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ENGLISH, IGNORANCE AND TORY BUNK

The Tory morning organ charges that the Daily News accused the police authorities with "commissioning men who do not understand the English language to shoot down defenceless citizens in the Hazelton district. Yet those who know the Edgar family, which is of Indian extraction, know that they understand the English language as well as the editors of the Prince Rupert papers."

The charge is absolutely false. The Daily News said nothing about Edgar's English or ignorance. It did say that the dead man was probably almost totally ignorant of the English language but that his ignorance was not punishable by death.

It is quite evident that when anything in print reflects upon the mis-management of Mr. Bride's servants the Tory organ gets stigmatism of the optics.

OVERLOOKING OUR OPPORTUNITIES.

Sir Henry Pellett, the multi-millionaire, has just compromised with the Toronto assessor after a long fight over the assessment on his million dollar residential castle. The assessment was finally fixed at a quarter of a million and 'taxes are paid on that amount. If Sir Henry had built that castle of his in Prince Rupert he would not only be located in the most beautifully situated city in the world but he would not have to pay taxes on any improvements he might make to his property. It is taking

the eastern cities a long time to follow the lead of Prince Rupert in taxing land values only. Many of the western cities are beginning to realize the benefit of the principle and some of them are applying it in part. A few have even gone the whole length of total exemption on improvements. Moreover, these same cities are using their exemption or partial exemption as an advertisement to attract people to their city. While Prince Rupert, the leader in the policy in Canada, has forgotten to speak of it even as a point of civic pride. The city ought to be carrying on a campaign of publicity and the fact should not be overlooked that the exemption of improvements from city taxation will appeal to investors in the east.

The Hardy Bay News is the latest pioneer paper to appear. Just at present it is doing its pioneering in a big office building in Vancouver. May it soon grow strong enough to pick up its pack and mush it into woods of the townsite.

The Provincial government is distributing samples of frost and blight resisting potatoes. If B. C. has many seasons like the past the agricultural department will have to secure waterproof spuds.

It looks as though the numerous Fort George townsites are going to get the question of their official name and the location of their depot into the courts again. If it takes that place as long to grow up as it does to get born it will never be a city.

STEWART ROUTE TO GROUNDHOG CLAIMED TO BE THE SHORTEST

GORDON RUNKLE MAKES THE TRIP FROM STEWART TO HAZELTON OVER THE KITWANGAR TRAIL AND THENCE NORTH

The divides were accompanied by many hardships, as snow had fallen. However, I was determined to get through and see that section of the hinterland before going south, and from the information I gathered there appears to be a marvellous coal area awaiting development. The great need has been more adequate means of transportation and with the completion of the Stewart-Groundhog pack trail coal operators will have provided a far shorter and easier route, with ample feed all the way in. There are also many good valleys suitable for the raising of herds of cattle and horses and bottom lands adaptable for mixed farming, but at present it would be impossible for one to make a living.

"If the reports from the south relating to the early extension of the Canadian North Eastern Railway to the Groundhog coal areas are correct I look to Stewart becoming a most important centre of activity and with its splendid trail system into the interior it should also be the rendezvous and outfitting point of all interested in the development

of the northern interior," he concluded.

After spending seven months in the north covering several thousand miles on foot and thoroughly enjoying his unique holiday, Gordon Runkle, manager of the Patterson Manufacturing Co., has returned to Vancouver. For the greater part of this period he made Stewart his headquarters in connection with the survey of many sections of arable land that he purchased from the government on behalf of his brother in the Naas valley. He made several side excursions, one to Atlin and along the Klusane trail toward the Shushanna gold camp. Another trip was over the new Kitwangar trail from Stewart to Hazelton and thence north following the government telegraph trail to Cabin 6 and return.

"Had the Stewart-Groundhog trail been completed at the time I was at Cabin 6 I would certainly have come back that way, as the Hazelton route is without exception the most difficult I have traversed in the north," said Mr. Runkle to The Miner. "Being late in the fall, the crossing of the Hazelton Canal Miner.

HOLIDAY SERVICE EAST

Grand Trunk Announces Through Train Service for Christmas Season.

In order to provide suitable accommodation for the large number of passengers who will travel from the Pacific Coast to Eastern Canada, the United States and the old country for the Christmas holiday season, the Grand Trunk passenger officials have made arrangements for the operation of through service from Vancouver or Seattle to Portland, Me., and New York for passengers holding either first or second class tickets.

Through cars will be operated, leaving Vancouver 12:15 noon, Dec. 7, running through to Portland and a special train will also leave Seattle on the same date, running to New York. These special parties will be personally conducted in each case. The New York party will have an opportunity of viewing the Niagara Falls.

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GENERAL NEWS NOTES

Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austrian throne, and his consort, the Duchess of Hohenberg, are at Windsor Castle as the guests of King George and Queen Mary.

No satisfactory bids were received for Parry Sound, Ont., issue of \$50,000 6 per cent. debentures, though the options given, or to be given, are at 98½.

Australia and New Zealand are infested with smallpox to a degree unprecedented in the present generation. The loathsome disease is making headway in many parts of Canada. Ontario has its full share.

Edmonton has received the final instalment on its debentures from Messrs. Kleinworth, London. The payment amounted to \$2,000,000, and completed a total payment of \$9,135,000. The city's financial worries for the present year are ended.

Belief that the American turf is to come into its own again in the east is strengthened by the fact that James B. Haggin, Kentucky, New York and California millionaire, has returned to the sport of kings, despite his ninety-three years.

The latest revised list of industries located in Medicine Hat shows employment of about 3,500 hands, with an annual payroll of nearly \$4,000,000.

The Woodstock, Ont., ratepayers have passed a bylaw to loan \$12,000 to the Fort Wayne Oil Tank and Pump Company.

The board of directors of the Dominion Bank recently declared the usual quarterly dividend of 3 per cent. and an additional bonus of 2 per cent. to shareholders of record of December 20, payable January 2.

The Medicine Hat Steel Company, a corporation that has many of the same shareholders

as the Alberta Rolling Mills Company, Limited, has commenced the erection of its buildings. The steel company secured a grant of nine acres of land from Medicine Hat, together with the usual gas and water concessions. In return for this the company agreed to expend approximately \$100,000 in the plant and equipment, and to employ not less than 50 men for the first two years and 75 men for the ensuing three years.

The management of the Intercolonial Railway is making extensive preparations for the increased business expected this winter. Orders have recently been placed for large quantities of additional rolling stock, including twenty-nine locomotives.

GREAT CARIBOU TREK HUNTED BY "MOVIES"

Great Herd Comes Tame Into Camp of Moving Picture Men Near Fairbanks.

Fairbanks, Alaska, Oct. 19.—(By Mail.)—The much looked for run of caribou, for which the hunters and miners in this district have been waiting, passed Salchaket, forty-one miles south of Fairbanks, on October 18. The caribou are going to the winter feeding grounds along the southern slope of the Alaska range.

E. M. Lazarmore and an assistant, moving picture men, with a guide, had been hunting for several days, when on October 17, first ten, then later twenty-five, caribou passed their camp, and on the 18th the great herd rushed down upon them.

The caribou seemed quite tame, coming right into camp and showing no signs of fear.

The run of caribou is a God-send to the hunters, trappers, miners and prospectors, who depend upon them for winter supplies of meat, as many being killed in instances as the law allows, which is three to the man.

And Now Scoop Has A Load Off His Mind

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