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BELLA COOLA DISSATISFIED.

The Bella Coola Courier continues a weekly criticism of the administration of the Provincial road work under William Manson, M. P. Bella Coola Valley was always a stronghold of William Manson's, but when he appeared at a public meeting there a few weeks ago to defend his policy many of his erstwhile friends openly showed antagonism. The Courier claims thousands of dollars have been wasted on useless work while roads greatly needed remain unbuild.

WHEN THE WHALE DISAPPEARS.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an article from Seattle propounding the theory that the killing off of the whales in the waters along the Alaskan coast is ruining the herring industry, just as a similar condition did in Norway. The argument is that as the whales no longer chase the herring into the shallow waters and consequently herring do not school in the small bays until they are ready to spawn, at which time they are useless for food.

The theory is not greatly credited here, where there is one of the best herring banks in the north. There were very few whale here last winter, yet tremendous schools of herring

were found in the harbor through the season and big catches were made.

There is also a theory talked of among the fishermen that the disappearance of the whale will ruin the salmon runs. The claim in this instance is that the whale stirs up the deposits on the bottom of the sea and the salmon, who is unable to go to the bottom, follows the whale and feeds upon the drifts. There is no scientific data to back up this theory, but it is, nevertheless, being peddled by some public men interested in the fish business.

Killing off the North Pacific whale as is now being done will undoubtedly disturb the domestic economy of the denizens of the deep, but there is no tangible evidence to show that it will effect either the herring or the salmon.

The discovery of Hon. George E. Foster that Canada might develop a big trade in flour with the Orient is not a new idea. Earl Grey propounded the same scheme in Prince Rupert over four years ago and intimated that this city would be the great port of transshipment. The Hon. Foster thinks a different kind of flour will have to be made to suit the Oriental taste. That may be but the Japanese and Chinese in this country take very kindly to the standard white flour, while the Hindus use the whole wheat flour and seem to like it.

DOES WHALING TEND TO INJURE HALIBUT AND HERRING FISHING?

HERRING MEN DECLARE INDUSTRY HAS DWINDLED TO NOTHING THROUGH RECORD KILLING OF WHALES DURING PAST SUMMER.

According to statements made in a Seattle newspaper, as a result of interviews with prominent Seattle men interested in the fisheries industry death is certain for the herring and halibut industries of Alaska if whaling operations are continued in the north.

"The greatest season in the history of Alaska whaling was recently brought to a close," says the report. "In the history of the world's whaling there have been perhaps few so successful and only one company was in operation with three small whaling craft and a station at Port Armstrong, Southeastern Alaska. It is now claimed that as a result of the record killing of whales during the past summer, prospects for 1913 will be a miserable failure. Herring men declare what promised to grow into one of the most valuable of all Alaska's industries last year has dwindled to almost nothing through the record killing of whales during the past summer. At first they thought the herring were just a little late in running. Now, they say, it is practically certain that there won't be a run."

"Norway faced just such a problem a number of years back. Year by year its fishing industry dwindled until finally it reached the stage at which it is claimed the Alaska herring industry is now. An investigation was made by the Norwegian government and to whaling was attributed the loss of what had once been one of the most valuable of Norway's industries. Whaling, thereafter, was prohibited and today Norway's fishing industry is again flourishing.

"The Norway investigators reported that the whale, when feeding, drives the herring and other small fish of this class into shallow waters, where they are followed by the larger inshore fish, such as the cod, salmon, halibut and other such. It was claimed that the herring, with the whales killed off, only came into the small bays and fjords of Norway during the spawning season, when they are nearly worthless.

"Speaking of the situation, Mr. H. W. Starrett, one of those interested in the protest of the fishermen, said: 'Stringent measures should immediately be taken to put a stop to whaling in Alaska. Norway found such a move necessary, and now it has become a choice with us between whaling and the combined herring and halibut industries, one the benefactors of thousands, the other of benefit to only those same Norwegians who were driven from their own country and have taken up operations in Alaska.'

OLD BILL MINER'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

"Never Take What Belongs to Another Man; Rob Only Corporations"

It was the boast of Bill Miner, the train robber, the New York correspondent of the Telegraph says, that throughout his long spectacular career that he never did a "really dishonorable thing"—that is to say, dishonorable according to the strange code of the outlaws with whom for over 50 years he had been intimately associated in the Far West. He specialized on express trains, holding them up at times single-handed.

Among the ten commandments he obeyed was one which said "Never take what belongs to another man; rob only corporations." Others were "Never fail to help a woman;" "Keep every man's goodwill;" and "Give a fellow money when he needs it;" "Never say a bad thing about a man when you can say a good one; Don't squeal." He devoted half his time to robbing and half to recreation.

There was a time, twenty years ago, when he maintained a swell house in New York, with English servants, and when he spent the fashionable season in London, living in the best hotels and dining in the most luxurious restaurants. His great weakness, which finally led to his downfall, was strong drink. "If I had only been a teetotaler," he lamented, "I might have been a leading politician."

INFORMATION WANTED

Any person having seen or heard anything of Fred Hucker, please send information to Ann Hucker, Ketchikan, Alaska, Box 73. Other papers please copy.

Young Corbett has been engaged as referee and boxing instructor at the Canadian A. C. of Montreal.

Prince Rupert's Progress.

Nothing could better exemplify the growing importance of this port than the increased number of travellers that pass through by boat and train. The traffic on the G. T. P. boats is by far in advance of other years. As for the train passengers one wonders what so many men could possibly be doing in the country considering that the road only extends a few hundred miles. The service both ways seems to be used to its full capacity.

Another sign of the rapid progress that is being made in putting this town into shape for its great destiny is the removal of many of the old landmarks. This time it is the late G. T. P. office building, formerly the Kelly-Carruthers store, that is doomed. The building is already partially wrecked and will soon be removed to make room for plans in connection with the new hotel.

The excavation for the new G. T. P. Hotel is being rushed along. A gang of men is employed in stripping the surface of all muck and this will soon be accomplished. After that there will be a small amount of rock work. Before spring the site should be in shape for the commencement of that magnificent structure.



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