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SHARK FISHING NEW INDUSTRY

Flourishing Plant Has Been Established Not Far from Victoria

VICTORIA, June 4.—With the supply of raw material unlimited, an industry new to this country is flourishing at Parker Island, between Galiano and Mayne Islands on the Gulf of Georgia. It is the business of catching sharks, and a week's catch at the beginning of May ran to eighty, with an average weight of over a ton each. The work is being carried on by the Anglo-British Canadian Company, Nelson Macdonald, of this city, who operated the first shark-catching machinery on island, declares there will never be a shortage as there are millions in the waters surrounding the island. "In fact the further north you go the more sharks you will find and from here to Alaska are their feeding grounds," Mr. Macdonald said. "Taking them from the bottom of the sea is automatic. Norway has a hundred of such industries. The only real hook for catching them, which works on a swivel, comes from there and the so-called end-liver oil, which is the most valuable of the world, is really shark-liver oil, manufactured in Norway."

Nothing is washed in a shark plant. There is no finer fishmeal than that made from the bodies of the sharks. As a fertilizer it is superior to dog fish. The head of the shark is full of glue of a highly valuable quality and the fins are a much prized Chinese food delicacy. Orientals here paying as much as \$3 a pound for it. The liver content runs from 60 to 70 percent of finest oil of which about 19 percent is glycerine. Shark's teeth are in demand in many parts of the world and fetch a high price for the manufacture of ornaments. What bones there are, and they are few, go into the fertilizer part of the industry.

Shark Leather

The greatest interest in this new industry is being manifested in the manufacture of hides. Several American companies have been formed and much excellent research work is being done at present. A Seattle company is making very rapid progress, although they have not yet arrived at a commercial paying basis. The shark hides run from an inch in thickness to the consistency of paper in the baby

shark. Samples recently exhibited here to a number of local business men included soles for boots and leather for the finest "suede" shoes for women's wear. There was also a black "pigmented" product which would make a club bag that would last a lifetime. In Seattle they are manufacturing hip-boots from shark hides and they are determined to be completely waterproof. It takes fifteen days of specialized process to turn out these leathers and some six months' treatment to prepare sole leather for the market.

Mr. Macdonald predicts that the time will come when British Columbia will have as many shark-catching and manufacturing plants as Norway now has. "There are millions in it," he asserted, "and it is right at our back door."

PROSPECTORS BUSY AT ARM

Snow Leaving Higher Ground—Assessment and Development Work.

ALICE ARM, June 3.—Snow is leaving the higher ground in the hills and mountains about this place and prospectors are already busy on their claims, each day seeing more go out to carry on the season's work. In the town it is rather quiet and the only work going on nearly is the construction of the government road from dock to town by local contractors.

Tom McGoskrie is working on the McPherson property on the northeast fork of the Kootenai River and Walter McDonald is doing assessment work on the "Mother-in-Law" group. John Howler is working on the "Black Diamond" property on the upper Kootenai and John and Gus Strombeck are now busy at the Torie group. James Galvin is developing his property on Haystack Mountain and Fred Matson is doing assessment work for James Peacock, of Anyston, on the Eagle Bay property. Near town, Archie McPhail is continuing the driving of a tunnel on the Independent group that was considerably tunnelled by D. J. Hancock a couple of years ago.

There is nothing doing at the Dolly Varden at present although Major North, the manager for the Taylor Mining Co., went up to the mine on Friday last to spend a few days' making surveys of the Dolly and the Wolf.

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Hazleton the Place for Good Roads and Scenery

By the Editor.

Hazleton is a picturesque town at the junction of the Skeena and Bulkley rivers. It is the centre of a district which has many sights that would appeal particularly to the tourist. The piece de resistance is the Rocher de Boule Mountain, but there are several Indian villages which are very interesting and the roads are better than at any other place in the northern interior. It is not uncommon there to see a car spinning along at from thirty to forty miles an hour, the only place I know where such speed can be attained without grave discomfort to the occupants of the car.

The main objection to Hazleton is the fact that the Indian village and the white town is so closely connected that a stranger cannot see any dividing line. The condition is good for neither whites nor Indians. The Indian villages of Kispiox and Hazelgaet are both very interesting and picturesque. The latter only a few miles distant is close to the famous narrows, once bridged by the Indians but now having a fine suspension bridge. It is possible also to drive to the foot of the big mountain and to other points.

Drive From Smithers.

We drove to Hazleton from Smithers by motor car and returned the same way, and some of the road is very poor, but it is not very bad going, compared with other parts of the valley. It is possible to average about ten miles an hour. The chief point of interest is Moricetown where the Bulkley rushes through a very narrow canyon. To see it is well worth the whole trip. The Indian village there is marked by the number of peculiar fish drying sheds, each on stilts several feet from the ground.

Everyone knows of the Hazleton hospital and the splendid work done there by Dr. Wrench. It is open to Indians and whites and is conducted under the general supervision of the Methodist Church. Owing to its healthy climate and ideal situation, Hazleton has been recommended as a site for a tuberculosis sanatorium for the north country.

Big Game Hunting.

One of the new industries of Hazelton is the outfitting of parties for the big game hunting grounds on the northern interior. In this respect it is already rivaling the Stikine River. Last year three parties were sent in by G. M. Byrnes, the well-known owner of pack horses and contractor for the Dominion Government telegraph lines. He has between 70 and 80 horses which go as far as four hundred miles north, right into the heart of the big game country. It is expected this industry will develop.

