

WEIRD STORY OF APE-LIKE MAN

Mike King of Victoria Told of Seeing Wild Creature in Woods

VICTORIA, July 29. — (Canadian Press) — The reported discovery of huge man-like apes in the mountains of Washington state, which are said by Indians to be members of a strange, hitherto unknown tribe of natives called the Neahbiks, brings to mind the fact that Michael King, British Columbia timber cruiser, amazed the people of this province twenty years ago by returning from the woods of Vancouver Island with an astonishing tale of an uncouth creature, met in the woods, that was not man although it wore man's shape.

Mr. King's story was scoffed at by the public, who variously christened his wilderness stranger as the Mowgli or Wolf Man, the latter appellation being applied for no apparent reason and in defiance of the fact that Mr. King described it as distinctly ape-like, not wolf-like.

From Vancouver Island Yet now across the border strange creatures bearing a stranger resemblance to Mr. King's discovery, have been seen, so it is said and Jorgi Totogi, noted Indian scholar, says it is well known among his people that these weird beings are believed to hail from the wilds of Vancouver Island.

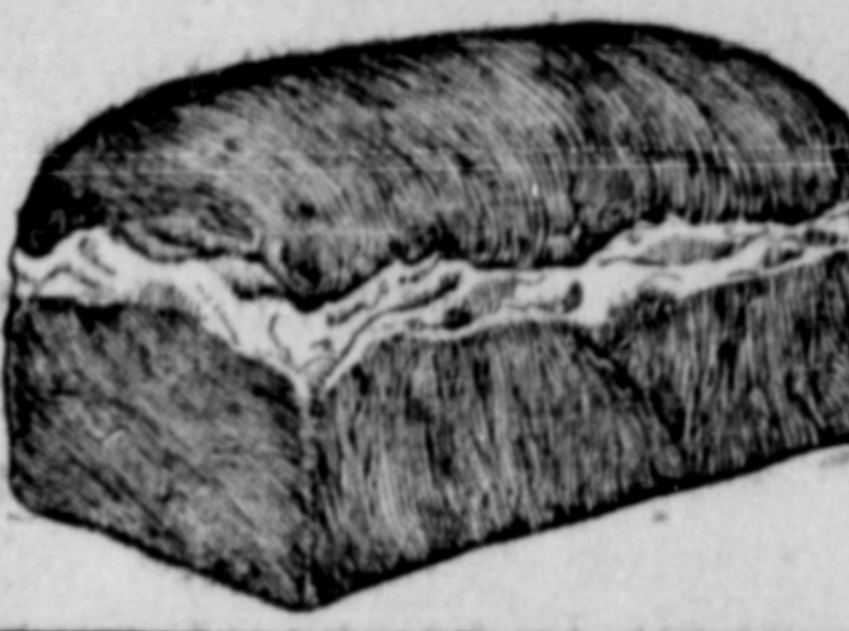
It seems to have been in the winter of 1904-'05 that Mr. King met with the experience. Later the creature was reported to have been sighted by other workers in the wilds, and on Jan. 4, 1906, The Colonist quoted the original discoverer thus:

"The theory seems to me to be the only way to account for the origin of the strange being I saw a little more than a year ago," said Mr. King, referring to a report that the creature of the woods was the descendant of a gorilla cast ashore on Vancouver

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Was Close To It

"For even if a man lived in a wild state from birth he could not have assumed the ape-like attributes possessed by this creature which I saw. I came up by accident and was only about 25 feet away when it caught sight of me. The Mowgli, or whatever you like to call it, was squatted down like a monkey beside a little stream. It was washing a kind of wild onion that we prospectors sometimes eat when we run short of provisions. I thought it was a bear, but when it heard me and straightened up I brought my rifle to my shoulder, for it was the strangest sight I ever expect to set eyes on.

