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Steady Revival In Local Business.

There has been a steady revival in local business going on since spring and this revival is likely to continue indefinitely. The development of the district is proceeding apace and there is every reason to believe that Prince Rupert will not only hold her own but steadily grow in importance. Population will increase and business prospects will improve.

It is useless to again outline the reasons for believing that Prince Rupert will continue to prosper. We have mentioned them often enough. We simply draw attention to the fact that what this paper prophesied in the spring has been borne out and that there is every reason to be hopeful for the future.

Purchase Of Mines Is Good Indication.

The purchase of a controlling interest in the Henderson and other mining groups on Hudson Bay Mountain by the Federal Smelting and Refining Co. is an indication of the way things are going in the interior. The big companies want only properties that have either been well proved or that have made a good showing. The Federal Company purchased the Dome Mountain property near Telkwa and after lengthy negotiations secured a 55 per cent interest in the Hudson Bay properties, usually known as the Duthie mine.

One of the most interesting things about the deal is the statement that the ore will be shipped through Prince Rupert to the smelter in California. This means that the railway will get business and that ships will be coming here regularly to load the ore. These are the things that develop the port. Regular calls from small vessels are even more valuable than occasional calls from large liners.

Marks Of The Village Are On Small Towns.

In small villages where there is little to interest people and where the tendency is for small things to look big, people quarrel and nag each other. What might otherwise be a happy community is often rent and torn by strife. The bigger the place the less is this apparent. In any community where these things happen it can be assumed that the place is a small one physically and intellectually and that the people who live there have no aspirations. The mark of greatness is to forget little annoyances and to see the good qualities in neighbors.

Prince Rupert is still small in some respects. It has to some extent the marks of the village on it. People here manage to quarrel over trifles just as if there were no big things in the world to engage their attention. "Village stuff" is quite common. If we can forget these things and centre our minds on progress, growth, prosperity, health, happiness, joy, and peace we shall get more out of life and we shall not be interfering with the enjoyment of our neighbors.

Germany Will Not Abandon Paper Money.

Germany will not abandon paper money, it is reported, but she may have to do so. The mark has no value today and in all dealings with foreign countries is an absolutely negligible quantity. Under such circumstances it is difficult to understand how she can continue to use it for domestic exchange. It seems as if it will gradually be replaced by foreign money or gold and silver.

By printing paper money in unlimited quantities Germany has so far avoided taxing her people for war debts. Now it seems as if it will be useless to keep the presses running and the country will have to get down to some stable system of finance. It will be very interesting to watch for the next step in the financial situation. Germany, Russia and Austria have all been experimenting with the currency and the outcome may be disastrous or a way may be found for stabilizing the finances of those countries so that it will be possible to do business with them on a sound basis.

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FOREST ESSAY—SHEILA STUART

Composition by Local Girl Which Took Second Prize in Recent Contest

Forests are a very important source of revenue to a country or nation. On account of their great forests, Spain and China were the leading nations of the world at one time. As they were such powerful countries they thought that no harm could befall them so they were very careless about their forests and lands. Very soon fires burned up the forests and Spain and China were left without the industries the forests gave them. This applies to our province for, if our forests were burnt, it would mean that the twenty thousand people employed in the lumber industries would be without work. There would be no wood for our use and no lumber for building purposes. We would have to import our wood from other countries which would make the lumber much more expensive and the taxes the people have to pay much heavier.

Of the greatest importance to our province are the industries connected with our forests. With the wood we get from them we build all kinds of structures such as churches, schools, theatres, stores, houses, boats, streets, bridges, wharves, furniture and many other things useful to us. We also make wood pulp from which paper is manufactured. A considerable amount of our timber is used for ties for our railroads and poles to carry our electric light and telephone wires. From this it can easily be seen that the destruction of the forests by fire would be a great loss.

Value of Forests

There has been more timber destroyed by forest fires than exists in British Columbia at the present time. Six hundred and fifty billion feet have been destroyed whereas there are only three hundred and fifty billion feet now growing in our province. Each year two billion feet of timber is cut and used for different purposes. The value of one year's cut of timber amounts to ninety million dollars.

The number of fires in 1922 caused by careless travellers and campers amounts to the total of 626. The number caused by land clearing operations was 355. People did not get a permit from the forest ranger to clear their land. Two hundred and forty-six fires were caused by lightning which of course, nobody can help. The fires started by unknown causes amounted to 536.

