PEACE RIVER TO BE OPENED

Discussion of Routes by Man Who Knows the Country Proves Interesting

MUST OPEN BEST LAND

Peace Pass is Only One that Leads Into Heart of Fertile District

The Peace River and its possible outlets is still occupying the attention of a great many people. Yesterday reference was made to an article on the subject by Captain I. E. Haight and so many inquiries were made that some of the more outstanding features of the article are reproduced today.

Captain Haight believes in the western route coming out by the Peace River Pass. He says in part:

Geographically speaking, Grande Prairie is not situated to serve the best interests of the Peace River District, as a distributing centre. A glimpse at the map of the northern country does not altogether convey this impression to one who has not travelled through the district, but, to those who have, and are not prejudiced, it is very clear that to the south, southwest, north and northwest there is little room for expansion, as it is hemmed in to a certain extent by a mountainous country and muskeg.

Broken Country

To approach Grande Prairie from the south or southwest is to traverse a wooded, mountainous and exceedingly broken and hilly country for almost the entire distance from the main line of the Canadian National Railway.

Some years ago, while I was in Ottawa en route to Great Britain a delegation was in that city from Grade Prairie to interview certain members of the government with the view of having the steel of the E. D. & B. C. R.R. lifted, and used in the construction of a branch line from Edmonton to Grande Prairie via Whitecourt.

While this suggestion was anything but a fair deal for the rest of the north, it was, nevertheless, so far as Grande Prairie was concerned, the only feasible way to reach that district if other points in the north were to be left out of consideration. What was true at that time applies with equal force today, and while the road would not pass through a very good or extensive farming country,. it would at least reach this district by the shortest and most direct route which ever will enter it.

Obed Route

The cry at the moment is for a connection with the Pacific Coast ports, or at least closer connection. It is suggested that such a road should enter the district from Obed or some point in the vicinity of Brule Lake and thence north and west to Sturgeon Lake and on to Grande Prairie. To the rest of the north not now served by railway facilities, an olive branch in the form of branch lines is held forth to appease such communities.

A trip through Grande Prairie and Spirit River merely indicates to the stranger what may be done in the way of production in the north and leaves the impression that, if there is a sufficient acreage of that class of land, the Dominion could not go far wrong in immediately giving such fertile districts adequate and reasonable transportation accommodations, even though the spirit of the country on the whole is one of economy and retrenchment.

North of Peace

The fact is, however, as pointed out before, that to find any great area of land of the quality which immediately surrounds the towns of Grande Prairie and Spirit River, it is absolutely necessary to get beyond the north bank of the Peace River.

Here and there only is there any large area of good agricultural land still open for homesteading or settlement. Any Dominion homestead map shows with fair accuracy the lands already alienated, which in other words means the approximate area of really first class lands. It is quite out of the question to put thousands of new settlers in those already settled districts.

Vast Fertile Area

The place such incoming immigrants must look to, for lands in the future, is east and northeast of St. John, B.C., and from Dunvegan to the Hay River Post on Great Slave Lake. Here we have a stretch of country 700 miles long by nearly 500 miles in depth, which could be made to produce thousands upon thousands of head of livestock and, so far as my own experience shows, would also contribute many millions of bushels of the best grain on the continent. Any statement concerning the potential wheat production of that northern country must in very truth, refer to area north and not south of the Peace River itself.

Coal Measures

It has been claimed, too, that by going via Brule Lake or Obed that such a line would pass through a very wonderful and extensive coal measure. It is not my purpose to dispute this, only insofar as quality is concerned and the necessity of tapping such coal. In respect to quality, it certainly does not come up to the same high quality as the great coal seams of the Hudson Hope or Peace Pass measures show. The latter coal is not only the highest quality of coal in Canada, but has few, if any, superior competitors in the United States. "McLaren's (Dominion) report, to be found in the Geological Reports for 1923." should prove interesting as to quality and convincing.

Not only that, but we have very extensive coal measures along the main line and branch lines of the Canadian National Railways as they are at present constituted. If the quality of the Brule Lake coal is not much higher than that obtainable now where railway facilities are, it scarcely seems necessary to build an Obed to Grande Prairie line in order to reach new measures of the same quality.

Three other routes for entering the northern territory have from time to time received passing attention, namely the Wapiti Pass, the Pine Pass and the Peace River Pass.