"Imagine being in the depths of a lonely forest and meeting an animal in the shape of a man, standing over six feet high and covered all over with long coarse black hair which, on some portions of the body was a foot long. The forehead was low and retreating, and its small eyes glared at me in surprise for an instant. Just below the eyes the hair on the face of the creature was short, but everywhere else it was long and shiny, and on the hand the hair hung down below the finger ends. The being stood quite straight for a moment in surprise and seemed to me to weigh about 240 pounds.

Ran Like Deer

"If it had taken one step towards me I would have put a bullet through it, for I had it covered with my rifle. But after glaring at me for a moment it uttered a cry—a half human kind of grunt—and grasping a branch nearby, hoisted itself up the bank of the creek and ran away through the underbrush, slightly bending as it did so, with the speed of a startled deer.

"I examined the creature's footprints afterward. Its feet were short and very broad. I noticed the heel came back almost to a point like that of a gorilla. The awful wild onions that it had been cleaning at the little stream was as nicely done up as if a human being had prepared them."

The theory mentioned by Mr. King was that the wild thing was of shipwreck origin. The explanation had been advanced that about 28 years before a gorilla, part of the cargo of a vessel wrecked on the coast, was the only survivor of the disaster. Its cage had been washed off the deck by the waves and been broken up in the surf. The ape managed to climb ashore.

Such of the crew of the vessel as reached the beach were said to have been slaughtered by the Indians. Subsequently, so the tale ran, a warship was sent up from Victoria to avenge the massacre.

This apparently refers to the wreck of the British barque John Bright, lost in 1869 at Hesquiat, when the survivors were butchered by natives. Whether she carried a gorilla or not is not generally known. She was bound from Callao to Puget Sound with a cargo of lumber.

Asked No Delay

In view of the present state of affairs, Ald. Perry felt there should be no further delay in getting the project under way.

Ald. Macdonald pointed out that, with the Shawallans Lake at present carrying all the load, there was always the danger of burning out there and the city would then be in a bad position. He was not desirous, however, of rushing anything through.

Mayor Newton felt that the council would eventually realize the necessity for the new plant. He was ready to vote now that it

CARETAKER FOR PARK APPOINTED

F. Riffou Given Position at Salary of \$75 Per Month—Duties to be set out

F. Riffou has been appointed caretaker of the McClymont Park playground at a salary of \$75 per month. A report from the board of works to this effect was adopted by the city council last night after some discussion. Mr. Riffou's duties start as from July 24 and the appointment is a temporary one.

Ald. Collart was desirous that there should be some definite understanding as to the caretaker's duties. He felt that spare time might be employed in beautifying the grounds. Some instruction along this line should be drafted.

Ald. Perry stated that such arrangements had already been made. A great deal could not be expected, however, for \$75 a month.

Ald. Macdonald felt that the caretaker's time would be pretty well taken up without asking him to beautify the grounds. He would be earning his money if he assisted the children in learning to swim.

Ald. Collart asked if the position was not to be for the year around and was told by Mayor Newton and Ald. Casey that such was not the intention. The equipment, Ald. Casey said, would be taken down during the winter months.

The report appointing Mr. Riffou was adopted with the understanding that the board of works bring in a report definitely setting out his duties.

ELECTRIC SUB-STATION TO BE ERECTED AT COW BAY BY CITY AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$4,500.

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he laid over for a week, he felt. The present council had been in office for six months. There had been plenty of time to bring the matter up before, so he did not see where another week's delay would do any serious harm.

Ald. Collart thought that the matter should first be threshed out in the utilities committee. Ald. Casey was also of the opinion that there should be a definite report from the utilities committee. Ald. Macdonald was willing that the matter should be laid over for a week so that the utilities committee might submit a report and the other aldermen might obtain more information.

Superintendent Explains.

