minute speeches, refreshments and games. Everybody welcome.

Duncan Ross, railway contractor, arrived in the city last night and left this morning for Victoria. Mr. Ross has just come through from Fort Fraser and reports good progress in railway construction all along the line. He is scarcely as optimistic as J. W. Stewart, but is confident that the last spike will be driven within a year.

TERRACE CITIZENS HAVE PRIVATE SCHOOL

New Presbyterian Church Was Dedicated by Rev. F. W. Kerr on Sunday.

Terrace, Sept. 4.—The dedication of the new Presbyterian Church was largely attended. Rev. F. W. Kerr conducted the devotional exercise and preached the opening sermon. He was assisted in the musical parts of the service by Mr. Rex Calvin and others.

Mr. Sussi and Mr. Cowell of the hatchery at Lakelse returned from Prince Rupert on Wednesday.

The Terrace private school will open on Monday next in the new Presbyterian Church.

An enthusiastic meeting of citizens was held in the house of Mr. Lazell on Wednesday evening, when it was decided to establish a private school here until such time as the government see their way to supply educational facilities. A board of directors, consisting of Mrs. Little, Mr. Ames and Mr. Lazell, was appointed, and Mr. Pettor was elected secretary. Advertisements have already been placed in the newspapers and preparations are being made for a room in which the school is to meet. A school in town is a necessity and the citizens are determined that there shall be no delay in establishing one.

The Progress Club gave an enjoyable dance on the evening of September 1st (Labor Day).

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McIntosh, Mr. J. Manson, Miss Adams and Mr. W. D. McIntosh were among the arrivals on Saturday's train.

Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Kerr are the guests of Mrs. W. J. Pettor for a few days.

AUSTRALIANS VICTORS

Beat Windy City Team by Three Straight Games.

Chicago, Sept. 4.—The Australian cricketers made it three straight from the picked Chicago squad today, taking the third game 312 to 103. The Chicago men were first at bat, but made poor resistance against the bowling of Macartney, Down and Mayne. Dickson made 17 and Gouvier 10. The visitors made 312 in the two hours and twenty minutes they were at bat, Cody leading with a score of 200. Campbell was the next top scorer with 36 not out. Allen bowled well, getting six wickets for 97.

The Report Is Denied.

London, Sept. 4.—In reply to an inquiry regarding the report that Prince Arthur was to succeed the Duke of Connaught to the governor generalship of Canada, Captain Rivers Bulkeley, the Duke's equerry, telegraphs to the star correspondent from Bagshot Park: "Not a word of truth in the statement."

Noted Composer Dead.

Buxton, Eng., Sept. 4.—Michael Maybrick, an English music composer, who, under the name of "Stephen Adams," wrote some of the most popular songs in the English language, among them "Nancy Lee," "The Warrior Bold" and "The Holy City," died here yesterday at the age of 69.

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WHERE CLOTHES ARE QUITE UNNECESSARY

To Straits of Magellan Natives They Appear to be Injurious to Health

San Francisco, Sept. 3.—Capt. Leslie, of the British steamship, Earl of Elgin, which arrived yesterday from Norfolk, has become fairly convinced that clothing is not a necessity. As proof he cites a happening among the dwindling race of Yahgans, in the Straits of Magellan.

The ship was in the midst of icebergs when two natives, father and son, paddled out in a canoe. The father wore a simple belt and the son was attired in the remains of a coat.

Feeling certain the lad was freezing the captain had him wrapped in a blanket and sent to the galley to get warm. The boy speedily became weak and faint.

The father, seeing his son's plight, rushed forward, seized him and threw him overboard into the icy water.

The boy immediately revived and climbed into the canoe where he laughed merrily as he caught ship's biscuits tossed by members of the crew.

The captain adds that there are only 200 Yahgans left.

LAURIER AND LIBERTY

Extracts from His Recent Address at Montreal.

"Gentlemen of this city, of all the province of Quebec, nay, the electors of the whole Dominion of Canada, I am a British subject. I am satisfied with that condition. We are free, and when we are free we have no need of anything further. But this attempt to put Canada in the position of a contributor to the British treasury for naval purposes is a direct attack on our liberty."

"The cause of liberty is not a question of race. It is not English and is not French. It is larger than that. It is the cause of humanity. Our idea of conciliation has been that all races and faiths in Canada must receive equal treatment, and in the following out of that idea we have given fifteen years of prosperity to Canada. Gentlemen, judgment has been passed on the present government. It is for you to pronounce the verdict."

THREE PRISONERS SOUTH

Two for Supplying Liquor and One for Vagrancy.

Constable Mailey left on the Prince George this morning in charge of three prisoners for New Westminster. Fook Ling and See Sing, Chinamen, will spend five months at the provincial jail for supplying liquor to Indians at Arrandale, and John Cameron, a vagrant, given a five months' term a short time ago, will work for the good of the province.

May Stop All Boxing.

Los Angeles, Sept. 4.—Official approval was given to the crusade for the prohibition of boxing in California last night, when the county supervisors adopted resolutions declaring this is the only means to prevent prize ring fatalities such as the death last Saturday of John ("Bull") Young after his fight with Jess Willard. The sport as now conducted by professional athletic clubs was condemned.

Southbound Passenger List.

