

THE DAILY NEWS

GRUNTY GRUNTY SAYS:
Don't get too enthusiastic over the clean-up in the road department; many a promising flower of early spring turns out to be a stunk cabbage.

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TERRACE WANTS TO CLEAN OUT GANG IN CONTROL

ROAD OFFICIALS ARE LET OUT -- STONE WALL BULGED THREATENED CITY HALL--CENSUS 6005

GREATEST OOLACHAN CATCH NAAS INDIANS GET 2,000 TONS

NAVIGATION ON NAAS TO OPEN EARLY -- MANY SETTLERS GOING INTO NAAS VALLEY THIS YEAR--THE DISTRICT FORESTER RETURNS FROM LONG TRIP

The Naas is having the greatest run of oolachan in the history of the river," remarked Mr. S. Irwin, the provincial district forester, to The Daily News this morning.

Mr. Irwin left four weeks ago on a party to do some cruising in the Naas valley. They went to the divide from the Skeena to the snow. The first few weeks, the going was slushy, for the past two weeks there has been good frosty weather and the ice in the Naas broke up early this year and Mr. Irwin was able to get a boat down to Mill Bay, where he was met by his own craft, the "R. He arrived here Saturday at Fishery Bay," said Mr. Irwin, "there were over 400 Indians camped, all fishing oolachans. It is not often they are able to fish from boats, as the river is usually frozen over in oolachan time. This year the river is clear of ice and there are lots of fish. The fish bins are lined along the river for a mile and the fish are four feet deep in them. There must be 2000 tons of fish already caught. Indians from all the villages on the Naas and from many of the other coast settlements are there. It is a great sight."

Mr. Irwin's cruisers will not be out for four weeks yet.

Mr. Irwin finds that a number of settlers went into the Naas valley last year and expects 100 or more to go in this year. There is some splendid land there and the talk of the railway has started everybody looking toward the Naas.



MISS NORA PATTERSON

Daughter of Rev. Wm. Patterson, former pastor in one of Toronto's large churches, who has enlisted as a volunteer in the East Belfast regiment along with her sister and father. In the event of war Mrs. Patterson will return to Canada, with her youngest daughter, while the other members of the family will remain to fight. Miss Patterson is a Canadian by birth.

Under the Laurier government 73 acres of land within the city limits of Prince Rupert, Sask., had been, along with other lands, reserved from homesteading.

During January, 1912, Hon. Robt. Rogers, the present minister of public works, the then minister of the interior, stated these lands were not open for homesteading.

No public notice was later given that the lands had been opened for homestead entry.

On April 16, 1912, Arthur Donaldson, son of the Conservative whip in the Saskatchewan legislature, received a patent for the land and for homestead entry on payment of \$10.

A few days later Donaldson took advantage of the homestead regulations by applying half breed scrip on his entry, thus evading the performance of the homestead requirements for actual settlers.

Forthwith the land was subdivided and offered to the public at prices aggregating \$374,000.

Donaldson got for \$10 land belonging to the public domain valued at \$374,000.



HELEN HUNTINGTON

Fiancee of Vincent Astor, photographed at the pier where she went to meet her future mother-in-law, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, who was on board the Imperator.

VANCOUVER WOMAN MURDERED BY HER YOUNG CHINESE SERVANT

STRUCK DOWN MISTRESS WITH CHAIR AND THEN CREMATED BODY IN FURNACE--SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD CHINAMAN CONFESSES TO CRIME

Vancouver, April 4.--Jack Kong, 17-year-old China boy, who was suspected of the murder of Mrs. Charles J. Millard, confessed this morning to having committed the crime.

The chief feature of the story is that at breakfast on Wednesday morning his mistress found fault with him. He then struck her with a chair and killed her.

He said that later he took the body to the basement of the house, cut it up and put it in the furnace piece by piece. He is said to have admitted that he hid the clothing which was found in the attic in order to convince Mr. Millard that his wife had gone out in the morning.

This morning the skull and several large bones of the legs and arms were found at the bottom of the flue, under the drawing room grate.

Late today Inspector Jackson of the police force discovered secreted behind the chimney, in the basement, rings and a watch stolen from Mrs. Millard two weeks ago. At the time they disappeared Kong blamed a man who had been begging at the house for having taken them.

Dr. Jeffs, the coroner, who has examined the bones and flesh remains found in the furnace of the Millard house, is perfectly satisfied that they are human. At the inquest today the jury brought in a verdict that Mrs. Millard had been murdered and her body cremated.

