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BIG MILL AND PULP CONCERN FOR ISLANDS

FEDERAL MINING AND SMELTING CO. GETS DUTHIE MINES AT SMITHERS

Sawmill, Pulp Mill and Coal Mine to Be at Skidegate Inlet Plans Maturing for Enterprise

Following a story yesterday of the incorporation of a big timber company on Graham Island comes word by the steamer Prince John that active steps are being taken to proceed with the erection of a big lumber mill at Skidegate Inlet to be followed by the building of a pulp mill and the development of the Slate Chuck coal seams.

A great deal of valuable timber in the neighborhood of Skidegate Inlet has been secured by the syndicate which is made up of wealthy men from Pennsylvania and prospecting for coal has been going on at Slate Creek during the past year with good results. Now the developments have reached a stage where more active work will be carried on and the erection of the mill and the sinking of two shafts into the coal will be the first move in that direction.

According to the reports arriving from Queen Charlotte, work has already commenced on the building of the boat on which the mill machinery will be landed. The lumber for the new wharf which is to be erected at Kagan Bay in connection with the enterprise will be cut at the mill and most of the lumber used in connection with the mill itself will also be cut on the ground in order to save the expense of importing.

The Coal Seam

At present there are eight men working on the coal prospecting, headed by W. G. McMorris, who has been promoting the enterprise and who has worked indefatigably to bring it to a successful conclusion. There is a three foot seam of free burning, moisture free, smokeless steam coal commonly designated as semi-anthracite. This seam has been followed and opened at different points over a distance of two miles and an outcropping has also been discovered on a neighboring island. It is now proposed to sink two shafts of 300 feet each in the vertical seam and later it is expected to sink a shaft right at the beach. All the preliminary surface work is complete.

It is planned to utilize the less saleable coal for providing steam in connection with the pulp mill. This is a new idea in pulp concerns and is made possible through the coal being practically on the ground where it is proposed to erect the pulp mill.

Experts There

W. Anderson, consulting engineer of Vancouver, has been examining the ground at Slate Creek in connection with the water supply which is necessary in the establishment of a sulphite or ground wood concern. He arrived here last night on the Prince John and proceeded south on the Prince Rupert.

J. C. Williams, an eminent Pennsylvania geologist, has been on the ground for the past month working out the field in the interests of the syndicate.

Naturally the people living in that part of the island are very keenly interested in the success of this enterprise as it means another step in the permanent development of that section of the province. Skidegate Inlet is admirably adapted as a harbor both for ocean and local shipping. The channel to Kegan Bay has been surveyed and charted by the Dominion government survey steamer Lillooet and there is deep water at all tides close enough to the shore to be convenient for wharf building.

Plenty of Timber

The shores of the inlet are covered with heavy timber which extends back well into the foothills and some of this is owned by the Ocean Falls and Powell River interests, but it is understood the new concern has found ample timber to make the new mill a permanent business. Practically all the timber in that region it is understood is now taken up.

With the commencement of active operations Prince Rupert will find it to her advantage to see that direct and frequent steamship services are established with the Inlet. Queen Charlotte City is now the nearest point of debarkation, being about eight miles from Kegan Bay.

ITALY WITH BRITAIN ON REPARATIONS

ROME, Aug. 7. — The Italian reply to the recent British note in reparations shows that Italy generally approves the British proposals. It set forth, however, that the Italian policy is still inspired by Italian views expressed at the London conference in December, 1922, where Mussolini gave prominence to two important questions, inter-allied debts and productive guarantees.

WON PRIZE OF DAILY SKETCH

American Swimmer Gets Thousand Pounds from English Newspaper for Feat

DOVER, Aug. 7.—The Daily Sketch announces it has decided to award Henry Sullivan the £1,000 prize it offered some time ago for swimming the channel. The paper says that although Sullivan entered the contest he did not fulfil the conditions inasmuch as there was no representative of the Sketch accompanying the boat.

In view of the pluck displayed and the fact that he undoubtedly accomplished the feat, the prize will be awarded.

Observers accompanying Sullivan in the boat said the American showed marvellous dogged determination. He fought against a strong tide from French Capes.

CANADIAN FAILED TO SWIM CHANNEL FRANCE TO ENGLAND

CALAIS, Aug. 7. — Omer Perrault, a Canadian swimmer, entered the water here last evening in an attempt to swim the English Channel but was obliged to give up when only six miles from the English coast. His failure was attributed to roughness of the sea. He will make another attempt.

LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

New York 4-5, Cincinnata 2-4.
Brooklyn 5, Chicago 1.
Philadelphia 6, Pittsburg 4.

American League

St. Louis 3, New York 5.
Detroit 1, Boston 2.
Chicago 4, Philadelphia 14.
Cleveland 5, Washington 2.

Coast League

San Francisco 3, Seattle 2.
Los Angeles 4, Portland 6.
Others travelling.

SULLIVAN SWAM DOVER TO CALAIS

LONDON, Aug. 7. — Henry Sullivan completed a channel swim at Calais last night in 26 hours 50 minutes. The route taken was from Dover a distance of nearly sixty miles.

