

CANADA ON THE EVE OF GREATER DEVELOPMENT

XMAS MAILS INDICATE HARD TIMES NOT SERIOUS---QUARANTINE ON CANADIAN POTATOES

MUD SLIDES NOT SO BAD SAYS G. T. P. ENGINEER

C. C. VAN ARSDOL SAYS THERE WILL BE SIMILAR TROUBLE UNTIL THE EARTH SETTLES AGAIN--WORK ON FRASER LAKE WILL BE DONE IN MARCH--STEWART BROTHERS PLANT MOVED

C. C. VanArsdol, chief engineer for the G. T. P. on the mountain section, came down from the interior on Sunday morning, and spent a few days in town. He reports progress on the construction work very favorable. At Burns Lake he says Stewart Bros. finished up Saturday night and everything was ready for the track. Foreman Johnston was busy loading up the shovels, engines, track and camp equipment and getting it moved on to the big contract at Fraser Lake. The moving of this outfit is a big job, and every available horse in the country is on the work. They will have about one hundred four horse teams.

There is some doubt, according to Mr. VanArsdol, about D. A. Rankin and Company getting out of the way of the rails, although they had about two weeks to finish up before the track could get there. After the rails get to Freeberg's work there will be only about three months ahead. He expects that every contractor will be off the grade in March, although one or two will have to get busy.

Mr. VanArsdol was asked what he thought of the various slides which have occurred along the line. He replied that up to the present there had been nothing serious; in fact the slides had not been as numerous or extensive as he had expected. In the mud cuts there is bound to be trouble until such time as the earth gets settled down to the new conditions. The trouble will likely continue for a couple of years, but after that it will settle down and be as good a road as the most enthusiastic ever predicted. In other words, the Grand Trunk Pacific will be the best grade and track line in the world.—Omineca Herald.

A GEM OF THE PACIFIC GRACE BAY, MORESBY IS.

DAD WEEKS SAYS THE WINTER IS OVER--GOOD LAND EASILY CLEARED AWAITING SETTLERS AND TRAILS

"Our winter is practically over; the shrubs are in bud, and the grass is taking on the delicate green of springtime."

Thus does "Dad" Weeks talk of his new home on Moresby Island. Dad is one of the greatest boosters this north country has ever seen. He won a reputation as the greatest walking advertisement the Skeena Valley had. He was then located at Kitsumkalum. This summer Dad changed his address. He prospected Moresby Island and took up a pre-emption at Grace Bay. Capt. Sheldon is the pioneer of that place and just now there are only two of them, but this is only the beginning of a prosperous settlement.

BASKETBALL Callies Defeat Bankers in Final Game of Season

The last game of the present basketball season was played last night between the Callies and the Bankers, the Scots winning by a score of 14 to 9.

The following is the standing of the teams at the close of the league:

	P.	W.	L.	Pc.
Tigers	8	6	2	.750
Callies	8	5	3	.625
Bankers	8	3	5	.375
Brotherhood	8	3	5	.375
Men's Own	8	3	5	.375

The season was a successful one from every point of view, the games having been played to schedule and all having been well attended.

The Callies are to be congratulated on having finished in second place, as the majority of their players are new to basketball, but have developed a good team by hard work.

Christmas flowers in Thursday morning. Warks. 360

SPECIAL ATTRACTION—HOLIDAY WEEK

WESTHOLME OPERA HOUSE

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 22 and 23
the beautiful 3 act comedy drama
"Forget-Me-Not"
as played by Miss Rose Coughlan and her London company
Wednesday and Thursday—"In the Secret Service"
Popular Prices - - - 25c., 35c., and 50c.
Reserved Seats at Orme's 3rd Ave. Drug Store
Doors Open, 8 p.m. Curtain Rises, 8.30 p.m.

THIS INDIAN EXPECTED A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Cashing in on Stolen Goods to Go North With His Friends

Fred Auriol, the Indian who robbed Inverness cannery store, surely expected to have a merry Christmas. He was cashing in, expecting to go to Alaska with his friends who left last evening. Fred stole a variety of goods. He pawned gum boots in the city for \$2.50. He sold a watch and a knife at another place for \$1 and at the Fulton Street Grocery he passed a cheque on which he forged an endorsement, and received \$14 in change.

Magistrate McMullin committed him for trial and he pleaded guilty before Judge Young in the county court. He has not yet been sentenced.

MAIL MATTER INCREASING

Does Not Look Like Hard Times According to Postal Statistics

(Special to The Daily News.)
Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The post office department is struggling under a heavier Christmas mail than ever before. This fact seems to discredit the stories of hard times. There is a large increase in all classes of mail matter and especially from the old country. From twelve to fifteen hundred extra clerks are employed in the busier centres to handle the increased traffic.

CHRISTMAS MAILS GLUT CITY POST OFFICE

Biggest Rush of Mail Matter in History of Prince Rupert

"It is easy to be seen that Prince Rupert is growing and becoming a city of homes and families," said Postmaster McIntosh this morning. The number of parcels coming in has been remarkable. Last evening the parcels were piled up to the ceiling in the P.O. sorting room, but the staff of twelve by extra efforts have got it down today and sorted out so that everything was ready for delivery by noon.

