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MINES OF INTERIOR MAKE PROGRESS

NEW BUILDINGS AT SEAL COVE MILL NEARLY COMPLETED

Mines of Topley Bid Fair to Become Important Producers and Work is Being Prosecuted

Three Different Properties Being Worked and Ore Prepared for Shipment to Smelter at Trail

TOPLEY, September 27.—This district has assumed a permanent place in the mining world today. Its rise has been meteoric but its permanence as a camp is assured. This is due largely to the big showing made at the mine discovered by Frank Taylor and now known as the Richfield Consolidated which was recently under option but which is now being developed by the company controlling it.

If this mine were everything Topley would be on the map, but it is not all. There are two other properties being worked and at least one of these will be shipping ore very soon.

GENERAL WAS FRENCH EXILE

Raymond Brutinel Repatriated After he Had Fought Valiantly for Allies

General Raymond Brutinel, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who was here last week and who addressed the Rotary Club last week, was head of the Canadian Machine Gun Section in the war but he was not allowed to go to France until he had received permission from the French Government.

It seems that General Brutinel was in Canada because he had been exiled from France over the Dreyfus affair years ago. He was allowed to return on the application of the British government but was still posted as a deserter from the army.

DOG FISHING IS STARTING

Six or Seven Trolling Outfits to Commence Operations in Edye Pass Immediately

Six or seven trolling outfits are leaving shortly for the vicinity of Edye Pass to engage in dogfishing for the Rupert Marine Products Co. Ltd. which will use the fish for reduction purposes in its plant at Tucks Inlet it was announced this morning by George G. Bushby, head of the concern. The company will maintain a collecting scow and tugboat in Welcome Harbor near the Patterson mine. Mr. Bushby announced that \$7.50 a ton was to be paid for the fish.

Later in the season it is also hoped to interest halibut fishermen in this fishery with a view to having a constant supply to keep the Rupert Marine Products plant in operation throughout the winter.

APPEALS HAVE BEEN ENTERED

Fisheries Department Pressing Cases Against Fishermen Recently Dismissed at Ocean Falls

Acting on behalf of the Dominion Fisheries, W. O. Fulton filed in County Court yesterday notice of appeal in connection with six cases wherein Stipendiary Magistrate George H. Hill of Ocean Falls recently dismissed six Bella Coola fishermen on charges of fishing during the closed season which was emergently called about three weeks ago. The department is not satisfied with the reason given by Magistrate Hill for the dismissal that sufficient notice had not been given of the close season. The appeals will be heard during the October court.

PREPARING TO SHIP ORE

With values running from \$60 to several hundred dollars a ton on a showing of gray copper and silver lead ore little more than a mile south of the Richfield-Topley property where they made location last fall, Dave Heenan and Chas. Matheson of Hazelton are getting out ore with a view to shipping to the smelter at Trail this winter. Both men have worked hard and steadily all year and have a whole lot of work to show for their year's labor. The face at present is four feet wide, and their location adjoins the group of claims purchased last fall by Frank Taylor.

The Cup group of eight claims another mile south of the Richfield-Topley property is being developed by Matthew Sam who is finding some very good ore on the new discovery he has made.

RICHFIELD CONSOLIDATED

With every prospect of being one of the big producers of metalliferous ore in the very near future, work is being seriously prosecuted at the Topley-Richfield Consolidated property here. At the shareholders' meeting held in Smithers last week, the proposal of the directors that the Richfield property, formerly under bond to the Standard people, be consolidated with that of the Topley Company and that the newly reorganized company's capital be increased to two million shares of fifty cents per value each was ratified. Application will be made immediately for a Dominion charter which will enable the company to dispose of its shares in every province in Canada should that be necessary.

At the mine, work on the preparing of foundations for the new Petters compressor plant which will carry three air drills is proceeding steadily. This new plant has been purchased and shipped and should arrive at Topley within a few days. With the installation of power, the shaft and tunnel will be unwatered and underground development will be proceeded with right away. Already there are some eight hundred feet of underground working and half of this is in ore. The last shot put in by the Standard Company before they left the property, disclosed a twelve inch vein of high grade ore running 360 ounces of silver, \$16.60 in gold and 23 per cent lead, in a six foot ledge averaging 47 ounces silver and 88 in gold. The first work will be to drift on this vein after the installation of power, and three shafts will be worked, giving maximum twenty four hour production.