Expert Scientist.

While at Hazelton we met Dr. S. Swarth of the museum of vertebrate zoology at the University of California and I found he had a letter of introduction to me from Allan Brooks, the artist and naturalist who was in Prince Rupert last year and who spent the summer on Queen Charlotte Islands. Mr. Swarth is making a complete study of the birds of the district, dealing more particularly with the matter of distribution. He is working with Allan Brooks on a list of British Columbia birds which will be the most official publication of its kind yet issued. In the autumn Mr. Swarth will visit Porcher Island to follow up some of the work done there recently by Mr. Brooks.

It would not be right to leave the subject of Hazleton without mentioning that excellent little weekly, the Omineca Herald,

edited by C. H. Sawle. It is located at the new town, which is at present rather a deserted place, but it gives the news of much of the valley. Mr. Sawle is a great believer in the future of Hazleton.

Hazleton will be remembered as the place of good roads and fine scenery. It is the oldest settled part of the whole valley and was at one time the head of navigation on the Skeena River.

ADMINISTER ETHER AND GET THE TRUTH

Toronto Doctor Makes Startling Chemical Discovery.

TORONTO, June 3.—Another to compel truth-telling has been discovered by Dr. James Cotton, of this city, according to an interview in a local evening paper. Dr. Cotton's new ether, called Ethylene Ether, has been used in numerous demonstrations and is calculated to eliminate post-operative sickness. The preparation to compel a person to tell the truth, let the chips fly where they may, is being kept a secret, Dr. Cotton says, because the revelation, in the long run, might do more harm than good.

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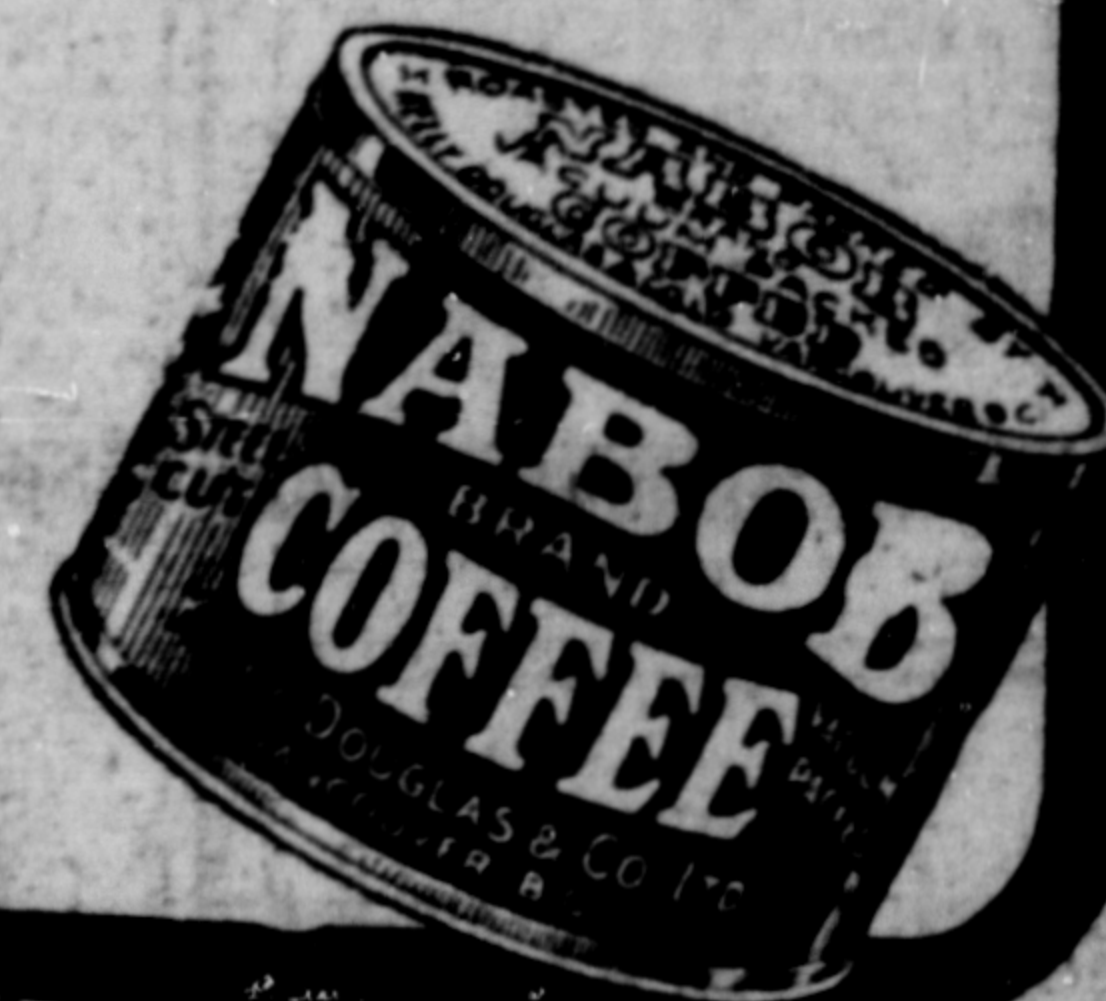
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