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## Facts Regarding Skeena Fisheries LOCAL MAN LOST HIS LIFE IN FIRE AT SEAL COVE YESTERDAY

### Depletion of Skeena Benefit Fraser River and American Traps

In connection with the articles and letters published recently in regard to transferring salmon eggs from the Skeena River to the Fraser and the denial of Colonel Motherwell that such action is planned for the coming year, an interview has been secured by a Vancouver correspondent with a former employee of the government, who tells that for several years this transfer has been going on. He says:

"It is about fifteen years ago that the Stuart Lake hatchery was built at the head of Stuart Lake. This lake is tributary to the Fraser River watershed. After it was built it was found impossible to get salmon eggs from the Stuart Lake so the hatchery people crossed over to the Babine Lake, which is tributary to the Skeena River, and took about eight million eggs every year over trail to Stuart Lake, a distance of about six miles.

"When this had been going on for six years the Skeena canners made a protest and the transfer was stopped and the hatchery closed. It remained closed for four years and then the hatchery was started up again and eight million sockeye eggs were taken every year until and including 1921.

"Let me tell you more than that. Not only are the salmon eggs taken away but the Indians are forced to take their winter supply of fish from the Babine Lake instead of the Stuart Lake, and this robs the Skeena of millions of eggs. So many salmon were taken from the Fraser River spawning grounds of recent years that they were forbidden to take any and as a result they came to Babine Lake for their supply. They came across the Stuart Lake trail and camped on the creeks in Babine for the purpose of catching their winter salmon. A great many families came from Stuart Lake and from other points and they took pretty nearly ten thousand salmon, many ripe for spawning. This means that millions of eggs were destroyed by the Indians, who, if not interfered with by the authorities would have taken their fish from the Fraser watershed."

"Fish that are hatched in Stuart Lake go to sea by way of the Fraser River and when mature return to the Fraser River. In doing so they have to run the gauntlet of the American traps and three-fourths of them are taken by the Americans, only one-fourth returning to the River for the Canadian fishermen.

"Fish hatched in the Babine go to sea by way of the Skeena River and return to the same four years later. There are no American traps to intercept them and they are taken by Canadians for the use of Canadians.

"This is a matter for Prince Rupert people to take up. Mr. Motherwell says eggs are not to be transferred this year. Will the Indians be made to come to the Babine for their supplies instead of taking them from the Fraser watershed as formerly? These are matters into which Prince Rupert people should have a complete understanding. Owing to the remote location of the hatcheries it is often difficult to secure information, but happily it has been made possible to publish this definite information for the benefit of this community and the canners of the Skeena River.

### PROGRESSIVE CONVENTION TO BE HELD

Executives Met on Saturday and Decided to Invite Delegates From All Sections.

VICTORIA, Jan. 16.—The Progressive Association executives met on Saturday and decided to hold a provincial convention, inviting supporters of the party from all parts of the province to draft a platform and complete organization with a view to contesting every seat at the next provincial election.

Secretary R. S. Anderson stated that labor leaders in all parts of the province had written promising support to the new party.

### TUG CLINTON SUNK BY ROYAL AT VANCOUVER

Was Run Down in Narrows and Cut in Two But Crew Saved.

VANGOUVER, Jan. 16.—The Pacific Great Eastern tug Clinton, valued at \$18,000 was sunk in collision with the Princess Royal in a fog on Saturday night in Burrard Inlet narrows. The Clinton's crew of nine men was rescued by the Royal.

### TRANSFER OF IRISH POWERS

Provisional Government Took Office Today—Transfer by Lord Lieutenant.

DUBLIN, Jan. 16.—Governmental powers for Ireland as vested in the British authorities were turned over today to the provisional government of Ireland as constituted on Saturday under the Anglo-Irish treaty. The transfer was made by Viscount Fitzalan, Lord Lieutenant, in the Privy Council chamber.

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### CONDITIONS IN FAMINE STRICKEN RUSSIA UNCHANGED.



