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Tax Sale Lots Are Not Serious Menace.

The delegation waiting on the city council last night in regard to the disposal of tax sale lots over-emphasizes a situation which is not in the least serious and with which most other cities are dealing without taking any unusual steps. The proportion of city lots held here compared with other places is very small and in a good many cases the lots so held are not at all desirable. Some are in swamps or holes and others on the side of almost precipitous bluffs and a good many have no street or approach of any kind over which a vehicle could pass. As a matter of fact, considering the size of the townsite and the number of streets which so far appear only on the map, the city is unusually well situated. Most of the lots held by the city are so held because they are not desirable for building purposes and it pays better to purchase lots from those wishing to sell rather than to buy from the city.

The publicity brought about by this drive for a change has been beneficial as it shows how particularly well situated we are here compared with other cities. On some streets here it is almost impossible to buy a lot as the owners all wish to hold for future use. It also must be remembered that a lot in Prince Rupert is really only half a lot as it is but 25 feet wide whereas 50 feet should be the minimum for residential building purposes.

Taking Chances On B.C. Mine.

R. K. Neill, the man who brought the Premier mine from a prospect to become a producer, says he took a chance and won. He did not depend wholly on chance, either. He went up there in the hills and worked hard but the end justified it.

Most people will take a gamble sometime and if they are doing it we suggest that the gamble on a mine is better than one on a horse race. If he wins the country benefits, whereas in a horse race nobody benefits, but somebody always loses.

Irishman's Day Is Here Again.

This is St. Patrick's Day and the Irish people are holding revel. As Irishmen are favorites everywhere and with everyone, the day they celebrate has special significance. The shamrock is in evidence and there is a little more than usual of national pride in the native Irishman or the Canadian descendant of the Irish on this day. He walks with a more jaunty air and holds his head a little higher.

It is rather wonderful that from so small a country with a comparatively small population there should be such a large number of Irishmen in the world.

Alaska Takes Steps To Protect Game.

The people of Alaska are taking steps to protect the game and the fur bearing animals of the territory and to stock up the islands with fur bearers with the object of commercializing them. They also are considering the advisability of campaigning to kill off the wolves that worry the deer. The game commission is asking the co-operation and support of the people with a view to making the territory prosperous.

That is a splendid spirit in which to approach this great subject. All must co-operate if the best results are to be obtained. And what applies to Alaska applies similarly to British Columbia.

Battled With Seas In Icy Northland.

One of the fishermen from a boat that brings her catches here fell overboard and had a narrow escape from death a few years ago. He was eventually saved, however.

This brings us once more to the consideration of the hazardous nature of the fishing industry and the desirability of doing everything possible to make up for it by making conditions right for the men in port. It is to be hoped that something will be done this year to improve the docking facilities.

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Salmon Fisheries Prospects Are Foreshadowed by Local Inspector and District Situation Reviewed

This year it is not expected that the sockeye run will be equal to that of last year in District No. 2, but it is the year of the big run of pink salmon on the Queen Charlotte Islands and that should bring the total pack for the district up to average although it is not likely that the 1926 pack will nearly equal the packs of 1925 and 1924 states Adam Mackie, inspector of fisheries for this district, who is just back from a trip to Vancouver where he attended a conference of fisheries officers with the chief inspector, Major J. A. Motherwell.

It is expected that two canneries will operate on the Islands this year that did not last and one more on the Naas River. The two canneries on the Islands will be on Massett Inlet and the one on the Naas at Mill Bay. With these exceptions, the number of canneries operating in the district will likely be the same as last. The existing canneries in the district, Mr. Mackie explains, are never run to full capacity. Consequently there is always the opportunity for more intensive fishing without necessitating the erection of new plants.

Intensive Fishing

This year, although there is, of course, no assurance of what will happen, there is every indication that fishing in District No. 2 will be more intensive than ever before. Therefore, the department is preparing to take the necessary precautions to deal with difficulties as they may arise.

During the last few years, the salmon fisheries of this district have produced more than double the pack of the rest of the province. The district is thus getting more attention and, therefore conservation is more than ever necessary.

Not Handicap Industry

While the prime intention of the department is to conserve the fisheries, Mr. Mackie states, it is not the intention to have conservation measures unduly handicap the industry. The work on the coast, it is pointed out, is only a part of the overseer's work which often extends for hundreds of miles away from the coast. It is necessary to keep in touch with conditions in the interior spawning grounds so as to deal intelligently with conditions on the coast. The fish must be allowed to spawn and it is mainly for that reason that regulations must be applied on the coast where the fishing takes place.

