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REPORT SHOWS THAT INTERIOR FINE COUNTRY

Minister of Lands Read Much of Information to Members of Legislature

FIRST HAND INFORMATION

Grazing Commissioner Deals Particularly With Nechaco and Bulkley Valleys

VICTORIA, Nov. 15.—The report of Thomas P. Mackenzie, commissioner of grazing, quoted by Hon. T. D. Pattullo in the Legislature last week is a very interesting one, dealing as it does with the country along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. The Minister of Lands in his speech read most of the report and was listened to attentively while the attorney general punctuated part of it with exclamations of approval. The report said in part: "I was most favorably impressed with the whole of the territory inspected, the immediate first impression being that British Columbia has in that part of the province a magnificent mixed farming district. This opinion was so strengthened after the first general inspection that I am fully convinced that one of the best, possibly the best, farming areas of the province will develop adjacent to and tributary to the present line of railway from Prince Rupert east to Prince George."

Around Fort Fraser

"Evidence of the general level character of the country is noted as one traverses the country from Vanderhoof to Fort Fraser and southerly from those places. The future will see a great stretch of contiguous farms covering the entire thirty odd miles between Vanderhoof and Fort Fraser, for almost the whole of the land is suitable for agriculture."

"To the north of Fort Fraser toward Stuart Lake is another splendid stretch of land, which willing workers are developing into places where clearing, soil, moisture, and general climatic conditions brought many discouragements to the pioneer. There can be no question regard the future successful development of this north country."

A long paragraph on the soil says in part: "As a general rule the soil throughout the territory examined is excellent and produces magnificently even the first year of seeding. The dark surface soil appears to be deeper throughout the Bulkley Valley than it is in the country from Endako east to Prince George. The Vanderhoof - Fort Fraser country has, however, the advantage of the Bulkley Valley in that the cultivable lands of the former district are more extensive and not so broken and patchy."

Wonderful Production

Discussing production the report says: "The question before the settler should never be 'will the soil produce?' He should rather ask himself what grains, grasses or vegetables will it best produce. When the land is cleared production is certain. Even during the season of 1922, recorded as the driest season this north country has experienced during the last forty years, the growth of grains was very good. They were good as compared with the average of normal years in the north and really excellent when compared with the normal yields of many more southerly districts. "Very heavy crops are grown

on soils which have been cultivated for long years. Indications are that the soils of the north are less susceptible to deterioration than those of the south.

"The newly cultivated soils of the north seem to be admirably adapted to the growth of oats a first crops and it is astonishing to note the heavy yields of this cereal produced on many of the farms. Wheat and barley also grows splendidly."

After speaking of the splendid timothy and other grass crops, the report continues: "I soon realized that I was in an early country. That this is so is borne in upon one when one realizes that the elevation is from 1200' to 1500' lower than the general level of the Cariboo-Lillooet plateau, that the country is very little influenced by the proximity of snow-capped mountains, that it is susceptible to the influence of warm winds from the coast and enjoys perhaps an hour or two longer sunshine during the day in the summer or growing months."

Butter and Beef

The report speaks of the high quality of the product of the Vanderhoof country, showing that the feeding of even mediocre cattle is profitable. The beef cattle he finds were the finest he had seen. To quote him: "I have seen very few cattle on the range in the Pacific Northwest to compare in condition with those seen on the ranges in the north. The tenderness of the meats served at the table at all places is indicative of the quality that may be expected to come out of the district in the future."

To avoid shrinkage in marketing the beef, the report suggests the establishment of a packing plant at Prince Rupert or some other point.

"The land produces so heavily that in comparison with the plateau country to the south, one acre of the north is worth for forage production three to five acres of the south. Consequently a less acreage is needed for winter feeding in the north."

No Extremes

The report tells of the fine climate, summer being warm without extremes of heat and the winters satisfactory with few periods of extreme cold. The concluding paragraph of an intensely interesting report reads:

"This north country should be called the 'lake country of the west.' It is studded with lakes both large and small, most of them teeming with fish and all easily accessible. Some very picturesque and prosperous farms are being developed along the shore of the various lakes. I did not meet any of the established ranchers who expressed a desire to leave the country. It is a beautiful and picturesque country and there is that freedom from blizzards which are experienced in most places outside of the province."

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