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Canada Sloughing Off Her Swaddling Clothes.

Canada is gradually sloughing off her swaddling clothes and the sturdy infant is learning to walk alone. Scarce a week passes but some question having to do with the powers and rights of the country is discussed somewhere. The effect is not confined to any one political party or to people originating from any one country. First it is Liberal, then Conservative. Now it comes from the native sons and again from recently naturalized citizens. All have an equal say in the matter and all seem to take part at some time in the discussions as to Canada's position or powers.

Danger Of Children Being Too Careless.

The attention of the Daily News has been drawn to the fact that children here often run after passing automobiles and in order to show how daring they are they stand out in the road or pretend to run in front of cars. This is not only very dangerous in itself but is a very bad example to the smaller ones who have not the judgment that older ones may exercise. Many cases of cars almost meeting with accidents and also of children almost being run down are related.

In connection with this, parents of children could use their influence to good advantage. School teachers are already doing it as we know. Here our streets are not very wide in the residential districts and often there are no sidewalks. That makes it all the more necessary that care should be exercised.

Radio Discoveries Daily Occurrences.

Radio discoveries are being made almost every day. People are experimenting and are constantly finding out new things about the radio waves, the receivers or the broadcasting stations. It is difficult to say what the future of this wonderful natural phenomena may be. The more it is studied the more useful it is likely to become.

The popularity of radio is endangered by its abuses. Some of the little sets are very annoying when they in receiving or trying to receive themselves become broadcasters of horrible squeals. Complaint is also made of some of the stations in the south which use their broadcasters for propaganda and drown out the good music or instructive addresses which the fans wish to hear. Something will have to be done by the Dominion Government to regulate these things.

Have To Pay Loss On Eastern Lines.

Usually there are complaints that the West is an expense to the East. Now it is shown by railway returns that the national railways in the farther east are an expense to the rest of the country. The railways in Ontario pay a good profit and so do those operated by the Canadian National in the United States. There is a loss of something over a million in the West whereas in the Maritime provinces the loss is over five million dollars. The West is in a fair way to wipe out its annual loss, possibly this year, but the East cannot hope to do so for some time to come. In fact the ports of the Eastern Maritimes are asking that the railway rates be reduced to a very low point so that grain may be shipped through their ports. That would probably add to the railway loss and would be an additional bonus to the people there.

His Mirror Told Him of Exhausted Condition

Mr. R. Paulin, Toutes Aides, Man., writes:

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GOLD RUSH TO THE DIGGINGS

Department of Mines Officials Give Opinions as to Where Gold Found

WOULD TRY BENCHES

Experienced Men in no Hurry to Reach Scene of Promised Activity

VICTORIA, Feb. 21.—Fortune may smile on the gold seekers preparing to get away at the earliest opportunity to Gold Pan Creek or the neighborhood, according to experts and others here, connected with the Provincial Bureau of Mines.

But these well-informed professional observers declare the contents of the benches there much more likely to prove golden dividend payers than the sands of the creeks flowing at their base.

This view is based on a three-angle argument:

It is plain to any scientist competent to read the story of the rocks that the creeks flowing into or contiguous to Dease Lake and Liard River, from which $6,000,000 to $7,000,000 in dust was recovered in the seventies, have not long (as geologists measure time) followed their present courses. The old stream-beds are there, close at hand, with every natural likelihood that they will be found well lined with dust and nuggets. It is simply a case of accurately judging where the old course of the creeks lay, and tapping the treasury.

These benches or cliffs, rising to considerable heights from each of the historic placer creeks of the section, have neither been worked nor scientifically prospected. They are as yet virgin territory in a region proven rich in alluvial gold deposits. The creeks on the other hand, both on the Dease Lake side of the Skree Hills and across those hills in the country drained by the Eagle River, of which Gold Pan and its "pups" are tributaries, not only were exploited at the time of the Cassiar rush and in immediately subsequent years, by men straight from practical experience in the Cariboo zone, but ever since the roaring seventies they have been worked in a desultory fashion by Chinese miners who remained on the ground to "mop up" after their racial fashion. These have been washing a little gold each season in virtually all the streamlets from the Stikine to the Liard.

The Muddy—Big and Little —and its feeders, are said to have generally escaped Asiatic attention, as well as any very thorough exploration by the Cassiar veterans.

Ryan Here With Nuggets

Nor is there lacking support for this scientifically-grounded summary of expert opinion: A pioneer miner, Ryan, who for a score of years has been working a claim on Dease Creek, a mile or so up stream from Laketon, where the creek debouches into the lake through an extensive flat, is now in Victoria, buying not only supplies but such working impedimenta as would be necessary to carry forward bench operations on an extensive scale. He is not courting publicity, and he is paying for his requirements with dust and nuggets, little water-worn, and which would seem to have come from fairly near their place of origin.

Ryan has for years been tunnelling, season after season, to where he has calculated the ancient creek-bed should be—the cost of his operations, prosecuted with abounding faith, being paid for by intermittent harvesting of the limited remnant of the creek gold. His tunnel has been driven straight into the bench from not more than 20 feet above the summer level of Dease Creek. The bench here extends quite a distance between the creek and the flat, through which it empties into Dease Lake.

It is Ryan's hypothesis—and experts of the Mines Department long ago assured him that it was a remarkably safe one—that the stream had not always followed its present sinuous course, but has been forced to it by the ancient channel becoming obstructed—and that the original creek-bed, when laid bare or tapped, will be found gold-carpeted.

When Mr. W. Fleet Robertson, then Provincial Mineralogist, visited the Ryan claim a few years ago, good progress was being made with the tunnel, assays of the iron sulphides removed in the boring to the supposed source of riches showing an average gold content of $90 a ton.