The danger of over fishing, Mr. Mackie points out, is more likely in the seining than in the gill net areas because the streams on which seining is done are smaller and it is not a difficult matter to stop the entire run. Fisheries officers have the privilege of closing areas to fishing when it is found they are depleted and this year it is the intention to take greater advantage of this authority if the fishing becomes too intensive.

Reports Satisfactory

Last year, the fishing was intensive and the pack was large but reports from the spawning grounds were satisfactory and, in the majority of cases, they were comparatively well seeded. The intention of the department is to take steps to assure that the spawning grounds shall continue to be seeded. For that reason, the suggestion has been advanced that the weekly close season should be extended and that fishing should be stopped earlier in the fall if it is found that parent fish are not getting past the nets in sufficient numbers and that the grounds are thus not being sufficiently seeded.

So far as the fishing regulations are concerned, Mr. Mackie anticipates that there will be practically no change from last year. The season for taking salmon with gill nets of a mesh not less than 6½ inches starts on January 1 but fishing for sockeye, in which a mesh of not less than 5¾ inches is allowed, does not start until June 20. The fishing with sockeye nets is usually stopped about August 20 and, after that date, there is a period of approximately ten days when no nets of less than 6½ inch mesh are allowed. After the ten days has elapsed, fishermen may again use the 5¾ inch mesh nets provided the local officer is satisfied that the run of sockeye and pink salmon has passed to the spawning grounds.

Activities Starting

While fishing and canning of spring salmon may be started by some canneries in May, the season does not reach its height until sockeye fishing opens on June 20. In the meantime, however, the canneries are usually very active in preparation for the season's work.

The department expects that four airplanes will be engaged this year in patrol work in District No. 2. These planes will probably, however, not be all stationed at Prince Rupert. It is not yet known who will be in charge of the station at Prince Rupert nor who the personnel of the force will contain. These are matters that will be decided upon in due course by the officers of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

MAYOR REPORTS ON CONVENTION

Many Matters of Local Importance Taken up by Civic Head on Recent Trip South.

Mayor S. M. Newton reported as follows to the city council last night on his recent attendance in Vancouver at the convention of the Western Canada Development and Unity League:

After having attended the Western Canada Development and Unity League conference at Vancouver, I feel warranted in saying the gathering was a most successful and representative one, and one which is likely to prove an effectual seconder to the first conference held in Edmonton last year along the lines of demonstrating to Eastern Canada the wisdom of saner consideration being shown to the needs and aspirations of the four western provinces in order that there may be a more prosperous and greater Canada.

While no antagonistic utterances were sounded against eastern interests, nevertheless there was, from start to finish, a unanimity in demanding for the west a fuller measure of equality.

Railway Rates

This of course led to the question of freight and express rates, and the affects in the routing of grain—so vital alike to both the prairie producers and Pacific ports. The conference demanded equalization of rates as between the east and the west, and held the present discrimination was due to eastern interests having their terminal investments at Port Arthur, Fort William, Montreal, Buffalo and Portland, Maine, which meant that the prairie producers had to face obstacles which oftentimes prevented them using the shorter haul to Prince Rupert and Vancouver.

The permit system for grain coming westward was also roundly denounced, and the conference went on record as demanding its removal.

Much Wet Grain

One of the reasons given for the re-introduction of this permit system, after its temporary suspension following its denunciation at the Edmonton conference last year, was that a large part of the 1925 grain crop had become wet, that it had to be dried before shipment, and that the slow drying process had caused a congestion at all elevator points. This led me to ask why, under such circumstances, the Prince Rupert elevator had not been used in helping to relieve the situation, but one of the members of the grain commission, who was present at the conference, replied that he did not know.

Use of Elevator

Between conference meetings I did my best to learn from this grain commissioner just what Prince Rupert could do towards hastening the use of its elevator. His only suggestion was that of getting in touch with grain exporters with a view of getting them interested in shipping via this port. He further stated the grain board had charge of all government elevators, that their board had an official assigned for looking up business for these elevators, that so far this official had failed to secure shipments through the Prince Rupert elevator, that he nevertheless had promises of shipments through this port, that very little export grain was moving at the present time, that the grain commission could not exert an influence in favor of one port as against another even though one port might have a government-owned elevator and the other port privately owned ones, and that he guessed we would just have to wait until next season for elevator activity.