Development work will be accomplished very economically on this Richfield-Topley property; the tunnel to be driven being in ore, which material even if barren would have to be removed in any case. The eight mile road to the railroad is practically all downhill and there is already enough hand sorted ore on the dump to give a return load to every team bringing in supplies. So soon as may be regular shipments will be made to the smelter at Trail.

FISHING IMPROVEMENT ON QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S

All Canneries are now Engaged in Putting up Chums and a few Cohoes

Considerable improvement in the salmon run on the Queen Charlotte Islands is reported. Canneries at Massett, Allford Bay, Lagoon Bay and other points are engaged in putting up chums and some cohoes. The success or otherwise of fishing during the next two weeks will spell whether the pack is to be a fair one or little more than a failure.

WILSON IS NEW TEACHERS' HEAD

Miss E. A. Mercer, Vice-President, and W. W. C. O'Neill Secretary of Local Body

The Prince Rupert branch of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation had its annual meeting last night in the Booth Memorial School. The gathering was well attended and enthusiastic.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—J. S. Wilson.
Vice-President—Miss E. A. Mercer.
Secretary—Treasurer—W. W. C. O'Neill.
Executive—Miss Jessie Rothwell, Mrs. K. Mackay, Miss A. A. Pierce and G. H. Stocks.

Convener of Refreshment Committee—Mrs. B. Walker.

The program of winter subjects for monthly meetings was discussed and the matter of a district convention was referred to the executive.

Miss E. P. Grassie played much appreciated piano selections and J. S. Wilson sang solos as well as leading in community singing. Accompanists were Miss E. A. Mercer and Miss Halliwell. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

STIFF GALE SENDS SMALL VESSELS FOR REFUGE IN HARBORS

Forty Miles an Hour This Morning at Digby Island and Thirty During Night

Wireless despatches state that a heavy gale has been blowing along the north coast and has been sending small craft to the harbors for refuge. The tug Pacific Monarch towing the barge Biwayne is weather bound at Safety Cove and the Salvage Princess is storm bound at Banks Island.

The meteorological station at Digby reports that during the night there was a steady thirty mile gale increasing this morning to 42 at the peak and blowing regularly at about forty miles.

URGES IMPORTANCE OF THE MUSEUM TO CITY

Visitor from Scotland Takes Keen Interest in Local Institution

Among the week end visitors to the city was Victor T. Hodgson, honorary secretary of the West Highland Museum of Fort William, Invernesshire, Scotland. He took a great interest in the local museum and urged its importance to the city as a tourist attraction, once it became large enough to make it possible to provide proper housing for it. Mr. Hodgson was keenly interested in the preservation of Indian names, historical buildings and associations. While here he interviewed several members of the museum board and urged upon them the importance of the work they were doing.

FINANCIAL POSITION OF EXHIBITION WILL SOON BE DETERMINED

The Fair Board is now engaged in cleaning up loose ends in the matters of bills payable and collections still receivable with a view to having a meeting within a week's time when the financial results from the 1927 Exhibition will be definitely determined.

It has been practically assured that there will have been a surplus from this year's operations and it is hoped that, there may be a surplus to be applied toward the liquidation of last year's deficit.

NEW BUILDING FOR VICTORIA IS BEGUN

VICTORIA, Sept. 27.—Construction of a brick and concrete building for J. S. H. Watson has been commenced on Courtney Street by Luney Bros., Ltd., which firm was awarded the contract at a figure of approximately \$11,000. It will occupy the site of a livery barn erected about forty years ago and which was recently torn down to make way for the new structure.