Sullivan is the first man to swim the channel successfully in many years.

INDIAN BOY KILLED ON SKEENA RIVER

Ben Johnson Succumbed to Effects of Terrible Burns Sustained in Gasoline Explosion

Ben Johnson, 16-year-old native of Kispiox, died in the Port Essington hospital early Monday morning from terrible burns he sustained in an explosion of a gasoline stove on his salmon fishing boat the night previous.

Johnson and his partner were engaged in salmon fishing for Balmoral Cannery on the Skeena River near the mouth of the Ecstall. While the partner was sleeping, Johnson attempted to light the gasoline stove. It exploded and the flames burned his body above the knees almost to a cinder. He was immediately rushed to the Port Essington hospital where he expired soon after. The boat was also damaged by the explosion.

FIRE AT BRANTFORD DESTROYED PLANTS

BRANTFORD, Ont., Aug. 7. — Preceded by an explosion, which shook the centre of the city, the carriage and automobile works of Spence & Son and the Mickle Dyment Lumber plant were destroyed by fire this morning. The cause of the fire is unknown and the loss is estimated at $150,000.

PREMIER AT OTTAWA ON FREIGHTS CASE

OTTAWA, Aug. 7.—Hon. John Oliver, premier of British Columbia, reaches Ottawa today and is preparing for the hearing of the appeal to the Dominion Privy Council on freight rates, when he will wage a determined struggle for the removal of all discrimination.

HARVESTERS FROM BRITAIN

Nine Hundred Sailed Aboard Liner Doric Saturday En Route Winnipeg

MONTREAL, Aug. 7.—With the largest number of passengers brought to Canada this year, the new White Star Dominion liner Doric sailed from Belfast at 6 p.m. Saturday, with 1705 people bound for this country. Approximately 900 harvesters are coming to Canada under the recently inaugurated cheap passage scheme for harvest laborers. On arrival at Quebec, special trains over the Canadian National Railways will convey the harvesters direct to Winnipeg. Also coming on the Doric is the crew of the Leander Rowing Club. The group is one of the most famous in England, being composed of University graduates and is coming to this country to compete in the regatta at Toronto in connection with the Canadian National Exhibition to be held in September.

NEW FORD COMING

DETROIT, Aug. 7. Although not officially confirmed, it is expected that the Ford motor works will close for ten days to rearrange the plant for the new Ford model.

GERMAN MARK IS WORTHLESS

Today's Price at New York is 28c a Million—Doing Business With Other Countries Moneys

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—A million German paper marks could be purchased on the local market today for 28c or only 4.2 cents more than the price of a single mark before the war. The overnight depreciation was 31c per million.

Commercially, Germany's paper has been regarded as worthless for a long time. All business with that country is being done with currencies of United States, Great Britain or neutral countries.

RAILWAY AUDITOR'S FATHER PASSED AT BROCKVILLE MONDAY

Yesterday afternoon W. H. Manuel, C.N.R. travelling auditor, received the distressing news by wire that his father had passed away at Brockville, Ont. Mr. Manuel left on the evening train last night for Ontario to attend the funeral. Mr. Manuel, sr., had been in a critical condition of health for some time past.

Duthie Sells Interest in Smithers Mines to Big Smelting Company

Probably the most important transaction ever executed involving mineral properties of the interior district is the acquisition by the Federal Mining & Smelting Co., a subsidiary of the American Smelting & Refining Co., of control and management of the Duthie Mine on Hudson Bay Mountain near Smithers from J. F. Duthie of Seattle. Announcement of the deal was made this morning to the Daily News by H. A. Guess, vice-president and managing director of mines for the American Smelting & Refining Co., who returned to the city last night after a trip of inspection to the new property and the one already owned and operated by the company at Dome Mountain.

The deal is of especial importance to Prince Ruport in view of the fact that Mr. Guess also announced that all the ore from the mine will be shipped by way of Prince Rupert to the smelter at Selby, California. It will be transported by team and tractor from the mine to the railway at Smithers.

Mr. Guess stated that a vigorous program of development and shipping was to be inaugurated. About 50 men will be employed at the mine to start with and the number will probably be increased in the near future. Charles Wethered, formerly of Wallace, Idaho, will be in charge. Mr. Duthie still retains an interest in the property and is at present at Smithers.

Operations at the Dome Mountain mine are proceeding very satisfactorily, Mr. Guess stated. A power plant and compressor is being put in and the trail to the property is practically completed. Operations on the mine at present consist of work preliminary to opening it up.

Mr. Guess, who has been accompanied to the interior by Dale L. Pitt, manager of the Premier mine, wil be in the city until the end of the week when he will proceed to Stewart to inspect the Premier mine also owned by the American Smelting & Refining Co. Later he will return to his headquarters in New York.

Mr. Guess is not a stranger to many people in this city, particularly to those who came here from the Boundary country. Some years ago, he was in the assaying business in Greenwood with his brother and a building there which they built still bears their name.