Wapiti Pass Unknown

I do not claim to have been through the Wapiti Pass. I do assert, though, that many of those now writing upon this route, as individuals who have traversed it, have done so only on the map and not via the trail. Very few men indeed have ever been through that pass. From my knowledge of the country immediately to the south and southwest of it and until one reaches the Beaverlodge and Willow River prairies, there is little to induce anyone other than the most seasoned trapper to enter the district. It may, and perhaps does,. offer the most direct route into the Grande Prairie section from the southwest. It no doubt will be brought forward in the near future as the only feasible route into that district, should present efforts to have the line enter via Brule ake fail.

To reach the Peace River via the "Wapiti" means that the country to be traversed before entering the pass itself is barren of everything almost, with the exception of timber.

The Rocky Mountains being a very young range, in a geological sense, contain as yet few minerals other than coal. Therefore to reach Grande Prairie by this pass is to leave the main line of the Canadian National somewhere east of Prince George and go through a wilderness, to end up in one small corner of the vast northern territory.

Pine Pass Shorter

The Pine Pass has been a much more talked of route. While my personal observations of that district do not incline me to believe that it is as good as the Peace Pass, it has, however, one advantage over the latter, if it really is an advantage, and that is that it is somewhat shorter.

Here again we have a route which passes through a country almost as barren as the Wapiti. Little or no agricultural land exists along the route which must be followed, until it reaches within twenty miles of Pouce Coupe. It leaves the waters of the Parsnip near Lake McLeod to enter at once into a heavily timbered and muskeg and very broken up country. Along its entire path a hundred new settlers could not scratch a living from the soil. When it finally cuts through the mountains, it does not debouch upon a fertile or undulating plain but fights a tortuous way through steep ravines until, as before mentioned, it comes out upon the Pouce Coupe Prairie, about twenty miles west of the town of that name.

Here, as in Grande Prairie, we have the most intensely settled area on the B.C. side of the provincial boundary line, and but few sections are still available for future settlement. It is also well down in the southeast corner of the Peace River Block and quite an impossible point to work from in endeavoring to reach into the northern interior.

Going twenty-five miles north of the town of Pouce Coupe and eighteen miles west, the limit of good land has been reached. The Prairie is perhaps, then, twenty by thirty miles in extent. Any talk to the contrary is pure bunk as an investigation will show. The country between this section and Hudson Hope, St. John, the Rockies or Dunvegan is nothing but a series of low lying hills and muskegs, all of which would defy any attempt at cultivation.

By Peace Pass

Mr. Haight then goes on to advocate building the railway by way of the Peace Pass north of the Peace River where he says good agricultural lands would be opened up, mining county tapped, and a system of good waterways be made available for settlers and others. He urges that he line be built, as quoted yesterday, by way of Peace Pass and Findlay Forks in almost a direct line to Prince Rupert, tapping the very heart of the Peace River country.

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General Machinery Overhaul and Repairs to Hull May Take Two Weeks' Time

Here for general machinery overhaul and repairs to her hull which job may take two weeks' ime, C.G.M.M. freighter Canadian Voyageur arrived in port at 9.30 last night. The vessel tied up at the G.T.P. wharf and proceeded at 8.30 this morning to the dry dock where she was taken up on the pontoons.

The ship will be inspected by Mr. Scott of Vancouver representing Lloyds before the work commences. W. E. Baillie, chief engineer of the steamer Prince Rupert, is here to supervise the work on behalf of the C.G.M.M.

After the work is done on the vessel, she will proceed south to go on berth for Australia. This is the Voyageur's first call here.

Sport Chat

The Prince Rupert Tennis Club has its organization for the year off to a good start. It is the first of the local outdoor sports bodies to hold its 1925 annual meeting and, within a very short time, it is expected that the Acropolis Hill courts will be in full time operation again. With a second tennis organization, the Canadian National club, organized since last season, it is expected that this popular sport will be indulged in more generally this season than ever before.

If there were more courts than there are in the city, there is no doubt they would be worked overtime. Tennis is a good interesting exercise which should have many players here. The only difficulty is that there are not sufficient conveniently located courts. In fact there are no strictly public courts where anybody can go and play. This is a matter that might be worthy the attention of some public bodies that profess to have the welfare and enjoyment of the community at heart. The erection of board courts would not be a very costly proposition.

