

CITY AS SEEN BY VICTORIAN

J. A. Shanks Writes Curious Impressions to Daily Colonist

Canned goods, all the way from fish to music, is the popular thing in Prince Rupert these days, according to J. A. "Five Points" Shanks, for some years prominent in Victoria municipal politics, who is touring the northern country. Writing from Prince Rupert to a friend in Victoria Mr. Shanks says:

"One of the outstanding features of Prince Rupert is the great number of gramophones it contains and their increasing activity. Every saloon, cafe, barber shop and store has one on tap, and while passing the Bank of Montreal yesterday it seemed to me I heard the strains of "Oh! By Jingol" in canned accents, coming out through the open door of that old and reliable financial institution. But it is in the evening from 7 o'clock on, how far on is governed entirely by the hilarity and staying qualities of the various audiences, that "His Master's Voice" holds the civic-wide boards and fills the atmosphere of Prince Rupert with one glad song, intermingled with band and jazz selections. Firms here who cater to the "record" devouring appetites of this northern port, I believe, have a "mint."

The Sympathetic Touch

"I do not intend any reflection on this city or its citizens' tastes as gramophones are exceedingly popular in all places up this way and beyond, I understand. Possibly the salmon canning industry has something to do with it, as that is really the greatest enterprise in this vicinity. That may create a sympathetic feeling in the bosoms of the populace for canned goods in general, even music. "Another oddity that strikes the eye of the visitor is the miles upon miles of plank roads with which Prince Rupert is equipped. The unevenness of the townsite warrants. It is, to say the least of it, hilly.

"These wooden roads built of three-inch plank, are practically a series of bridges. Some parts of the roads are trestled as high as 75 feet above their footings, while every so often the planks are laid on solid ground. Passing along Fourth Avenue the other day I discovered a street sign below, the words on it being hardly readable because it was so far down. I made it out eventually, however. It was "Sixth Street."

An "Open Town"

"Prince Rupert comes under the heading of an 'open town.' It has that reputation and to my mind lives the part. Any kind of diversion or amusement one seeks can readily be found here. If you wish to sit in and while away a few hours with a stack of chips and 'the joker in the hole,' there are lots of places of easy access where you will be properly entertained. The near beer dispensed hereabouts and imported from Vancouver does not appear to lose any of its vigor by the sea voyage. In fact it brings to the mind of the newcomer visions of bygone freedom and stimulates his request to the bartender to 'fill them up again.'

Its Industries

"But Prince Rupert has its

serious side too. It has several enterprises and industries that rate second to none on the Pacific coast. First is the fishing tributary to this port. Nowhere else is fish caught in such quantities. Several thousands of men and hundreds of boats work out from here in pursuit of the appetizing sockeye and its white brother the halibut. A cold storage plant for the accommodation of these finny captures is located at Seal Cove, about two miles up the coast. Its capacity is equalled by no other, I am told, on the American continent.

"Two steel ships are now under construction at Prince Rupert's mammoth drydock, contracts for eight more is reported to have been cinched.

"The harbor is really very fine. Ships of any size or draft can dock at this port with the greatest ease. The entrance is well sheltered and the wildest storms on the outside make little impression on the inside waters.

Dead Wrong

"Old-timers claim the climate hereabouts is on a par with Vancouver or Seattle, and the idea held by some people that it rains constantly is dead wrong. I have been here five days and have seen no rain yet.

"My objective point is the Bulkley Valley."

COLONEL PECK IS TO COMMENCE ON 16TH BATTALION

In connection with the recent despatch saying that Colonel Peck was to reorganize the 16th Battalion in Victoria, the following is from the Daily Colonist of recent date:

When seen at the Empress Hotel yesterday, Col. G. W. Peck, V. C., M. P., stated that he is in Victoria to reorganize the famous 16th Battalion, which is to be perpetuated here in place of the 88th Victoria Fusiliers and the 50th Gordons.

