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PULVERIZED COAL TESTING

DEPARTMENT OF MINES ARRANGING FOR BONUS TO PACIFIC NAVIGATION COMPANY

BENEFITS OF SYSTEM

IF COAL CAN BE USED INSTEAD OF OIL IT MEANS MUCH TO B.C. INDUSTRY

VICTORIA, June 14.—Government aid to permit of a thorough test being made in the use of pulverized coal for steaming purposes on steamboats of small tonnage will be extended to the Pacific (Coyle) Navigation Company, Limited, of Vancouver. Announcement to this effect is made by Hon. W. H. Sutherland, minister of mines, this action being taken on recommendation of the Advisory Council of the Provincial Department of Industries by which and by the Department of Mines the matter has been under consideration for some time. The company contemplated undertaking experiments in the use of pulverized coal on one of its tugs, and in view of the importance of such experiments to the coal mining industry of the Province and the possibility that future progress along that line would mean increased demand for the home product, the Department of Mines is co-operating with the Navigation Company in the experiments.

The government has agreed to make a grant of \$12,000 of which not more than \$1,000 is granted for defraying expenses in connection with assembling fata; the remaining \$11,000 is to be forthcoming provided it is decided that the installation of a plant for the burning of pulverized coal on one of the Company's tug-boats is warranted as a result of the investigation.

MAKE THOROUGH TEST

Captain B. L. Johnson, manager of the Pacific (Coyle) Navigation Company, recently approached the Department of Mines representing that it was his intention of his company to convert two of their coal-burning tugs into fuel-oil burners. Appreciating that it should be the object of those engaged in business in British Columbia to make use of local products where possible and where there would be no loss in efficiency or increased cost of operation, he stated his directors had decided to test out the possibilities of pulverized coal. Some investigation along this line has already been made by the company which had decided that further experiment should be made before providing for fuel oil utilization in any more of their boats.

In support of the application for government aid, Captain Johnson pointed to the fact that the practicability of pulverized coal on steamships is as yet in the experimental stage. It had been given a trial in only one instance, viz., on the U.S.S. Mercer in a return trip across the Atlantic. That test proved an impressive argument in favor of pulverized coal on a large ship but just what success would attend use of that type of fuel for steaming purposes on much smaller craft such as those of the Pacific (Coyle) Navigation company, was a question to be determined.

HOME VERSUS FOREIGN

If the tests to be carried out prove successful it will mean the displacement of a substantial quantity of foreign fuel oil by home produced coal. The consequent extension of the market for B.C. coal and steadier employment for more men in the coal mining industry of this Province. These points were urged by the company as good reasons why their application should receive favorable consideration, reasons which were fully appreciated by the Government which has been giving much thought to means to improve the coal mining industry in British Columbia.

Captain Johnson and those associated with him will have the full co-operation of the technical advisers of the Department of Mines and of the Federal Mines Branch at Ottawa.

The Pacific (Coyle) Navigation Company has in operation at present thirty boats—fifteen coal burning and fifteen fuel-oil burning—using from 18,000 to 20,000 tons of coal and 65,000 barrels of fuel-oil per year. The company is the largest of its kind north of San Francisco. If the results of the experiments warrants, it is expected that the company will gradually convert its oil-burning craft to the use of pulverized coal thereby displacing oil consumption by the use of approximately 16,250 tons of coal. The results of the test are to be at the disposal of the Department of Mines and the Department of Industries for publication and distribution with a view to the encouragement of other installations of a similar character on steamships plying in B.C. waters as well as in stationary industrial plants within the province.

While the present experiment is being conducted in a small way its success will undoubtedly mean much for the future of the coal mining industry of the province. It is estimated by the Department of Mines that the coal mines of B.C. last year worked about 86 per cent of available working days, the fourteen per cent loss of time being due to lack of demand. Fuel oil imported for use in this province during 1927 aggregated 48,861,000 gallons, and in addition to this, the crude oil imported for refining will give a large amount of fuel oil. Accepting 140 gallons of fuel oil as equivalent to one ton of coal the fuel oil imported as such displaced 350,000 tons of coal, or about fourteen per cent of the province's total output of coal for the year.

In considering the matter the Department of Mines got in touch with the heads of the leading coal mining companies in the province and all of them were unanimous that the action contemplated by the government was in the right direction.