The fourth game in the second division billiard tournament between the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage and Grotto teams was played last night. W. H. Jarman (Grotto) won over George Kelsey (Cold Storage) by 150 to 120, giving the tobacconists a lead of 570 to 532 in the games so far played. The fifth and last game between H. Parr (Cold Storage) and J. Beesley (Grotto) should be played this evening.

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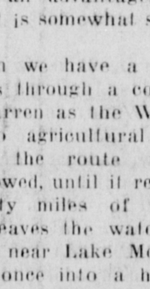

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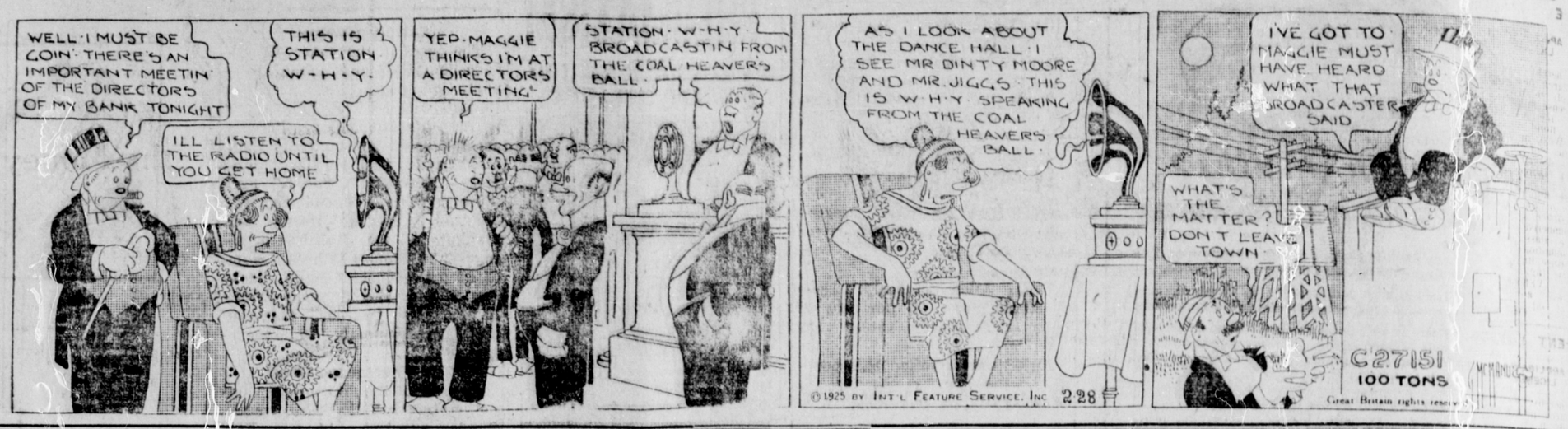

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MINERAL ACT.

HAWK MINERAL CLAIM

Situate in the Skeena Mining Division of the Range 5, Coast District. Where located, South of Falls Creek, Kitsumkalum Lake, and adjoining the Whistler on the East end of it. Lawful holders, W. Treston and D. Wilson; No. of Holders' Free Miners' Certificate, Treston 67010C. Wilson 67004C.

Take Notice that we, W. Treston, F.M.C. No. 67010C, and David Wilson, F.M.C., No. 67004C, intend at the end of sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim and furthermore take notice that Action under Sec. 85 of the Mineral Act must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 30th day of Nov., 1924.
W. F. TRESTON, and
DAVID WILSON, Owners.
E. T. Kenny, Agent

IN PROBATE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Administration Act; and
In the Matter of the Estate of Morris Anton Petersen, Deceased, Intestate.

TAKE NOTICE that by order of His Honor F. McB. Young, made the 10th day of February, A.D. 1925, I was appointed Administrator of the estate of Morris Anton Petersen, deceased, and all parties having claims against the said estate are hereby required to furnish same, properly verified to me on or before the 11th day of March, A.D. 1925, and all parties indebted to the estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith.

NORMAN A. WATT,
Official Administrator,
Prince Rupert, B.C.
Dated the 11th day of February, 1925

IN PROBATE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Administration Act; and
In the Matter of the Estate of Henry Alexander Reynolds, Deceased, Intestate.

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NORMAN A. WATT,
Official Administrator,
Prince Rupert, B.C.
Dated this 21st day of February, 1925.

IN PROBATE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Administration Act; and
In the Matter of the Estate of R. J. Bennett, Deceased, Intestate.