New Local Steamship Services are to be Inaugurated Next Week from this Port to Nearby Points

Definite announcement is made today by the Canadian National Pacific Coast Steamship Services that a weekly service out of this port to the Queen Charlotte Islands, Stewart and Skeena River points performed alternately by the steamers Prince Albert and Prince John will be inaugurated on August 12. For the Queen Charlotte Islands the new service will mean steamers calling there once a week instead of once a fortnight as at present. Stewart will be served twice a week by the company instead of once, the larger steamers continuing to ply there from here on Friday nights. The service to the Skeena River is a new one altogether and will fill a demand that has been voiced by local business people for some time past.

The schedule, which will be started by the steamer Prince Albert on August 12 (Sunday next) will be as follows:

Skeena River

Leave Prince Rupert every Sunday morning for the Skeena River and return to Prince Rupert.

Stewart

Leave Prince Rupert Monday at 8 p.m.

Arrive Stewart Tuesday morning.

Leave Stewart Tuesday night.

Arrive Prince Rupert Wednesday at 7 a.m.

Queen Charlotte Islands

Leave Prince Rupert Wednesday at 8 p.m. for all Queen Charlotte Island ports and Vancouver.

Arrive Vancouver Sunday at 7 a.m.

Leave Vancouver Wednesday at 8 p.m. for all Queen Charlotte Island ports and Prince Rupert.

Arrive Prince Rupert Sunday morning.

BIRTHS

A daughter was born in the General Hospital on August 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morgan, Sixth Avenue and Fulton Street.

A daughter was born in the General Hospital on August 6 to Mr. and Mrs. J. McRae, Seventh Avenue and Dunsmuir Street.

TROLLING ON WEST COAST

Some Fishermen Earned Big Money at Hippo Island Grounds

Nels Larsen of the Tom and Al arrived home last night on the Prince John from Queen Charlotte City after completing a six weeks salmon trolling season in the neighborhood of Hippo Island. He reports a very successful season, having alone caught close to twenty thousand pounds of salmon which he marketed at an average price of eight cents a pound.

Running Mr. Larson close for first place in catch was Tim Pearson, an Indian, who caught about the same quantity. The average catch for the season on the west coast this year has been about 1,000 pounds.

Two firms have been buying fish at Hippo Island this year, the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. with the Greer Starrett, Capt. Lawler, and the W. R. Lord, Capt. Chris. Sether, and the Canadian Fishing Co. with E. J. Tingley's Nortonian and Don Yelf's Bethune. The latter firm has been taking its catch to Butedale.

The fishermen have now gone to other work although the run of fish was still keeping up. Many have gone seining.

FULL CONFESSION OF PRISONERS MADE IN BUCKETSHOP FAILURE

Wall Street Men Are Involved it Is Stated by U. S. Attorney

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.— Edward Fuller and Frank McGee, acknowledged stock bucketeers, who since May last have been prisoners for contempt of court, made full confessions about the circumstance of their firm's six million dollar failure, according to a New York American newspaper, which claims it has their confession in detail and are withholding publication at the request of the prosecutors.

United States Attorney Howard corroborated the statement of the newspaper and announced they had obtained a "complete truthful statement" concerning higher ups of Wall Street allegedly involved in juggling assets connected with the bankruptcy of the Fuller Company.

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FUNERAL TRAIN MUCH DELAYED

Crowds at Station Force Special Train to Stop While They Pay Last Respect to President Harding

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7. — Brooding skies heavy with portents of a storm but broken occasionally by hot, hazy sunlight hung over the Capitol throughout the last hours of waiting today for the funeral train bearing the body of President Harding back for the last honors that sorrowing countrymen can pay to him. Messages are pouring in telling of the slowing pace of the train as crowds at the stations along the way force changes in the schedule in order that they may pay their silent tribute to the dead. It seems likely that darkness will have fallen before the flag draped casket will be laid for its brief stay in the White House. Plans for the reception of the dead were changed as the slow hours dragged out while Ohio and Pennsylvania towns through which the train crawled lavished their acclaim at the brier of the dead Ohioan chieftain.

At whatever time the train arrives, Washington will be waiting hushed, reverent and sorrowful in daylight or in darkness.

The latest advice is that the train will not reach here much before midnight at the present rate of progress.

C.P.R. TEAM TIES NANAIMO

Connaught Cup Football to Be Played off at Winnipeg Tomorrow

WINNIPEG, Aug. 7.—With ten minutes of the game to go the Montreal Canadian Pacific Railway team representing the East scored in the second game of the Connaught Cup finals in the football series, thereby tying with Nanaimo, the western champions, and necessitating another game to be played on Wednesday to decide the series.

INDIANAPOLIS TRAIN ROBBED OF $15,000

Express Messengers Bound and Gagged on Big Four Passenger Train This Morning

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 7.—Four men bound and gagged express messengers on the Big Four passenger train this morning and escaped with five sealed packages and a number of railway remittances valued at $15,000.