BISHOP GEORGE O. ARUNDALE, Liberal Catholic prelate of India, and his wife, Mrs. Rukmin Arundale, an Indian woman of high caste, shown on their arrival in New York for a three month's lecture tour

NEW PLANT SEAL COVE

New Buildings Will Soon be Finished for Lumber Mill

Reporting on the progress of work in connection with the establishment of the new sawmill at Seal Cove on the site of the old Prince Rupert Spruce Mills, George McAfee, manager of the Big Bay Lumber Co., stated this morning that it was expected that the buildings would be finished as far as the contractors, Mitchell & Currie, were concerned, by October 10. Then will commence the installation of machinery and it is expected that the new plant, having a daily single-shift capacity of from 40,000 to 50,000 feet, will be in operation, as per original plans, not later than March 1.

The most imposing building will, of course, be the mill building itself which measures 40 by 200 feet. Smaller buildings will be the steam plant, machine shop and boiler house which are now up and the planing mill on which a start is yet to be made.

C. McKee is supervising the construction of the new plant.

HENRI BOURASSA TO SPEAK AT EDMONTON

EDMONTON, Sept. 27.—Long known as the stormy petrel of Canadian politics and one of the leading orators of the Dominion, Henri Bourassa, M.P., will address a public meeting in the Pentagon Theatre on Saturday evening, October 6, under the auspices of the Native Sons of Canada. The announcement of arrangements for the address was made at a meeting of the local organization.

As Mr. Bourassa is to address the Canadian Club on the following Monday, it is not known yet what subject he will deal with at the public meeting. It is expected that this will be either "The Natural Resources" or "Canadian Problems in General."

NOT SEA SERPENT BUT SOME OTHER CREATURE SEEN MORSEBY ISLAND

SKIDGATE, Sept. 27.—The skipper and crew of the salmon seiner Waterfall report that while travelling outside of Tasseo Harbor, Moresby Island, they saw a huge creature travelling on the surface of the ocean. It had huge wings or fins just back of its head and was planing on the surface with these wings when Skipper H. Whitehead his crew saw it.

COURSE OF EASY SAILING IS NOW COUNCIL'S SIGHT

With the railway taxation agreement now safely ratified by the people, prospects are that the city council will have a course of easy sailing from now until the end of the year. Nothing of a contentious nature seems to be now in sight for its consideration although obstacles may yet arise. The council will be in session again next Monday when one of the matters for consideration will be the final ratification of the taxation agreement with the railway.

BIG DRAWING TO BE HELD FOR BENEFIT NANAIMO HOSPITAL

In the form of a big drawing with first prize of \$5,000 and other corresponding prizes from the line, the hospital board of the city of Nanaimo, having raised in its efforts to raise the sum of \$35,000 necessary for the completion of a fine new hospital there, is now appealing to the people of the province for money needed.

MINISTER AT EDMONTON
EDMONTON, Sept. 27.—Hon. J. A. Robb, minister of finance, is expected to arrive here Thursday of this week and will be entertained jointly by the Board of Trade and the Rotary Club.

Saunders Tells of His Plans for a Mill on Ecstall River; Expects to Close Deal Today

An investment of at least \$1,500,000 is involved in the sawmill and pulp mill which he proposes to establish on the Ecstall River, a tributary of the Skeena near Port Essington, states H. Saunders of Hamilton, Ontario, who is in the city to close a deal with James A. Brown, pioneer sawmillman, for the purchase of the site. Mr. Saunders stated that he expected the transaction would be completed by this afternoon or tomorrow. It will probably take two years to build the plant.

Mr. Saunders contemplates proceeding, immediately the deal is closed, with the erection of a 30,000 foot a day sawmill and a pulp plant having an output of 100 tons per week. Grinders and beaters will be used in manufacturing the pulp as acids cannot be employed in fishing waters such as these. The beater will be installed at first and it is expected about one hundred men will be employed this winter on construction work.

The plant will be entirely waterdriven and a generator will be installed deriving its power from Brown's River at the confluence of which with the Skeena River the site of the new plant is located.

Part of the old Brown's mill will be used in the construction of the new sawmill. Mr. Saunders, who is financing the project, will personally supervise construction. The pulp mill will be built on the unit system so that it can be added to. As a matter of fact, Mr. Saunders contemplates the construction of an extra beater each year until a total of five have been installed. Something in the neighborhood of 300 men will be eventually employed in the mill when it gets under operation.