Superintendent Love was then called upon to submit his plans and give further explanations. The project was not a new one as far as he was concerned. He had reported last year on the situation at Shawallans Lake and had indicated at that time that he would recommend the erection of a new sub-station this year. It had been intended to install such a station in the old steam plant but further examination of that structure had brought out that it was in no condition to house a sub-station. Some of the equipment, which had been provided for in the estimates, had already arrived. Replying to Ald. McMorde, Mr. Love stated that the street lights were operated from the present old plant. This, together with the fire hazard existing, explained why it had been necessary to keep two men there. Whereas, the street lights were now hand operated, they would be automatic in the new plant. Already fires had broken out, on account of defective switches and dangerous wiring and the whole plant might have been wiped out if there had been no men retained there. The engineering department had been asked to get out the plans in April, but, owing to pressure of work, it had been impossible to get them out until now.

Opposition Withdrawn.

Ald. McMorde said he was now satisfied with the wisdom of the move proposed, and would withdraw his suggestion that the matter be laid over for a week. He thought, however, that criticism was due some department for holding the matter up.

The discussion closed with the adoption of Ald. Macdonald's motion that tenders be called for the erection and installation of the plant.

HIGHLANDER SAILED AFTER OVERHAUL AND LOADING FISH HERE

Having completed overhaul at the local dry dock and loaded 2,000 cases of salmon at the lumber wharf, C.G.M.M. steamer Canadian Highlander, Capt. Fisher, sailed at 10 o'clock last night for Vancouver to complete loading for the United Kingdom. The vessel is being piloted down the coast by Capt. Duncan MacKenzie, C.G.M.M. coast pilot. On the departure of the Highlander, the berth at the lumber wharf was taken by the Princess Ena which is unloading steel for the Terrace bridge.

BOAT ARRIVALS.

C.N.R. steamer Prince George, Capt. Harry Neddin, arriving from the south at 3.15 yesterday afternoon brought the following passengers:

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TIMBER SALE X 6281.

There will be offered for sale at Public Auction, at noon on the 8th day of August, 1924, in the office of the Forest Supervisor at Smithers, the Licence X6281, to cut 61,300 Jackpine Ties, on an area situated approximately 5 miles north and east from Becker Lake station, Range 5, Coast District.

Three (3) years will be allowed for removal of timber. "Provided that any one unable to attend the auction in person may submit a sealed tender to be opened at the hour of auction and treated as one bid."

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B.C.

TIMBER SALE X 6282.

There will be offered for sale at Public Auction, at noon on the 8th day of August, 1924, in the office of the Forest Supervisor at Smithers, the Licence X6282, to cut 19,000 Jackpine Ties, on an area situated approximately 4 miles north-east of Becker Lake station, Range 5, Coast District.

Two (2) years will be allowed for removal of timber. "Provided that any one unable to attend the auction in person may submit a sealed tender to be opened at the hour of auction and treated as one bid."

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TIMBER SALE X 6371.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands, at Victoria, not later than noon on the 31st day of July, 1924, for the purchase of Licence X6371, to cut 15,000 Jackpine Ties on an area adjoining Lot 3372, south shore of Bulkley Lake, Range 5, Coast District.

Two (2) years will be allowed for removal of timber. Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B.C.

TIMBER SALE X 6271.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands, at Victoria, not later than noon on the 31st day of July, 1924, for the purchase of Licence X6271, to cut 28,000 Jackpine Ties on an area adjoining the south boundary of Lot 3314, between Perow and Knockoff, Range 5, Coast District.

Two (2) years will be allowed for removal of timber. Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B.C.

TIMBER SALE X 6359.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands, at Victoria, not later than noon on the 31st day of July, 1924, for the purchase of Licence X6359, to cut 17,000 Jackpine Ties on an area situated about 1 1/2 miles north of Canadian National Railway, between Talling and Rose Lake, Range 5, Coast District.

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TIMBER SALE X 6302.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands, at Victoria, not later than noon on the 31st day of July, 1924, for the purchase of Licence X6302, to cut 107,850 lineal feet of Cedar Poles and Piling on Lot 1920, about five miles across Skeena River from Reno Station, Range 5, Coast District.

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