Considering Several Routes for Alaska Government Rly.

It is generally understood that, notwithstanding efforts of various lobbies in Washington to secure terminals for different routes on the Alaskan seaboard, government will make new surveys and select the shortest route to the coal fields and the one that will at the same time do up the greatest amount of agricultural and mineral territory.

Four routes are being considered: from Portage canal through Matanuska coal fields to Fairbanks, which is fifty-three miles shorter than any other route to the interior waterway, has the advantage of possessing a very slight grade. Portage canal was surveyed by Captain Hude of the coast and geodesy survey with the steamship last summer, and it is said to be a splendid harbor, perfectly protected and free from ice. The route was discovered after Alaska railroad commission finished its work. On this route it will be necessary to build a two-mile tunnel.

The second route being considered runs from Seward to Fairbanks and thence through Matanuska fields to Fairbanks. The distance is fifty miles greater to the coal fields and the grades are steeper.

The third route is from Chitana, at Mile 131 on the Copper River and Northwestern railroad, to Fairbanks, with a spur to the same railroad at Mile 100 to the Behring river coal fields. Since the Behring river was declared to be unavailing for naval purposes, it is proposed that the plan to build the road to this field will be abandoned until another test of the river has been made.

The fourth route runs from Seward, through the Keystone division, following the line of the road built by the Alaska

B. C. PACKERS ASSN. SHOWS BIGGER PROFITS

Largest Salmon Packers in Canada Are Now in Excellent Financial Condition

The annual statement of the British Columbia Packers' association for 1913 shows total profits of \$429,568, as compared with \$422,352 shown in the previous report. The latter figure, however, was after deduction of \$48,682 for depreciation. The profit and loss account is as follows:

Profits for 1913	\$429,568
Preferred dividend (7%)	38,178
	\$391,390
Less adjustments	\$37,800
Renewals	31,330
Depreciation	55,000
Contingent reserve	5,000
	129,130
Balance	\$262,260
Common dividend (7%)	112,070
Surplus for year	\$150,190
Previous surplus	649,175
Surplus, December 31, 1913	\$799,356

The balance sheet shows total assets of \$4,047,338. These assets include \$2,579,972 real estate; sundry debtors, \$207,799; salmon on hand or in transit, \$645,620; supplies, etc., \$301,890; and cash, \$2,891. In addition to the \$4,601,000 common and \$545,400 preferred stock, the company had bank loans amounting to \$412,256. Profit and loss surplus, as given above, stands at \$799,356, while in addition there is an insurance reserve of \$30,023 and a contingent reserve of \$5,000.

ROAD BOSSES LET OUT MORE TO FOLLOW

Office Holders Evidently Did Not Make Good Politically

As a result of the recent Conservative conferences on the operation of the district road department, several of the provincial officials have been let out.

Kicks have been coming in from every part of the riding and somebody had to be the goat. At Bella Coola Mr. McFarlane was let out and Charles Gillingham has been let out of the Stewart district.

Rumor has it that another prominent official of the department will also be removed.

One politician who understands the situation says it is not the kicking that has brought about the dismissals, but because the office holders did not make good politically.

EXTRAORDINARY!
TWO-REEL FEATURE
At the
WEST HOLME
OPERA HOUSE
Tonight and Tomorrow
Night
The Shriner's Daughter
A splendid story woven around the great Shriners' fête at Santa Barbara last year.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS
"A Rebellious Pupil."
Weekly Gazette.
"An Aesthetic Match"--Comedy.
"The Baseball Umpire"--Comedy.

ADMISSION 10 and 15c

RUPERT NOW ENTERING COMMERCIAL PERIOD

O. H. Nelson at Board of Trade Luncheon Admonishes All to Get in and Fight

Over one hundred business men attended the board of trade luncheon on board the steamer Prince George Saturday noon. They had an excellent lunch and were enthusiastic over the affair. The speaker on Saturday was O. H. Nelson, who spoke for ten minutes.

Mr. Nelson thought it fitting the board of trade should gather for the occasion on the steamer which had played such an important part in the development of the port. With the linking up of the steel on the transcontinental, which was expected hourly, there comes a change in the life at Prince Rupert.

The city had gone through two periods: the romantic period and the period of paying tribute to Vancouver. No city has ever amounted to anything which pays tribute.

