

GRAHAM ISLAND MAY BE A FUTURE NAVAL BASE

OPINION EXPRESSED BY LAND OWNER WHO HAS RETURNED FROM TRIP—PIONEER COMPANY WAS READY TO RECOMMENCE WORK

That there seems a certainty of striking oil on the west coast of Graham Island, and that the pioneer company was ready to recommence work on the California oil fields, I am certain that this province has a most promising field on Graham Island.

"I covered a good deal of territory on the west coast, and I should judge the field is extensive. I travelled a good part of the recognized oil field and it is, I should judge, some twenty by ten or twelve miles in extent—that is where the indications on the surface are to be found where there is not too much vegetation. When I left the west coast the pioneer company was getting their drill in shape to recommence operations.

"People of the North, though this field has been at their very doors, finally are excited about it, so that the Alberta oil boom has done at least that much good for British Columbia. The Graham Island field now will be thoroughly prospected. The district is practically all located now.

"When they get oil, which I have not the shadow of doubt about, it will not be a proposition for the Standard Oil trust or some other concern getting hold of it. I believe the admiralty will take over this field. It is the best proposition on the west coast for a naval base that I have ever seen, and this undoubtedly will be the outcome of the discovery that there is oil there in commercial quantity. Olard Bay is a good, deep harbor, and looks out upon the broad Pacific. The storms on the west coast have worn the formation of the island into all kinds of caves and great cracks. It is a dangerous coast for the most part except at Olard Bay, which offers excellent shelter."

News Notes from Smithers

(Smithers Tribune)

A large picnic party spent the day at Lake Kathlyn last Sunday.

Mr. J. Thorp, of Aldermere, was business visitor in Smithers yesterday.

A shipment of farm machinery being made by Henry & Dunlop of the Nechaco Valley.

Miss Kate Carr come over from Carr ranch this week to spend a few days.

It is rumored that work is to start in the railway yards here within the next few weeks.

G. F. McDonald returned from the Coast this week where he had been looking after his interests in land on Graham Island, in which there has been considerable interest around Prince Rupert.

An auto party left here early last Sunday morning for Barrett Lake where they spent the day fishing.

Mr. C. R. M. Gale, teller-accountant at the Union Bank of Canada, Telkwa, has been sent to Vanderhoof to assist in opening the new branch there.

Frank H. Frank, of Vancouver, has located ten sections of coal lands in the vicinity of Lake Kathlyn, three miles from Smithers, and is now stopping at Jennings Bros. road house. He expects to do some work on this property in the near future.

A force of between twenty and thirty men are now working on the Hudson Mining Company's property just above Lake Kathlyn. The property is being opened up from three different places.

Jos. Fisher is building a trail from the main Hudson Bay moun-



THE VISCOUNTESS CURZON: A LOVELY TYPE OF ENGLISH WOMANHOOD

Wife of Viscount Curzon, eldest son of Earl Howe. Lady Curzon is rightly considered to be the most beautiful blonde in London society. Last year she was the Queen of Beauty at the Earl's Court tournament, a part which she played to perfection. Lady Curzon generally spends the winter at the Riviera, golf being one of her favorite outdoor amusements.

tain trail to his mining property, and as soon as completed will make a small shipment of ore. The ore sacks have already arrived for that purpose.

The Anglican Church at Hubert is making great progress and should be ready for occupation early next month, when it is the intention of the Bishop to come up specially to hold and officiate at the opening service.

At this time there is more activity in mining in this section of the Omineca Mining Division than there has been in any previous year. Practically every claim owner or prospector is busy in the hills with the season's work, consisting for the most part in developing his property with a view to shipping ore as soon as possible, and this fall should see something doing in the way of loading cars with ore at many of the sidings along the G. T. P. Being able to make these shipments of ore will enable the mines to be worked all winter with a considerable force of men in addition to those actually interested in the claims, thus creating a small payroll in the district.

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TERRACE NOTES

(Special Correspondence)

The Progress Club dance on Saturday night was well attended in spite of the bad weather. The music was furnished by the Terrace band. The dance was given in honor of several lady visitors, and was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

The bell for St. Matthew's church arrived this week from the East and will be installed within the next few days.

Work on Mr. Little's house and on the new school is proceeding rapidly; the recently erected newspaper offices are now fully completed and the presses in position for early operation.

During the season from 20 to 40 crates of strawberries have been shipped daily to various points up and down the line. The ranchers report a splendid crop this year and the welcome rain promises success in vegetables and other growth which has been backward owing to the prolonged fine weather.

The Lakelse Hot Springs are becoming increasingly a tourist centre. Excellent hunting and fishing may easily be obtained and there is stage accommodation out from town. Visitors also report good sport at Kitsunkalum Lake. Both of these districts are within easy reach of Terrace.

A very successful afternoon tea was given at the rectory on Thursday afternoon in honor of Miss Ethel Evans of Toronto who is the guest of Mrs. W. J. H. Petter. The early part of the afternoon was spent in rifle shooting, the prize for the highest number of points being won by Miss Ivey

Ross. After the contest the ladies assembled at the house where refreshments were served. The guest of honor wore a French gown of Copenhagen blue silk, trimmed with point lace. Among the other guests were Mrs. Munro, Lazelle, Gordon, Large, Firestone, Sparks, Giggey, Long and Whitlow, and the Misses Schenk, Brennan, Beste and Ross.

ORIENTAL LABOR

Edmonton, July 21.—It seems that the Oriental labor difficulty which until comparatively recently has been confined to British Columbia, is extending to other parts, where hitherto Oriental labor has been engaged chiefly in the laundry business. In this city, for example, it is stated that there are some 52 Chinese restaurants as well as two conducted by Japanese. Some of the hotels also are said to employ Chinese cooks and Japanese waiters. Chinese restaurants, it is said, pay white girls about \$20 a month as waitresses, while the union scale calls for \$12 a week and a ten hour day.

An Early-Morning Tale

"Quills has had a story accepted at last," remarked a journalist to a colleague.

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