In referring to his Battalion, Col. Peck said that the Sixteenth and the Tenth were the first Canadian battalions that ever assaulted a European army. At the second battle of Ypres, in April, 1915, they charged the Germans after the dastardly gas attack. He spoke of the record of the Battalion with just pride, saying that it is the only one in Canada that won four V. C.'s during the war, and he thought that Victoria was extremely fortunate in having it perpetuated here.

In selecting officers for the Battalion, as many as possible will be chosen from the Sixteenth, the Eighty-eighth and Fiftieth, but Col. Peck said any good officer would be chosen.

It is hoped to identify the corps as much as possible with the Sixteenth. Originally the battalion was composed of the 72nd Seaforth's, Vancouver, the 79th Cameron's, of Winnipeg, the 50th Gordons, Victoria, and the 91st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, of Hamilton.

A distinctive dress, characteristic of the different regiments, has always been preserved.

Col. Peck was of the opinion that no training would be done until next winter, except perhaps musketry and cadets.

Major-General R. G. Edwards Leekie, with his brother, Colonel Jack Leekie, were both associated with the Battalion as commander; Col. Peck has commanded on

the field and gained his V. C. for great bravery in front of the Germans.

The 16th Canadian Scottish left Valcartier camp in 1914 and was afterwards joined by detachments of the 30th Battalion of Victoria. Col. Peck will at once begin his work and states that in a few days he hopes to be in a position to give some definite information regarding the formation of the Battalion.

There may be something you want. See the classified column

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MINERAL ACT.
(Form F.)
Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE
"Silver Tip No. 1" Mineral Claim, situate in the Naas River Mining Division of Cassiar District.

Where located—on the Kitlaulit River adjoining the Dolly Varden Group.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Lewis W. Patmore of Prince Rupert, B. C., Free Miner's Certificate 31918-C, as the duly authorized agent of Francis August Swanson, Free Miner's Certificate No. 28347-C, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issue of such Certificate of Improvements.

DATED this 1st day of May, A. D. 1920.
LEWIS W. PATMORE.

TIMBER SALE X 2419.

Sealed tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands not later than noon on the 5th day of August, 1920, for the purchase of Licence X 2419, to cut 600,000 feet of Balsam, Hemlock and Cedar, on an area situated on Miskatla Inlet, Range 4, Coast District.

One (1) year will be allowed for removal of timber.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B. C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B. C.

NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT.
R. S. C. Chapter 33.

The Minister of Public Works, Department of British Columbia, hereby gives notice that he has, under Section 7 of this Act, deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and the care of the District Registrar of the Land Registry District of Prince Rupert, B. C., a description of the site and the plan of an extension to the Eastern end of Prince Rupert Wharf, Waterfront Block F, Prince Rupert Townsite.

And take notice that after the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication of this notice, the Minister of Public Works will, under Section 7 of the said act, apply to the Minister of Public Works, Ottawa, for approval of the said site and plans and for leave to construct the said wharf extension.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 14th day of July, 1920.
J. H. KING,
Minister of Public Works.

When a Man's Married

HE MUST BE RIGHT, THE WIFE SAYS SO

By FARR

HAW-HAW-THAT'S THE FUNNIEST MARRIED COUPLE I'VE SEEN IN YEARS-Y'KNOW IT-MINNIE!!!

YOU TAKE EVERYTHING FOR GRANTED-YOU DO-SAM SMYTHE-HOW DO YOU KNOW SHE'S HIS WIFE IN THE FIRST PLACE-??

FOR INSTANCE MY DEAR-FOR INSTANCE-

-AN' WHAT'S MORE YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A STUPID OF HUMAN NATURE TO JUDGE A MARRIED COUPLE AT A DANCE NEITHER-I WANNA TELL YA-!!!

WELL IN THE FIRST PLACE-WHEN THEY WERE DANCING TOGETHER, YOU DIDN'T SEE HIM BREAK AN ARM APPLAUDING FOR AN ENCORE-DID YOU??

THE MAN'S RIGHT!!!

FARR