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## Wonderful Possibilities of Fort Fraser District

**Rich Land is very Productive and Ranchers are flocking into Country; Good Timber and Fish and Game in Abundance**

FORT FRASER, June 1.—The history of the now flourishing town of Fort Fraser has been a very interesting one indeed and its founder, the late Simon Fraser, would hardly recognize the small trading centre of a few years ago. Later it became an important Hudson's Bay trading post and even today marks the frontier point for the Government Telegraph lines, as here the line passes off into the north and links up with Fort St. James and thence into the extreme north.

In recent years the district has been estimated very highly as a farming country and the production per acre proves its value as a cereal producing centre. Barley averages about 80 bushels per

acre, whilst oats run from 75 to 80 and wheat reaches around the 85 mark in favorable seasons. The fall wheat crop gives the best satisfaction and a recent experiment in connection with the planting of oats in the fall points to just as good results. The green shoots of oats were about two or three inches above the ground when the snow came last autumn, yet it did not spoil with the frost and came along splendidly in the spring.

### Stock Country

With the opening of the country farther back a natural tendency will be towards large stock raising tracts being supervised. Already cattle and sheep thrive excellently and winter very easily, but the lack of good roads for the present prevents any great new enterprises. The district has only been recently discovered as a most valuable mixed farming area and as a result this year there is a great rush of new settlers. Only a few days ago a family arrived and were later followed by their effects in a box car and yet they have not yet picked out their spot for location. However, they are quite confident of the country and intend to stay.

### Land Seekers Coming

In a few weeks time, following the seeding time in the prairie provinces, a general rush of land seekers is anticipated and from general records kept at least about two-thirds of them return to take up permanent homesteads. As at many other points along the line the season is rather backward. However, the farmers are not worrying as a crop has never failed them and they are just holding off for a day or two before planting, the rest of their garden truck. Very few people indeed have not heard of the Nechoao Valley potatoes, but how many of them have realized that the growers get about 10 tons to the acre.

### Fish and Game

The fur market here is an important one for Fort Fraser forms the connection with a great sweep of game regions. Muskrat, mink and marten run high in the local catches, whilst otter, bear, fox and coyote are of very frequent occurrence. During the winter months the farmers find it very profitable to engage in trapping, and if otherwise inclined can cut trees or catch fish from the river and the lake for the eastern market. The fish not only abound in sufficient quantity to merit commercial operations, but it is a real fisherman's paradise for gamey fish. The Nechoao, teaming with sturgeon, trout and white fish, offers many advantages for the man who wants a real day's angling with something to show for his efforts.

### Plenty of Timber

With the commencement of operations by the sawmill, which has a capacity of 20,000 feet per day and 60,000 laths per day, another valuable industry will have made its entry in the activities of the lively little centre. On the mountains to the north there is plenty of valuable and good-sized timber which is very easily reached by water transportation. Pulp wood is in abundance, and it is only recently that cruisers of a large Pacific coast firm were through the district and made estimates of available resources. Splendid water power can be controlled at the canyon, which is just a few miles from the townsite. Here the mighty river narrows down to a few hundred yards and drops in a series of three steps.

### Small Fruits

Small fruits have grown extremely well in the neighborhood and in a few weeks the first crop of wild strawberries will appear. Raspberries, strawberries, gooseberries, saskatoons, red and black currants all flourish and readily

## TWO YEARS IN PENTITIORY

Judge Young Finds H. Hokanen  
Guilty of Highway Robbery in  
Taking Watch

Found guilty of highway robbery, H. Hokanen was yesterday afternoon sent down by Judge Young to serve two years in the Provincial Penitentiary at New Westminster, for stealing a watch from a Hindu, Santokh Singh, at Seal Cove.

Court was in session for only a few minutes during which Lorne Peck testified as to taking the informant in his bus to Seal Cove at the time in question. The accused had maintained that informant and himself were in a taxi at that time, so the evidence was contradictory, verifying the informant's story. Peck had not noticed the accused in the bus, though he might have been.

## GAME RESERVE MORESBY ISD.

No Shooting of Any Description  
to be Allowed There Says  
Notice to Police.

Chief Minty this morning received the following wire from A. R. Baker, chairman of the Game Conservation Board:

"Order-in-Council Number 823 approved May 12 reads as follows: 'That all that portion of Moresby Island in the Queen Charlotte group lying to the south of Houston, Stewart Channel, and marked on the official maps as Kunghit Island, be set apart for the purposes of a game reservation. Notify wherever possible and warn fishermen that all shooting of any description is prohibited in the above-mentioned area.'

On the recommendation of the housing committee the soldiers' loan to E. Shrubshall has been transferred to C. L. Youngman.

D. A. McDonald arrived from Anyox on the Prince George yesterday morning.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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