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COPPER REFINING

Vancouver is right after the proposed copper refinery, and it is up to Prince Rupert to get busy. A deputation from the southern city is now in Ottawa pressing its claims. It is unfortunate that lobbying should have any effect in the placing of such a plant, as the sole consideration should be one of natural location.

With the Granby Company rapidly increasing its production, and ore deposits of value being opened up freely in this northern country, there can be little doubt but that Prince Rupert is the proper location. It seems certain that the country around Prince Rupert is to be the largest copper producing part of British Columbia, and it seems ridiculous to suggest that the output of the north should be shipped to Vancouver to be refined, and then shipped east from there, when the finest railroad grade on the continent runs east from Prince Rupert, the natural centre of vast supplies of the metal.

Naturally the transportation companies in the south are anxious to get the business, but, in point of grade, none of them can compete with the Grand Trunk Pacific. The whole matter is one of time, and it is evident that a refinery in Prince Rupert will be able to deliver a larger quantity of copper on the Atlantic seaboard, in a given time, than such a refinery in Vancouver can ever hope to do.

COST OF LIVING

The prevalence of war during a considerable part of the year 1914 lends a special interest to the report on prices just issued by the Department of Labor. The volume is the fifth annual report on the subject, and known technically as "Wholesale Prices in Canada, 1914," though containing also much information as to retail prices. Prices during 1914 from week

to week, or from month to month, are given for some 300 commodities representative of production and consumption in Canada, divided into the following groups:—Grains and fodders, animals and meat, dairy products, fish, fruit and vegetables, miscellaneous groceries, textiles, hides, leathers, boots and shoes, metals and implements, fuel and lighting, lumber, miscellaneous building materials, paints, oils and glass, house furnishings, drugs and chemicals, furs, liquors, tobaccos and sundries. The report includes also index numbers showing the price movement in each commodity and group back to 1890 and analyses of changes during the year with detailed information as to conditions affecting prices, production, demand, trade conditions, etc.

The opening paragraphs of the report are as follows:—"The factor which chiefly affected Canadian prices during the year 1914 was the outbreak in August of the great European war. From January until April the general price-level was steady with a slight tendency upwards; thereafter there was a decline of two points in the index number, during June and July, the latter being the lowest month of the year. The war, however, at once caused advances of about seven points, and though there was reaction almost immediately, and although the year ended on approximately the same level as it began, the effect on the average for the twelve months was a rise. The department index number (which includes 272 commodities) stood at 136.1 for 1914, compared with 135.5 for 1913, and 134.4 for 1912, these numbers being percentages of the average prices prevailing during the decade 1890-99, the period adopted by the department as the basis of comparison. The point reached in September, namely, 141.3, was

U. S. DESTROYERS ON THE ALASKA COAST

Captain Mulhern of the halibut schooner Tuladi reported the other day that he had seen four cruisers steaming in a northwesterly direction. These were probably the United States destroyers Paul Jones, Perry Preble and Steart, which have arrived at Sitka, Alaska. They will cruise around the Aleutian group as well as other parts of the coast.

the highest record by the number since 1890.

The chief increase for the year as a whole appeared in the groups grain and fodder, which rose 14 per cent., animals and meats, 6 per cent. Raw furs declined 33 per cent. Food, fuel and lighting 6 per cent., and cottons 5 per cent. Food prices returned to the high levels that prevailed in the latter part of 1911 and early 1912. Meats were on a high level throughout the year, but showed much weakness in the last three months."

An appendix to the report gives the average retail prices of some thirty-two articles of food and of coal, wood and coaloil, and the rent of a representative workingman's dwelling in each of the localities of the Dominion having a population of 10,000 and over for each year back to 1910. A statement showing the average weekly expenditure of a typical family of five on these staple commodities gives the cost of a budget of food at \$7.73 as compared with \$7.33 in 1913 and 1912, \$7.13 in 1911, and \$6.95 in 1910. Meat, bread, flour and sugar averaged higher in 1914 than in 1913. Rent averaged \$4.65 per week as compared with \$4.75 in 1913, \$4.60 in 1912, and \$4.05 in 1911 and 1910—Monetary Times.

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STILL SEARCHING FOR STEFFANSON

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HAZELTON NOTES.

Jack McIntosh, formerly telegraph operator on the government line, and an old-timer in this district, has returned from Prince George district, where he spent the last three years.

J. E. Germains, of the local telegraph office, left on Tuesday for Fifth Cabin, to relieve John Dore, who comes out for a vacation. The temporary vacancy here is filled by L. W. McCandlish.

Rod McGrimmon and Fred Griffin went up Nine-Mile on Tuesday, to resume work on the Sunrise group. A car of ore from this property is now at the railway, and further shipments will follow.

Rev. J. P. Sargent, formerly dean of Qu'Appelle, who has retired, is expected to arrive next month, to spend the winter with his son, R. S. Sargent. Rev. Mr. Sargent has been in England for several months.—Omineca Miner.

If stealing slippers and shoes warrants four months in jail, the theft of \$800,000 from the Manitoba treasury should carry a life sentence.

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(2). The estimated cost of the work is \$284.00, of which none is to be paid by the Corporation. The estimated special rate per foot frontage is \$0.26. The special assessment is to be paid in one year.
(3). A petition against the work will not avail to prevent its construction. Dated this 19th day of June, 1915.
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