The Prince Rupert district extends from Alaska to the northern end of Vancouver Island and 350 miles inland. There are seven other districts scattered in the interior and down in the south.

A person who sees a fire should report it to the forest ranger so that he and his assistants may get there in time to prevent it from spreading further. The fire fighters use shovels, axes gasoline pumps and other appliances.

There are certain things we should always remember. When we are out camping, we should endeavor to locate a rocky beach on which to build our fires or at least some rocks with which to build a fireplace. Scrape away all the leaves and debris near the fireplace and never start a fire against a log or tree. There have already this spring been ten fires in our district. We should try very hard to do our duty and make ten the total number of fires for the year.

In the Letter Box

WILD BIRDS AND ANIMALS

Editor Daily News.

It appears to me rather unwise to keep on stocking places with wild birds and animals where they are subject to destruction, by their own kind. On the mainland and many of the islands "Eagles," "Ravens," "Hawks," and other birds, prey on the smaller birds, until the song birds of the small varieties, have learned to build their nests near places occupied by human beings, apparently knowing that they receive protection around the habitations of the human race.

Where wolves, panthers, bears and other large game prey on the deer and other animals fit for food is no place for Game Preserves. Yet we read of the government engaging hunters to destroy wild animals which live on their kind and are unfit for food. At the same time where we have islands devoid of these fierce destroyers, little notice is taken of them apparently, excepting to protect black bears which prey on the cattle of the farmers.

In the cutting of timber, it is compulsory to "log off" all of the land on timber limits. What use will ever be made of this logged off lands? Just as soon as land is logged off—that is cutting down all standing timber—a new growth starts, where it would be practically impossible to start farming on account of the large and numerous stumps. This land would be a proper place on which wild animals, such as deer, goats and sheep might exist the year round in a climate where wild game obtains fodder at all times.

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Should any persons, acquainted with the requirements of a country for the preservation of wild animals and birds visit the Queen Charlotte Islands, they will discover the most likely game preserve in the world, where the winter is always mild and where no destructive animals can be found other than the "protected" black bear. Not a single pheasant has yet been seen at the north end of Graham island. A few deer were introduced and are doing well. The only other wild animals on the Queen Charlotte Islands are: land otter, marten, mink and a few weasels. There are thousands of acres of land which will be unfitted for any other use outside of growing timber. The whole of the West Coast of Graham and Moresby Islands, extending for hundreds of miles, are devoid of animal life of any kind. Other islands are unoccupied and would furnish food for thousands of animals and birds, yet, no effort is being made to stock them, in order that our wild game and birds might multiply. Tame cattle roam at will the year round in some places.

Summer Visitors

In the future, the Queen Charlotte Islands will be the resort of thousands of summer visitors. The islands are within eighty miles of your transcontinental railway on the mainland and offer better recreation grounds for the fishermen and health-seeker than any other part of British Columbia. Where we have seven schools for white children, there must be a number of people residing yet the death roll of the province will show that during the last ten years but two white children died from natural causes.

THOMAS DEASY.

The Man in the Moon SAYS:—

THE only people who seem to think the senate is a capable governing body are the senators.

TOOTHLESS laws are like toothless lions; nobody takes any notice of them.

ADVERTISERS are often sore put to it to attract the public. Chicago is leading the way in this as in many oher things. The Tribune of that city recently contained an advertisement for golf belts, the headline of which read: "Keep your score down and your knickers up." The advice was good.

THE difficulty with this weather is that ladies find it difficult to prevent the perspiration trickling down the rouge.

A LOT of local people who stand at the street corners, forget to pay the entertainment tax.

LIFE in a country village is bliss. You can talk about the family scandal of any one of your neighbors without being different from other people.

SINCE the German mark has been worthless so long, why continue to talk about it. It does not affect us.

PRINCE Rupert people mostly live in small houses. It makes it so easy to find things.

THAT is an advantage of being a girl. She does not have to look through ten pockets to find her box of matches.

TALL girls remain single oftener than short ones because they have to stoop to a man in order to be kissed.

PEDESTRIANS have the law on their side and the autos are there too most of the time.

JUNE brides are now just beginning to realize the seriousness of the situation.

WOMEN prove by their actions that they can take a joke. So often they get married.

THE man who feared to marry a homely girl because he would have to sit opposite her at breakfast every morning might have saved himself worry. She would not likely get up unless it was just now and then to spite him.

George Leek, who returned to town recently after spending some months in Vancouver, says opportunities are just as good here as anywhere in the south and he is back to stay.

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