"It seems to me," Mr. Robertson reported, and he is not usually charged with excessive optimism, "that the old high channel which has been found on the other side of the creek coming down the valley had at the canyon cut into the hillside to the north of the present creek and continued through to the low bench lands to the north of the flats, and that it is quite possible these benches will be found very well worth prospecting."

Indians Have Plenty Gold

Geological conditions on Dease Creek are, in the main, similar to those on Gold Pan, where Grady uncovered his bedrock at from eight to ten feet from the surface, the stream here cutting through a red porphyry dyke, with walls rising almost perpendicularly to approximately 400 feet.

Colors undeniably may be got in any and all the creeks of the district, and the Indians seem to have no difficulty in locating a specie bank somewhere in that region upon which they can draw for virgin gold when they need its purchasable equivalents. It is somewhere in this part of the country that the Indians Simon Gun-a-Noot and Peter Hi-madan, brothers-in-law and companions in flight, are reputed to have found rich placers during their exile, from 1906 to 1919.

After their trial and acquittal, Gun-a-Noot banked a cash balance of about $75,000. He claimed he had made this considerable fortune trapping in the hills during the years of his retirement—the police for a considerable part of the time keeping him constantly on the move, so that he could have had no opportunity to attend properly to an extended trap-line. Give him as much as six years of concentration upon his trapping and it would overtax credulity to accept the suggestion that his tangible fortune came out of fur in a country where the lynx and beaver are the most valuable pelts obtained.

To his intimates, Gun-a-Noot confided that he had placers of his own discovery upon which he could draw for the sinews of legal war; and when he determined to surrender himself up to trial, it was not until after he had secured counsel wholly to his liking. This counsel, Stuart Henderson, bears witness that when he undertook the defence, it was repeatedly emphasized to him that "money was no object."

Are Not Hurrying North

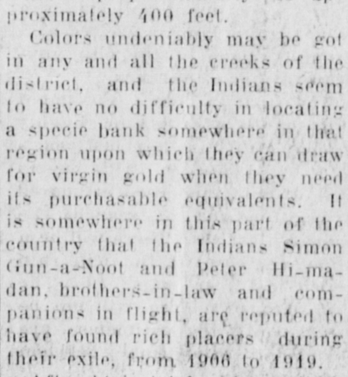
Ryan, whose bench claim on Dease Creek is believed by those wise in mining lore to be a much more dependable guide to fortune than Grady's placer on Gold Pan, already superficially worked by Chinese, is not himself leaving for his property until May. Nor is Hamilton, another veteran of Cassiar's palmy days, who goes back there in his company, sharing secrets with him. Nor is J. S. McDonald, the Telegraph Creek-Dease Lake freighter who, with Curran and two others, followed close on Grady's heels and staked claims two, three, four and five, on Gold Pan itself. Of the determination of the owners of twenty-five odd dog teams, now mustered at Wrangel, to dash in by way of Telegraph Creek as soon as the ice on the Stikine is set, as reported by H. Gartley, the Wrangel lumberman, Mr. McDonald says:

"I don't crave to be of the party. There is, of course, some winter travel on the Stikine, but it is a risky river to trust. And besides, what can they do if they get to the creeks but wait for the spring? I'd rather do my necessary waiting here in Victoria, and I fancy I'll be on the ground as soon as anyone or as anything can be done."

The same view of the questionable wisdom of taking the ice-bound Stikine as a dog team highway is held by the field men of the Bureau of Mines.

"I should not exactly care to risk it," says Harold Nation. "These swift northern rivers are treacherous winter roads."

Harry Forrest, another sourdough, ventures the prophecy that "if many of them try ice travel on the Stikine, the newspapers can count on a large crop of river tragedies."



FIRE AT SMITHERS CAUSED INCONVENIENCE

Furniture Had Been Moved From Threatened Premises; Government Records

SMITHERS, Feb. 21—The main street in Smithers presented a very busy aspect Thursday as the owners of the furniture and goods that was piled in the middle of the street set about the job of getting it sorted out and taken to a place of safety or back into the houses that had not disappeared in the fire of early morning.

The provincial police staff have moved their quarters to the Borland building, while Mr. Munro has moved the Land Settlement Board office into the Orchard cottage on the rear of lots on which the other building stood.

The government office staff were also busy as the more valuable records had been moved to a place of safety when that building was threatened. Mrs. D. D. Rolston who has apartments over the Mutch hardware store also had to rearrange her home, as did Mrs. W. Mitchell and Mrs. N. P. Moran, who also lived in the danger zone.

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Satisfactory proof of the loss and destruction of the Certificate of title covering the above lands having been produced to me it is my intention to issue, after the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof, a fresh Certificate of title in the name of Edward H. Pierce for the said land, which Certificate of title is dated the 30th June 1913, and is numbered 3983I.

H. F. MACLEOD,
Registrar of Titles.
Land Registry Office,
Prince Rupert, B.C.
January 30th, 1925

LAND ACT.

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land

In Skeena Land District, Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situate approximately two miles southeast Junction of the Skeena and Oestall Rivers on the Skeena River.

Take Notice that George Frizzell, of Prince Rupert, B.C., occupation merchant intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted on the south side of Skeena River, thence southwest 5 chains; thence southeast 10 chains; thence northeast 5 chains; thence northwest 10 chains along the bank of the Skeena River to the point of commencement, and containing 15 acres, more or less.

GEORGE G. FRIZZELL,
Name of Applicant.
Dated January 8th, 1925.