CANNERY OPENED AT QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S

SKIDEGATE, June 14.—March Engle, manager of South Bay cannery, had steam up at the week end for the first time this season just to see that



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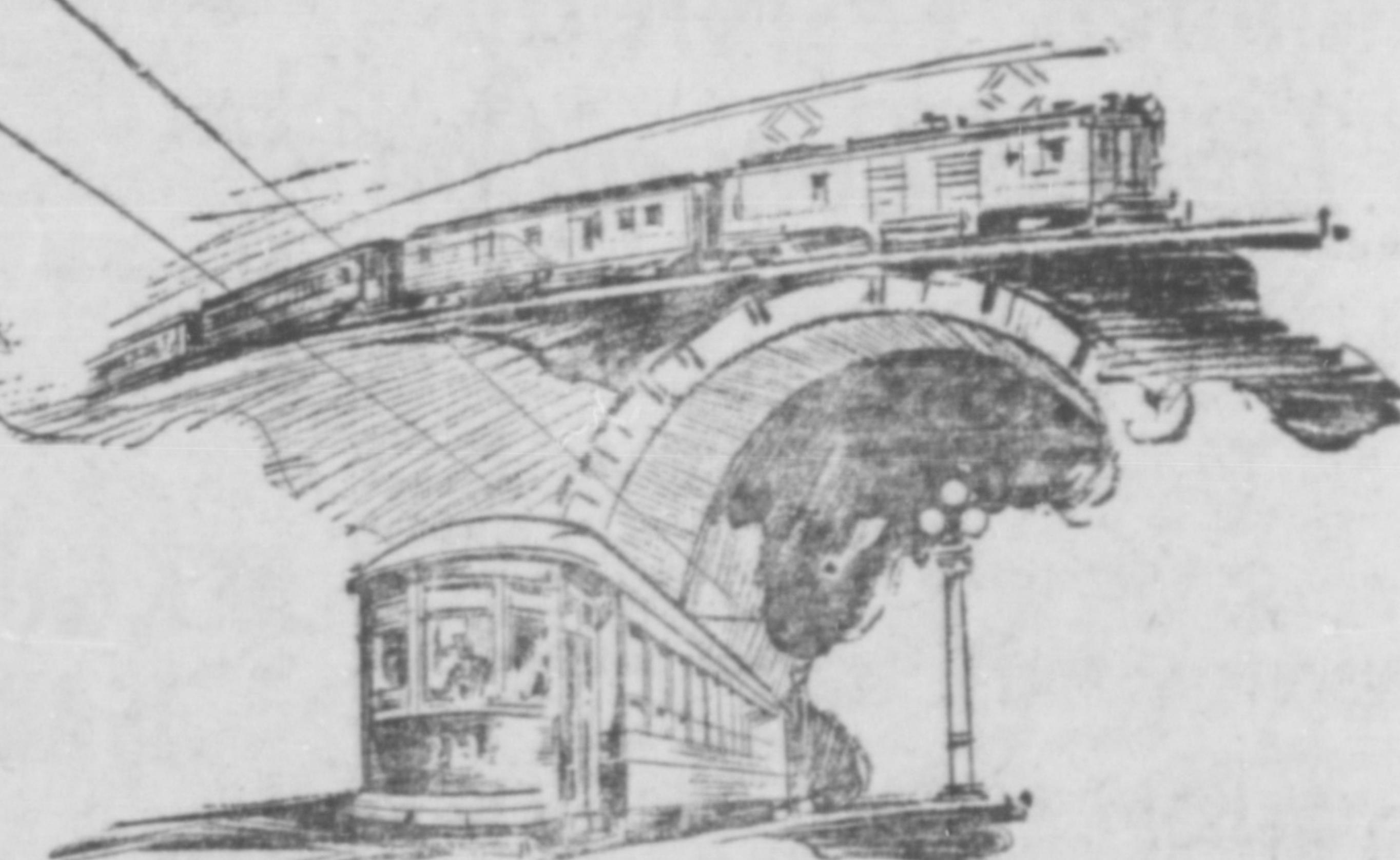
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Everything runs well, in preparation for the salmon run which begins in earnest about August 1.

E. McBride is back at this cannery in the session.

BIG DELEGATION FOR KETCHIKAN

LOCAL GYRO CLUB TO ASSIST IN INSTALLATION OF NEW BRANCH—REGULAR BUSINESS LUNCH-EOON YESTERDAY

The Prince Rupert Gyro Club is planning on sending a delegation of possibly twenty-five members to Ketchikan to participate in the installation of a new club there toward the end of July. By standing vote, practically all the members of the local club, at the regular monthly business luncheon yesterday, expressed their intention of making the trip.

A committee consisting of Douglas

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Stork, C. E. Starr and Lionel Holtby was appointed to go into the matter of holding a club picnic.

It was reported that certain difficulties had been encountered in connection with the building of the new playground on Acropolis Hill and there were some minor revisions in the plans.

The club decided that it would not be represented at the 1928 International convention which will be held in Syracuse, New York, next month.

The master of the club taking the lead in the organization of a softball league here in view of the fact that baseball is apparently not to be played locally this season was referred to as a blistic committee.

The winner of the luncheon raffle was F. E. Robertson.

The club decided to invite Robert Watson, well known Canadian author, who will visit Prince Rupert early in July, to address it.

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In Prince Rupert Land Recording District and situated about 4 miles from the mouth of Khutzie River.

TAKE NOTICE that the Detroit Western Mining Company of Vancouver, B.C., occupation Mining Company, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted one foot south of the westernmost point on the West side of Lot 172, thence westwardly 60 chains; thence southerly 20 chains; thence easterly 60 chains; thence northerly 10 chains, and containing 100 acres, more or less.

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