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FRANK MOBLEY TELLS OF ATLIN COUNTRY

Representative of District Enthusies Over It and Tells of Mining Operations There.

"The Provincial Government mining engineers were into Atlin with me and they had the time of their lives," said Frank H. Mobley, M.P.P. for Atlin, who returned from his constituency a few days ago. They were very enthusiastic over the visit and said that they would not have believed there could be such extent of country and so much beauty so far north.

They went in by way of the Porcupine at the extreme north-west section of the province on the old Daulton trail and motored all over the country, examining the mines and seeing the district. Speaking of the season, Mr. Mobley says that the output has been reduced 25 per cent. this year on account of the difficulty in securing men. In spite of this however mining is more profitable than it ever has been, because the methods are improved. Whereas formerly it was possible only to make four-ounce ground pay they can now work two-ounce ground and make profits.

Mr. Mobley's own property is operating in a small way; Ruby Creek hydraulic mine has done very well; Boulder Creek, fair; at Birch Creek there has been a scarcity of water, therefore the output has been small; Pine Creek has had a fair season; McKee Creek did practically nothing on account of having to cut through a new channel; Otter Creek has had a good output and all the individual mines have given good returns. The general output, however, has not been more than sixty per cent. of that in former years.

Mr. Mobley brought home with him a fine lot of pictures of the neighborhood, of the lakes and glaciers and rivers and cloud effects and hunting scenes and game and mining operations. Judging from these it must be indeed a splendid country.

SOLDIERS' DEPENDENTS TO GET MORE MONEY

Major, Margison, chairman of the Pay and Allowance Board at Ottawa, has been visiting the west with a view to finding out whether it is necessary to increase the allowance to the dependents of soldiers. He says that the complaints of inadequate allowances have come exclusively from Western points, and therefore the present scale is presumably not an actual hardship in the other portions of Canada. On these grounds he claimed that a heavy increase in the allowances paid throughout Canada would be unjustifiable, there being many districts where such a course is not necessary. In places such as Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary or Winnipeg, Major Margison was convinced that the present scale was altogether inadequate, and he asked the members of the Great War Veterans' Association if they thought a system which placed each district on its own merits as to the amount paid dependents would not be better than a flat rate all over the country. He felt that a small increase was due all the dependents, but that the granting of a general heavy increase would not be justified and that additional payments to those residing in the districts affected by the war industries prosperity would meet the need of the case, without unnecessary expense to the country as a whole for payments to those residing where the present allowances are sufficient, or so nearly so that a small general increase in the monthly cheque will be sufficient.

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THOMSON BECOMES FUR TRADE COMMISSIONER

Winnipeg, October 8.—N. H. Bacon, the fur trade commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, has resigned his position with the company. He will be succeeded by James Thomson, the company's land commissioner, who will occupy both positions.

Mr. Thomson of the Hudson's Bay Company has many acquaintances in this city and is expected to arrive here some time this month. He has been with the Hudson's Bay Company for many years, and is well known all through this Western and Northern country. James T. Allen, of the Kelly, Douglas Company here, is a nephew of Mr. Thomson's.

Now that the road to the mill is completed the Prince Rupert Lumber Company is ready to deliver lumber to the local trade. Orders may be placed with Albert & McCaffery.



NOT RESIGNING

London, October 9.—There have been reports to the effect that General Sir Arthur Currie is about to relinquish command of the Canadian forces in France. This is officially denied.

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WHERE DO YOU BELONG?

On the Farm?

Thousands of men are urgently needed on farms in this province to make possible increased production of food. Those who could go and yet hold back, should not forget that, unless production is greatly increased, hundreds of thousands of people will die of starvation.

In the War Garden?

By growing vegetables in home gardens or on vacant lots, and thus helping to feed themselves, city and town people can leave the farmers free to grow more food for export. All that is produced in this way is gain and a net addition to the national food supply.

War Garden service is not sufficient for the man whose rightful place is on the farm. But the War Garden does offer an opportunity for tens of thousands of people, whose circumstances oblige them to remain in the city, to have at least a small part as food producers. Interest the boys and girls in the War Garden, for they too can help to grow food. If there is a garden or vacant lot movement in your community associate yourself with it. If no organization exists, do what you can to interest your neighbours in the War Garden campaign.

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