These two exclusive pictures show the condition that Russia is in to-day. The picture on the right, taken in Moscow, shows the midwinter dress of a Russian boy from the famine district. He arrived in Moscow after a three months' tramp in his search for shelter and food. The photograph on the left shows two Tartars from the Kazan famine area, who have made their way to Petrograd only after suffering practically intolerable hardships. Oftentimes they had to go three or four days without a morsel of food.

### PATTULLO MAY GO TO ENGLAND SOON ON IMMIGRATION

VICTORIA, Jan. 16.—Word received from England that there is not likely to be a general election until late spring or summer at the earliest, will probably influence Hon. T. D. Pattullo to leave for England in the near future to discuss with the British government an immigration scheme for settling British people in Canada. It is understood that the British are much interested in the scheme and are willing to co-operate.

### SIR SAM HUGHES WILL PROBATED

Most of Money Goes to Children and Grandchildren; Furniture to Wife.

LINDSAY, Ont., Jan. 16.—The will of Sir Sam Hughes, which was probated here, shows a total estate of \$392,485, of which personal effects amounted to \$318,876, and real estate \$73,608. Three grandchildren, Sam Hughes, Allie Green and Mary Green, get \$5,000 each. The household goods and furniture go to Lady Hughes and two-thirds of the money is to be divided equally between three children, Major Garnet Hughes, Mrs. Byron Green of Chatham and Miss Aileen Hughes of Lindsay.

### HON. J. H. KING WILL VISIT CONSTITUENCY

Expected He May Be Returned by Acclamation in East Kootenay.

VICTORIA, Jan. 16.—The by-election in East Kootenay when Hon. J. H. King will offer himself for election as a federal minister of public works is expected to take place in February.

### Mitchell Albert Is Exonerated by Jury; Ran Down Woman

VANGOUVER, Jan. 16.—Misak Aivazoff (Mitchell Albert), a wealthy Vancouver and Prince Rupert broker, for whom the finest mansion in Shaughnessy Heights has just been completed, was exonerated from blame by a coroner's jury on Saturday afternoon which investigated the circumstances of the death of Mrs. Clifford Angus, aged 65, who was killed on Davie Street on Thursday evening when she was struck by an automobile driven by Aivazoff. The defendant is now out on \$50,000 bail on a manslaughter charge, which will likely be dropped when the case is called on January 20 as the verdict of the jury read: "The jury does not consider that the evidence shows the driver of the automobile failed to take ordinary precautions."

### MADRAS RECOVERED FROM RIOTS WHICH STARTED ON FRIDAY

Everywhere Prince of Wales Is Greeted with Enthusiasm in Lavishly Decorated City.

MADRAS, Jan. 16.—Madras has completely recovered from the rioting which attended the arrival of the Prince of Wales on Friday and no further trouble is anticipated. The Prince has apparently captured the public fancy and crowds await his every appearance and hail him with enthusiasm. The city is lavishly decorated in honor of the royal visitor.

### Bootleggers Captured by Pirates at Bellingham Whiskey from Vancouver

VANGOUVER, Jan. 16.—Charles Boyes, engaged in carrying fifty cases of whisky from Vancouver to Bellingham in a fast launch, was boarded by pirates and arrested in the name of the United States. Boyes had \$2100 on him, which was taken as evidence by the bogus federal officers, who took the booty ashore and drove Boyes toward Bellingham, then suddenly pushed him out of the car and sped away. No trace of the pirates has been found.

### Man was Burned to Death when Seal Cove Shack was Destroyed By Fire Early Sunday Morning

Omar Soubriere, an employee of the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Company, was burned to death early yesterday morning in a fire which completely destroyed the small shack which he occupied at Seal Cove. Following the extinguishing of the blaze, investigation was made by Warden A. H. Bailey of the city police, who found the charred remains of the unfortunate man who had apparently been lying on the bed with his head towards the foot. Although it was impossible to identify him from what was left of his body, it was later learned that it was Soubriere who had been occupying the shack. An inquest was called for Wednesday by Coroner J. H. McMullin.