Trunk Highways

The Inter-provincial highways project, endorsed at Edmonton last year, was unanimously affirmed insofar as linking up with Vancouver is concerned, but when I pressed for the link westward from Jasper to Prince Rupert strong opposition arose, but in the end the conference went on record as calling upon the B.C. Government to construct a roadway into Prince Rupert as a means of encouraging interior settlement and making it possible for auto tourists to reach the central portions of the province.

The conference refused to endorse a proposal to have the Dominion provide coal bunkers at Vancouver. It was held such facilities should be provided by private capital.

The resolutions committee also refused to recommend further action for the present re the building of a Peace River Railway direct to the coast, as affirmed last year at Edmonton. The majority took the view that it would be better to await the outcome of B.C.'s present P.G.E. plans.

Reduction Plant

I also interviewed M. Albert with respect to a reduction plant which he and others figure upon establishing at Prince Rupert, and he promised to communicate with us as soon as their plans could be a little more fully advanced.

In this report I have merely endeavored to present the essentials of the conference insofar as they more particularly affect Prince Rupert, and I trust the same will meet with your approval.

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WATER NOTICE.

Diversion and Use

TAKE NOTICE that North Pacific Forests and Mines Ltd., whose address is 301 Pemberton Building, Victoria, B.C., will apply for a licence to take and use 50 cubic feet per second of water out of Slate Chuck Creek, which flows southeasterly, and drains into Kagan Bay, about 4 miles west of Lina Island, Skidegate Inlet. The water will be diverted from the stream at a point about three-quarters of a mile northwesterly from the southeast corner of Sec. 23, Tp. 2, and will be used for Domestic, Mining, Power, Steam, Industrial purposes upon the land described as parts of Townships 2 and 4, Graham Island, held as Coal Licences or leases by applicant. This notice was posted on the ground on the 27th day of February, 1926. A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the "Water Act" will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Prince Rupert, B.C. Objection to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., within thirty days after the first appearance of this notice in a local newspaper. The date of the first publication of this notice is March 4th, 1926.

NORTH PACIFIC FORESTS AND MINES LTD., Applicant.
By Harold E. Whyte, Agent.

WATER NOTICE.

USE AND STORAGE

TAKE NOTICE that Los Angeles Lumber Products Company, whose address is c/o. Messrs. Ladner & Cantelon, Rogers Bldg., Vancouver, B.C., also Box "C" San Pedro, California, U.S.A., will apply for a licence to take and use 500 cubic feet per second, and to store 75 thousand acre feet of water out of Ain River, which flows southerly and drains into Masset Inlet, about one half mile easterly from Buckley Bay. The storage-dam will be located at the outlet of Ain Lake or at a point below the said outlet to be determined after surveys are made. The capacity of the reservoir to be created is about 75 thousand acre feet and it will flood about 3,800 acres of land. The water will be diverted from the stream at a point about the location of the storage-dam, namely the outlet of Ain Lake, and will be used for Power and Industrial purposes upon the land described as Lot 1434, Queen Charlotte Islands District. This notice was posted on the ground on the 19th day of February, 1926. A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the "Water Act, 1914," will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Prince Rupert, B.C. The date of the first publication of this notice is February 23, 1926.

LOS ANGELES LUMBER PRODUCTS COMPANY, Applicant.
By E. Heaphy, Agent.

NOTICE.

IN THE MATTER of an application for the issue of a Provisional Certificate of Title for Lot thirty-five (35), Block twenty-two (22), Section six (6), City of Prince Rupert, in the Province of British Columbia. (Map 923).

Satisfactory proof of the loss of the Certificate of Title covering the above land having been produced to me, it is my intention to issue, after the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof, a Provisional Certificate of Title to the above land in the name of PETER NEOFITOS, the original Certificate of Title is dated the 27th of November, 1917, and is numbered 9749I.

Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert, B.C., March 9th, 1926.

H. F. MacLEOD,
Registrar of Titles.

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NORTH PACIFIC FORESTS AND MINES LTD., Applicant.
By Harold E. Whyte, Agent.

FORM F.

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements

"Sight" Mineral Claim

Situate in the Prince Rupert Mining Division of the Skeena District. Where located: Near the head of Kitsumkalum Lake. Lawful holder: Swan Dalin. Number of holder's Free Miner's Certificate, 88907C.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Swan Dalin, Free Miner's Certificate No. 88907C, 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 further take notice that action, under section 85 of the "Mineral Act," must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

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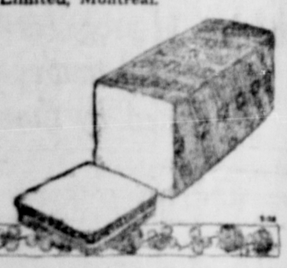

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