Logs to be used in the plant will be towed to the mill from the Skeena River and various parts of the coast. Mr. Saunders already having arranged for his limits. The output will be towed to Port Essington on scows and shipped from that point.

Mr. Saunders states that he has been working on plans for the project for several months.

FISH ARRIVALS

Total of 32,500 Pounds of Halibut Sold at Exchange This Morning

A total of 62,500 pounds of halibut was sold at the Fish Exchange this morning, two American vessels disposing of 15,000 pounds for 16c and 7c and 16.6c and 7c, while five Canadians sold 47,500 pounds for bids ranging from 14.6c and 6c to 15.4c and 6c.

Arrivals and sales were as follows:

American
Tahoma, 2,000 pounds, Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., 16c and 7c.
Roald Amundsen, 12,000 pounds, Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., 16.6c and 7c.

Canadian
Alken, 10,000 pounds, Booth Fisheries, 14.6c and 6c.
Morris H., 7,500 pounds, Royal Fish Co., 15.1c and 6c.

Scrub, 15,000 pounds, Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., 15.4c and 6c.
Edward Lipsett, 8,000 pounds, Atlin Fisheries, 14.8c and 6c.
Margalice, 7,000 pounds, Booth Fisheries, 14.8c and 6c.

NEW ORGANIZER FOR CANADIAN LEGION IS APPOINTED IN SOUTH

VICTORIA, Sept. 27.—Robert Macnicol has been appointed organizing secretary of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, with headquarters in Vancouver, and will assume his new duties on October 1, it is announced.

Mr. Macnicol will continue his association with the Victoria realty and insurance firm of R. Macnicol & Company.

In view of the pressure of work involved, Mr. Macnicol will not be able to attend to his duties as a member of the Saanich Board of School Trustees during the next few weeks. He has therefore requested Chairman Hobbs to accord him leave of absence for the ensuing three months.

The Canadian Legion is preparing for a wide extension of its posts in British Columbia and Western Canada in the course of the next few months.

P.G.E. MORE HOPEFUL SAYS THE PREMIER

FERNIE, Sept. 27.—The vast problem of making some satisfactory adjustments with the province's railroad venture, the P.G.E., was receiving earnest attention with hopeful progress towards solution, said Premier MacLean in an address here. The divergency of interests in the centres of population in the province was a difficulty that could only be surmounted by definite progressive development policy of government. The Premier stated vindication of the present government was shown in the support given its candidates in recent by-elections. He urged Fernie electors to take more interest in public affairs and support only administrations acting for their general prosperity.

GRANBY DEFERS ITS DIVIDEND

Will Not Pay One at Present Owing to Wish to Evade Tax, Says Report

TORONTO, Sept. 27.—Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Co. has funds sufficient to pay a quarterly dividend at present (working capital July 1, was \$3,339,560 after payment of July dividend), but conditions exist which make it expedient to defer dividends for a while. Directors were due to take dividend action last month. A dividend of \$1 a share was declared in May, payable July 1.

British Columbia, where the company is incorporated, has tax laws no less onerous than those existing in this country, says a Boston report. Dividends of \$4 per share per annum paid from earnings by the Granby Co. would be subject to a British Columbia tax of over \$220,000. As in the United States, distributions paid from capital, however, are not taxable.

Under the Canadian law, however, no distribution on stock can be considered as from capital as long as a single bond is outstanding. Therefore any distribution to be non-taxable will have to be deferred until the first of May next year when the \$600,000 first mortgage bonds come due and are paid.

VENIOT TELLS OF FINANCES

Postoffice Expected to Lose Five Million But This Reduced to Two

WINNIPEG, Sept. 27.—Addressing young French Canadians here yesterday Hon. P. J. Veniot, postmaster general, said it had been expected when a reduction was made in postal rates that there would be a deficit of \$5,000,000 in the fiscal year but, owing to increased business the deficit had not been more than \$2,000,000.

The revenue for the first five months of the present fiscal year was approximately a million more than for the same period a year ago. Expenses had increased owing to the furnishing of additional service by about \$400,000, of which salaries to employees due to statutory increases and reclassification of the civil service commission were responsible for \$240,000.