Yesterday the Princess May brought in 130 bags of local mail. Special attention was given to making up the mail bags for the district postoffices which get only weekly and fortnightly mails and if there are any Christmas packages delayed to the outside points it is not the fault of the local office.

"Our office here looks like a real metropolitan post office these days," concluded the P. M. with a touch of pride.

Bakery Scorched

A mysterious blaze scorched the inside of the Prince Rupert Bakery on Third Avenue below Eighth Street, about nine o'clock last evening. The baker had been working in the shop and had left for his lunch about half an hour before the blaze was discovered.

The firemen responded quickly to the alarm and in a very few minutes had a stream on the building.

The fire seemed to be in a store room where a ton of flour had been put in yesterday. The inside of the building was badly gutted.

A. Azzalie, who is just now on a trip to Europe, is the owner of both the building and the bakery. There was no insurance.

Notice to the Public

We wish to notify our patrons that the factory will be closed for repairs Dec. 24th, and will re-open Jan. 5th, when we will be prepared to carry on business in the usual way.
PRINCE RUPERT SASH & DOOR COMPANY, LTD. 299-301
Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP

Hon. W. T. White in Public Address Says Canadians Are Too Busy Making Money

(Special to The Daily News.)
Montreal, Dec. 23.—Hon. W. T. White addressed the Canadian Club here last night on Canadian Citizenship. Referring to the question of art and literature, he said that Canadians were too busy making money to develop that side of their natures. The finer arts were bound to flourish best after great periods of storm and stress, and that time would yet come in Canada. Then it was that the best side of the country would blossom out and would give to the world its masterpieces of art and literature.

As far as citizens were concerned we were now receiving them at the rate of over a thousand a day. This mingling of the nations should make for toleration. Canada was playing a big part as a half way house in the progress of civilization.

VICE-PRESIDENT COMING ON TOUR INSPECTION

G. T. P. Official Will Visit Prince Rupert and Go to End of Steel

(Special to The Daily News.)
Calgary, Dec. 23.—Morley Donaldson, vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific, passed through here on his way to the coast. He will visit Prince Rupert and inspect the line from that east to the end of steel.

It is expected that Mr. Donaldson will be here probably next week.

CURRENCY BILL PASSED

Majority in U. S. House of Representatives Was Tremendous

(Special to The Daily News.)
Washington, Dec. 23.—The House yesterday passed the conference report on the administration currency bill by a vote of 298 to 60. The report was sent to the senate, which was waiting to receive it before adjournment.

Daughters of the Empire in St. Andrew's Society Hall on Friday, December 26th. Tickets on sale at Orme's. 300-303

NEWTON OPENED FIGHT WITH PUBLIC SMOKER

Empress Theatre Crowded—Musical Programme and Speech by ex-Mayor.

A smoker always gets the boys. It drew a full house last night in the Empress Theatre, where ex-Mayor Newton made the first campaign speech for the mayoralty of 1914.

The early part of the evening was spent with moving pictures and music, making a programme which the audience enjoyed.

The advertised chairman did not take the position. The seat was filled by Andy Stewart. He was the only one on the platform until 9:30, when the candidate appeared. His entry was greeted with applause in different parts of the hall.

Ex-Mayor Newton spoke for over an hour. The first half of the speech and a goodly portion of the tail end of it was devoted to roasting Mayor Pattullo. The

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Children's Toys

and DOLLS at cost prices. Furs and Muffs at 25 per cent. discount.
JABOUR BROS.

POTATO QUARANTINE TO BE CONTINUED

U. S. Afraid Potatoes From Canada and Europe Have Flowery Scab

(Special to The Daily News.)
Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Houston has issued an order continuing the quarantine which had been placed on the importation of potatoes. The contention is that harmful contagion is taken into the country by that means. The quarantine may be raised by adopting proper regulations and inspection of foreign products providing that they can be shown to be free from the potato wart or flowery scab. The countries affected include Great Britain, Canada and Continental Europe.

COMMISSION HOLIDAYING

High Cost of Living Investigators Away Enjoying Christmas Feasts

(Special to The Daily News.)
Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The departmental commission appointed to enquire into the high cost of living has not yet held its preliminary meeting. This is owing to the absence from the city of John McDougall, chairman, and C. C. Jones. It is unlikely that anything will be done before the Christmas holidays.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BUYING TASTE AND ECONOMY

Wise Buyers Will Look Over the Orme Stock Before Selecting

Some useful, in good taste and not too expensive is the kind of gift that gives the most pleasure. It was with this idea that the holiday stock of gifts was put in the Orme Drug Store, Second Avenue. This stock makes a display that is not only pleasing to the eye but it will suit your pocket, too. For the next two days it goes at 25 per cent discount. That represents the profit.