The following left on the Prince George this morning: E. Maah, Mrs. James A. Brown, R. P. Hamilton, J. K. Gordon, T. S. Munn, Fred Brewer, N. Farthing, C. R. White, J. F. Cork and son, G. Stewart, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Flecher, P. F. Childs, W. A. Tuck, H. Dawe, R. McNeil, F. Brusa, M. Brusa, D. Rankin, A. W. McKee, Lee Watson, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Agnew, H. Patterson, George Grey, Miss Braden.

THREE OLD TIME YUKONERS ON THEIR WAY TO SHUSHANA CAMP

TOUCHED HERE THIS MORNING ON AMERICAN FREIGHTER—HAVE SIX HORSES, A YEAR'S OUTFIT FOR EACH MAN AND "INSIDE" TIPS

There are conflicting reports about the Shushana gold strike, as there always is in regard to any new territory that is stampered, but those best qualified to know show their confidence in the value of the discovery is the best evidence at present obtainable.

There arrived this morning on the American freighter Jennie, three old-time Yukoners who are acquainted with the Shushana district and who started to the new diggings on the strength of reliable "inside" information. They are H. B. Berdoe, W. A. Complin and A. W. Brown, all well-known to the old Dawsonites now resident in this city. Mr. Berdoe was until a few days ago, fuel agent of the White Pass Co., and went to the Yukon in 1900 after distinguishing himself in the Boer war as a sergeant of the Strathcona Horse. Mr. Complin

reached Dawson after a hard and hazardous trip from Athabasca which took up a couple of years and became well known as one of the Canadian Bank of Commerce staff. Mr. Brown is an Englishman who made the trip from London to Dawson altogether by water and from his arrival devoting himself to digging out the yellow dust.

These men were all established in business in Vancouver and are taking once more to the trail because of confidential tips they have received from friends inside as to the actual conditions and the promising outlook for the new camp. The nature of this information they naturally decline to disclose.

They are taking with them six horses and a year's outfit for each man and will journey to Shushana by the government trail by way of Klucane Lake.

WILL FINALLY SETTLE INDIAN LANDS QUESTION IN PROVINCE

ROYAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS IN THE CITY TODAY—WILL VISIT MASSET AND SKIDGATE RESERVES.

The royal commission on Indian affairs, created under joint agreement of the Dominion and Provincial governments for the purpose of finally adjusting all matters with respect to Indian reserve lands in British Columbia, reached the city last evening on board the steamer Queen City, which has been specially chartered for the trip.

The commission is composed of Hon. E. L. Wetmore, the chairman chosen by unanimous agreement of the Dominion and Provincial representatives; Dr. J. A. J. McKenna and Mr. N. W. White, K. C., being the federal nominees and Mr. James P. Shaw, M. P. P. and Day H. Macdowall the representatives of British Columbia. The commission is constituted under an order in council bearing date of the 27th of November last, and based upon and including an agreement previously entered into between Dr. McKenna, as a special commissioner named by the Dominion government to investigate the condition of Indian affairs in British Columbia, and Premier Sir Richard McBride, acting for the province in the same behalf.

The functions of the commission are strictly limited to the adjustment of reserves according to the necessities and conditions of the Indian occupants. Where it is found that a reserve contains sufficient land for the maintenance of the Indians domiciled thereon, and no more, such reserve will be finally confirmed by the commission. Where a reserve is found too small for the reasonable requirements of the Indians it will be sufficiently enlarged, the province guaranteeing to furnish the requisite additional lands. Where a reserve is adjudged to be unduly large, such portion as is regarded as in excess of the reasonable requirements of the Indians, the Commission is authorized to cut off, with the consent of the Indians, this overplus land being sold by auction, and one half of the net proceeds being retained by the province, while the other half is paid to the Dominion as guardian of the Indians, for the use and benefit of the latter. In consideration of sharing in the proceeds of such sales, the provincial government is to abandon in toto its claim to reversionary interest in reserves throughout British Columbia, the adminis-

tration of such reserves being thereby greatly facilitated.

The great feature of the commission's work is to be the finality which will characterize its determination of the extent and location of Indian lands in British Columbia. Upon the adoption of the Commission's final report it is expected that the position of the Indians in this province will be greatly improved, they being placed, in so far as land holding is concerned, upon practically the same basis as Indians in the other provinces of Canada. It is expected that work of investigation and adjudication will occupy approximately three years.

Mr. C. H. Gibbons, of Victoria, is associate secretary of the commission, and Mr. McGregor Young, K.C., of Toronto, represents the Dominion Government (as guardian of the Indians) in the capacity of counsel. Although the functions of the commission are distinctly limited to determination of reserved lands questions, it is authorized to hear general complaints and grievances of the Indians and to report thereupon to the Government at Ottawa, with a view to the future betterment of departmental administrative policy with respect to Indian affairs in this section of Canada.

After spending some time in considering applications for railway right-of-way, the commission established headquarters at Victoria on May 26th. Since that time it has visited all the reser-

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**PRINCE GEORGE
AUCTION SALE**

The long looked for sale of Prince George has been announced and will take place at Vancouver on the 17th day of September. Our Mr. Collart, who has been on this town-site and knows the ground thoroughly, will attend the sale. Any orders given us will receive his prompt and careful attention. Information respecting this town-site will be given to any one calling at our office.

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