TAKE NOTICE that by Order of His Honor F. McB. Young, made the 12th day of February, 1925, I was appointed Administrator of the estate of the late R. J. Bennett, deceased, and all parties having claims against the said estate are hereby required to furnish same to me, properly verified, on or before the 21st day of March, 1925, and all parties indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith.

NORMAN A. WATT,
Official Administrator,
Prince Rupert, B.C.
Dated this 21st day of February, 1925.

TIMBER SALE X 6103.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the District Forester not later than noon on the 13th day of March, 1925, for the purchase of Licence X 6103, Lot 1570, west shore of Massett Inlet, Queen Charlotte Islands District, to cut 500,000 board feet of Spruce, Cedar, and Hemlock Sawlogs.

One (1) year will be allowed for removal of timber.

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

TIMBER SALE X 6928.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands, at Victoria, not later than noon on the 12th day of March, 1925, for the purchase of Licence X 6928, to cut 1,250,000 feet of Cedar, Hemlock, Balsam and Spruce on an area situated on the north shore of Naysash Inlet, map 2, Coast Land 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 6811.

There will be offered for sale at Public Auction, at noon on the 12th day of March, 1925, in the office of the Forest Ranger, Hazelton, B.C., the Licence X 6811, to cut 900,000 lineal feet of cedar poles and 23,000 Hemlock and Jackpine from Lot 1572 and adjoining land situated north of Hazelton, Cassiar Land District.

Three (3) years will be allowed for removal of timber.

"Provided 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.

COAST LAND DISTRICT.
REGARDING DISTRICT OF COAST.

TAKE NOTICE that Pacific Mills Limited, of Vancouver, British Columbia, Pulp and Paper Manufacturers, intends to apply for a lease of the following described lands, in Coast District, Range 3, in the Province of British Columbia, and being a water lot on the west side of Canoe Inlet, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a post planted on high tide line on the west shore of Canoe Inlet distant southerly along same 2 miles from the southeast corner of Lot 1171, Coast District, Range 3; thence north 43deg.E., a distance of 6,500 ft., more or less, to the southeast corner of Water Lot 1160; thence north 45deg.30W. along the south boundary of said water lot 1160, a distance of 585 ft. to the southwest corner of said lot 1160; thence following the high tide line southerly a distance of 7,000 ft., more or less, to the point of commencement, containing 70 acres more or less.

DATED January 9th, 1925.
PACIFIC MILLS LIMITED,
By JAMES H. LAWSON,
Assistant Secretary.
1318 Standard Bank Building,
510 Hastings Street, West,
Vancouver, B.C.

LAND ACT.

Notice of Intention to Apply to Purchase Land

In Skeena Land District, Coast and Rupert Recording District, and situate approximately one and one half miles West of Salvus Station, on Salvus Island, Skeena River.

Take Notice that Rudolf Larsson, of 4443 Carleton St., Burnaby, occupation Logger, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Lot 4803, Salvus Island; thence southwesterly, approximately 800 yards; thence northerly approximately 800 yards; thence northeasterly approximately 800 yards; thence southerly 800 yards, to point of beginning, comprising all that portion of Salvus Island west of Lot 4803 and containing 25 acres, more or less.

THOMAS MILLS
Agent for
RUDOLF LARSSON

LAND ACT

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land

In Massett Inlet, Queen Charlotte Islands Land District, and situate about one mile south of Ross Island, Massett Inlet, and in Yestalton Bay, on timber limit No. .....

Take Notice that Eugene H. Simpson, of Massett, B.C., occupation Cannery Manager, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on the west side of Yestalton Bay; thence south 10 chains; thence east 10 chains; thence north 5 chains; thence west 10 chains; and containing 15 acres, more or less.

EUGENE H. SIMPSON,
Name of Applicant.

Dated December 10th, 1924.

LAND ACT.

In Skeena Land District of Prince Rupert Recording District.

TAKE NOTICE that George Little, of Terrace, B.C., occupation lumberman and C. L. M. Giggey, of Terrace, B.C., occupation lumberman, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands, for industrial use:

Commencing at a post planted at the east end of island situated near mouth of Kitsumkalum River and lying near west bank of said river; thence following shore line around island to point of commencement, containing 25 acres, more or less.

GEORGE LITTLE and
CLAIRE L. M. GIGGEY,
Applicants.