Among this stock is seen the nicest and daintiest display of fancy stationery shown this season. It is put in fancy boxes and cases, showing new fabrics and designs in correspondence and invitation paperies. The prices run from 25 cents up. There are even little boxes for the kiddies.

The candy counter has the holiday assortments in fancy boxes and baskets of the Nylo and the G-B brands. There is nothing better and nothing makes a nicer gift to a lady.

Perfumes are always a welcome gift and the display here of new odors cannot be matched elsewhere.

In the toilet article assortment are many opportunities to choose a gift for lady or gentleman. Some of the new things are in Parisian ivory, a very popular mounting this season. There are many brushes with Russian bristle and ebony on rosewood backs—hair, clothes, hat or military.

An Eastman kodak is a good Christmas suggestion. These kodaks are an exception in the discount sale. They sell at catalogue price.

Don't overlook Orme's discount sale at the Second Avenue drug store.

The Spokane, northbound, was in last night and left off 25 tons of perishable freight. She had three passengers but one was not allowed to land by the immigration officer under the new regulations preventing immigration to British Columbia.

After the theatre. Palace Cafe. 284tf
Fresh crabs. Palace Cafe. Sixth St. 284tf

SIX BY-LAWS PRESENTED ELECTORS APPROVAL ASKED

CITY COUNCIL TAKES UP PRELIMINARY WORK ON MONEY BY-LAWS—NEW SCAVENGING FEES FIXED

The city council with a full attendance but only one in the audience, transacted the week's business last evening. It consisted principally of giving the first reading to a number of money bylaws which will be submitted to the electors for their approval at the coming civic election. They include telephone extension amounting to \$70,000; permanent building, Fulton St., \$50,000; recreation grounds, \$30,000; extension of electric light plant, \$45,000; new electric plant, \$105,000; municipal waterworks extension; agreement with Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Company.

The mayor stated that the bylaw for the recreation grounds and the agreement with the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Company were not quite ready and it might be necessary to call a special meeting to give them the final reading within the time specified by law.

Ald. Bullock-Webster, who is absent, asked an extension of leave of absence as it will be impossible for him to get back by January 15. This was granted.

An estimate for Second Avenue grading was passed and the amount ordered paid. The mayor drew attention to the fact that all the estimates on this Second Avenue work are payable in debentures.

The medical health officer's report for November shows thirteen births in the city and five deaths.

A bylaw fixing a new schedule of fees for city scavenging was read a second time. The fees paid, excepting that they are made to cover variations.

The mayor informed the council that the city employees for December would all be issued before Christmas and that the Aldermanic checks were also ready on condition that each one present it to his wife. In the instances where two of the aldermen are bachelors he recommended them to get wives.

THE PREMIER OPTIMISTIC THINKS WORST IS OVER

IN SPEECH BEFORE TRAVELLERS CLUB INTIMATES CANADA IS ON THRESHOLD OF GREATER DEVELOPMENT

(Special to The Daily News.)
Montreal, Dec. 23.—Premier Borden was a guest at the Travellers Club last night. In an address during the course of the evening he made reference to the financial condition of the country and said that he was confident the worst was past. The country was now passing through a period of recuperation. Notwithstanding the strides Canada had made in the past the country

is now on the threshold of still greater development.

Auction Sale

Household goods, new piano, Monarch range, household and kitchen furniture, also a number of fine chickens. Everything goes without reserve. Don't miss a good chance to secure high-class articles at snap prices. Time 2 o'clock Wednesday. Place 103 Hays Cove Circle. 1t

adv.

THE Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Co.

PROPOSED RATES

Comparison in Kilowatt Hours and Horse Power Years

Load factor	Total charge per k.w. hour	Total charge per h.p. year
(1) When the maximum demand for the month is 500 horse power or less.		
40 per cent.	\$45.19	1.96 cts.
50 per cent.	\$43.05	1.87 cts.
(2) When the maximum demand for the month exceeds 500 horse power and is less than 1,000 horse power.		
40 per cent.	\$33.69	1.46 cts.
50 per cent.	31.55	1.37 cts.
(3) When the maximum demand for the month exceeds 1,000 horse power and is less than 1,500 horse power.		
40 per cent.	\$30.24	1.31 cts.
50 per cent.	28.11	1.22 cts.
(4) When the maximum demand for the month exceeds 1,500 horse power and is less than 2,000 horse power.		
40 per cent.	\$26.79	1.16 cts.
50 per cent.	24.66	1.07 cts.
(5) When the maximum demand for the month exceeds 2,000 horse power and is less than 2,500 horse power.		
40 per cent.	\$25.64	1.15 cts.
50 per cent.	23.51	1.02 cts.
(6) When the maximum demand for the month exceeds 2,500 horse power.		
40 per cent.	\$22.19	0.96 cts.
50 per cent.	20.06	0.87 cts.

NOTE
1 cent per kilowatt hour is equal to \$23.00 per horse power year (Hydro-Electric Commission of the Province of Ontario 1909 Report, page 127).