Prince Rupert is now launching into its commercial period when it will become a seaport and a terminus. We can now hold our head and fight for our commercial existence. We have got to pull together and make Prince Rupert. It is the spirit of unity which has built up all the coast cities; we come of a race which has never turned back. The spirit of John Bull will make us an important commercial city. The speaker admonished all to get in and fight for Prince Rupert.

This will no longer be a dumping wharf for just the stuff we use, but a dumping place for shipments coming by rail going to the Orient and the north, and a dumping place for the products of the Orient and the north to go east by rail. Others will be paying tribute to us.

The G. T. P. is very closely identified with us. This will become the trade route of the empire and the faster the better for us. Prince Rupert will be one of the two naval bases on the Pacific. It is a strategic point in both a naval and commercial sense.

Votes of thanks were tendered Mr. Nelson and Chief Stewart Newey of the Prince George.

M. W. Swarthout, a newspaper man of wide experience, arrived in the city on Saturday. He likes the look of this country and expects to see great things doing here. It is possible that he may remain for some time and take advantage of the opportunities.

Do not follow others, be with the leaders; invest in Port Edward before the industrial development.

LIBERAL LEADERS ADDRESS BIG MEETING AT TERRACE

DISSATISFACTION GENERAL THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT--NEXT ELECTION WILL SEE A CLEANUP--T. D. PATULLO CHAIRMAN FOR THE EVENING

Terrace, April 4.--The largest and most successful meeting ever held here took place tonight in Progress hall under the auspices of the Liberal associations of Terrace and Kitselas.

Most excellent arrangements had been made for the meeting and many were in attendance from Copper City, Kitselas and surrounding districts.

The Terrace band was in attendance and furnished excellent music during the evening.

Messrs. Brewster and Oliver were given a splendid reception, and both of these gentlemen made many telling points which the audience appreciated.

There is great dissatisfaction amongst the people here over the administration of governmental affairs. Here as elsewhere no one can get a job on government work, nor expect a road or trail anywhere near his property, unless he joins the ranks of the faithful. The people are disgusted and sick of the whole mess and are determined upon a thorough cleaning out of the gang in control.

There were over 125 people present at tonight's meeting, and the speakers were listened to with the greatest interest. A road foreman attempted an interruption, but was quickly squelched.

Mr. L. H. Kenny, president of the local Liberal association, called the meeting to order, and Mr. T. D. Pattullo of Prince Rupert was chairman for the evening.

FELL OFF THE WHARF SEAMAN WAS DROWNED

Accident at Balmoral Cannery on April First

Alfred Barlow, a seaman, was drowned off Balmoral cannery wharf on April 1. Barlow was taking the head line off the snubbing post for the steamer British Columbia when he was pulled overboard. A splash was heard and one man ran down the ladder on the wharf and tried to reach the drowning man. He came up right under the ladder, but seemed unconscious and unable to help himself.

The boat Kayax was tied at the wharf at the time and it is supposed the man struck the boat in falling, rendering him unconscious. He came to the surface only once.

Dragging operations have been going on but without avail. The water off the wharf is very deep and the current very strong.

The deceased was a sober and hard working seaman. His home is in Rusholme, Manchester, England.

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STEEL PLATE SLIPPED CUT OFF WORKER'S ARM

Breaking of Boom on Steamer Arna Cased Accident Which Crippled Wm. Atkinson

Wm. Atkinson, an employee of the Pacific Stevedoring company, had his right arm taken off while at work on the steamer Arna yesterday. Atkinson was stationed at the hatch giving signals to the winch. A load of steel plates was being raised when the boom broke and the plates fell. One struck Atkinson's arm which projected over the hatchway and severed it clean about two inches below the elbow. The injured man was taken to the hospital. He walked to the ambulance when it arrived and walked from the ambulance into the hospital.

He is reported doing nicely this morning.

The injured man is an old employee of the stevedoring company and considered one of their best men.

One of the local papers accuses the Liberals of refusing Wm. Manson a place on the platform at the recent Liberal meeting. Mr. Manson was personally asked to take a seat and speak, but he refused, saying his voice was in bad shape. He probably lost his voice over the river in the fact of the host of questions that were hurled at him.

Make a note of the Daffodil Luncheon at the K. of P. Hall on the 16th.

Important Announcement!
EMPRESS THEATRE
We wish to announce to our patrons that, commencing tonight, the Empress Theatre will be temporarily closed while it is undergoing renovation and repairs.
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