The fire was first seen by Tom Watts, a watchman at the cold storage plant, at 6:30 in the morning. Fearing that the place was occupied, he rushed to the scene and kicked in the door. It was too hot and smoky to do anything, however, the place being all aflame inside. The call to the fire department was rung in by William McKenzie, engineer at the cold storage, at 7 o'clock.

Probably From Cigarette. When the fire department arrived at the fire the shack was a mass of flames. The blaze was quickly extinguished with one line of hose, but not before the walls and roof had fallen in, and the place was totally destroyed. The remains seemed to be natural, although they were lying with the head towards the foot of the bed. As the floor was burned through below the man's head, it is thought that the fire was started by a cigarette end and that the man had been overcome while asleep. The stove was in another corner of the room and there was no indication that the fire had started from it.

It is understood that Soubriere had been drinking and that a woman had spent part of the night with him in the shack. J. May reported that he had seen Soubriere at 11 o'clock at the cold storage plant with his partner, E. Briand. Briand said he had left Soubriere at his shack at midnight.

One-room Shack. The shack was a one-room affair on a float near the office of the Prince Rupert Lumber Company. It was painted green, belonged to Robert Hanna, the watchman on the Lorne, and was valued at about \$50. All the contents of the place were destroyed, but these are not thought to have amounted to much.

Soubriere was well known about town and was employed in the refrigerator plant of the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. He was a French-Canadian and was born in Ottawa about 35 years ago. He served overseas with the Army Service Corps. He was unmarried and has no relatives in this country. The remains are in the hands of the B. C. Undertakers.

In Mazzei Affray. Soubriere was the informant in the recent Mazzei stabbing affray, as a result of which Louis Mazzei is now serving time at Okalla prison farm. It was he who was stabbed.

### VETERAN EXPLORER OF AFIRCA PASSED AWAY

Sir John Kirk Accompanied David Livingstone to Africa in 1853 Expedition.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Sir John Kirk, aged 90, who was the chief officer of the government expedition which accompanied David Livingstone, the famous missionary to Africa in 1853, died here on Sunday.

### DR. SIMMONS OF ANYOX DIED ON UNION STEAMER

Well Known Dentist Passed Away Suddenly Near Ocean Falls.

### REMAINS TAKEN ASHORE AND INQUEST CALLED

Dr. Harry F. Simmons, a well known dental surgeon who has been practising at Anyox for the last two years and before that at Vancouver, Cranbrook and Greenwood, died suddenly aboard the Union steamer Venture two hours before the arrival of the vessel at Ocean Falls on Sunday morning on her trip north this week. The remains were taken ashore at Ocean Falls and are being held for an inquest. P. Mackeracher of Anyox, a fellow passenger and friend of Dr. Simmons, is also remaining at Ocean Falls as chief witness. Mackeracher is reported as having been the last person to see the deceased alive.

Dr. Simmons was well known in many parts of the province and was a member of Greenwood Lodge, A. E. and A. M. Several residents of the city who were formerly in the Boundary country were intimately acquainted with him. He has a son, Dr. Harry Simmons, Jr., who is also in dental practice at Vancouver.

### NO BRITISH ELECTION YET

May at the Earliest Is Set as the Date for an Appeal to Country.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The British political situation, especially as to when the Government will call a general election again, has been brought into prominence through the return of Lloyd George to France and the removal of the Irish situation from the foreground. It is the general opinion that the election, which was recently foreshadowed for February, will not be held before May at the earliest.

### FRENCH CABINET IN POWER TODAY

PARIS, Jan. 16.—The new cabinet under Raymond Poincare went into power today with the publication in the official journal of 19 presidential decrees.

### BIRTH.

There was born at the Prince Rupert General Hospital yesterday a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. Cochrane of Queen Charlotte Islands.