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MINISTER OF MINES

The death of the minister of mines, Hon. William Sloan, leaves the province the poorer to the extent that a man who knew his work and did it fearlessly and well has been removed.

Billy Sloan was a miner himself for a brief period. He went to the Klondike during the big gold rush and was fortunate to make a stake there and return. Instead of spending his money recklessly, like many others of the miners who trekked north, Sloan invested his carefully and then took up the profession of politics. He was always ready to spend a little money on elections in order that he might be on an equal footing with his opponents and he usually won. It was expected that he would have been given a senatorship when he resigned his seat in Comox-Atlin in favor of Hon. William Templeman, but the Liberal government at Ottawa was beaten and before another opportunity offered, Mr. Sloan was a member of the British Columbia government and too valuable there to be allowed to go to the Old Men's Home at Ottawa.

Mr. Sloan was always popular in his own constituency. He knew every man there personally and treated him as an equal and was willing to take advice from any of his supporters. The result was that he rolled up solid majorities among the miners, who trusted him to give them a fair break.

Mr. Sloan had been ill for about a year and it was known that he could not live very long but the government was loath to part with a minister who had served the province so well. He was relieved of part of his burden by Hon. T. D. Pattullo, member for this district, who has for some little time past been provincial secretary.

Mr. Sloan chose newspapermen to undertake his secretarial work. Robert Dunn Junior, son of a former editor of the Victoria Times and now an editorial writer on the Victoria Colonist, held the position until promoted to the position of deputy minister of mines. Then his place was taken by Joe McDougall, a newspaperman of long standing, who had been with the Victoria Colonist. Mr. McDougall still holds the position, carrying on the routine work along with the deputy minister.

The government of British Columbia will miss Hon. William Sloan but happily the work of his department is in such good hands that it will be picked up easily and carried on by the new minister when he happens to be appointed.

ANOTHER REASON FOR ELECTION

The death of Hon. William Sloan is another reason why an election is probable within the year. It would seem as if one of the other ministers might carry on the work until an appeal is made to the people and then a minister be appointed shortly before the election or soon after it. While the death of the minister of mines weakens the government in the legislature, the probability is they will be able to carry on without difficulty until the appeal to the country is made. Then it is prophesied that they will increase their strength considerably.

MIGRATION TO BE CHECKED?

A bill is before the Congress of the United States by which it is proposed to restrict the number of Canadians who may enter that country in a year to make their homes. It has the backing of the secretary of labor and there is said to be some prospect that it will pass. If the Canadian minister at Washington can do so without violating any of the canons of diplomatic propriety it is to be hoped he will make clear to the government there that Canada would consider the enactment of such a measure in no sense offensive to either the interests or the dignity of the Dominion.

Exempting Canadians from the quota law was doubtless intended as a gesture of friendship toward a kindred and neighboring people. Canadians appreciated the sentiment behind the act, but compliments come too high at the price. We could have got along without that particular mark of deference a good deal better than we can without the thousands of Canadian citizens who flocked across the border because there was no limit to the number who could go. If Congress is now minded to put up the bars against our misguided migrating countrymen, as it has done against people from Europe, that will be a measure of practical helpfulness toward the development and prosperity of the Dominion.

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NEW HAZELTON

The Hazelton hospital is now out of quarantine following a recent outbreak of scarlet fever. Two patients are in the isolation hospital suffering from the malady.

Jack Ticehurst, for a number of years Indian police officer at Hazelton, left this week for Toronto where he has secured a position. Mrs. Ticehurst and child are already in the East.

J. H. Perkins of Skeena Crossing has cotton plants in full bloom, something of a novelty this far north. The plants are now three years old and the balls are perfectly formed.

A cougar has been killed in the vicinity of Kitwancool, the first to be taken in that district for many years. It was shot by an Indian about fifteen miles beyond Kitwancool Lake.

The executive of the Hazelton Badminton Club met last Tuesday evening and decided to hold a dance tonight.

The O.K. Cafe was raided recently and Indian women who were found therein were fined $50, $20 and $10 respectively. A considerable quantity of liquor was also found on the premises.

Edward G. Brown and associates of Vancouver have bonded the Highland Basin property in the Babine district from Thomas King and Martin Cain. Incorporation of the property is planned and it is understood that considerable development work will be undertaken.

Thomas Walsh has been moved from Hazelton to Terrace in the service of the Government Telegraphs and has left for there with his family to take up residence.

A portable compressor plant has been shipped from Vancouver this week for the Mohawk Mining Co. here and will be put in operation on the property as soon as it arrives. The company expects to start the construction of a mill within the next three months and also a short tramline from the tunnel mouth to Four Mile Creek. Jack Robertson of Vancouver, one of the directors of the company, is here on an inspection trip.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. James Turnbull entertained the Felix Bridge Club at her home in honor of Mrs. Peel, prize winners being Mrs. E. Hyde and Mrs. Lanklands. Last week Mrs. Newick entertained the club at the home of Mrs. S. J. Winsby when the prizes were won by Mrs. Walter Sharpe and Mrs. Winsby. This week the club will meet at the home of Mrs. Chappell.

T. J. Shenton, inspector of mines was a visitor in the district this week from Prince Rupert on official duties.

Miss Bolivar of the Hazelton Hospital staff left this week for Kamloops for a short holiday. Miss McDonald and Miss Clare, New Westminster nurses, have arrived to take temporary positions at the hospital.

A gang of pole loaders started work this week at the New Hazelton station. Three trucks are now engaged in hauling poles from Malk George's camp.

James McRae paid a visit to Telkwa this week to purchase horses.

Dave Pratt of Skeena Crossing is suffering with an injured leg, the result of a fall down a flight of stairs.

Mrs. Yarlett of Glen Vowell left at the first of this week for Prince Rupert to receive medical attention.

On their way home to the prairies after having spent the winter in Victoria, Mr. and Mrs. Strachan of Meniota, Man., were the guests of Mrs. Rankin in Hazelton. They were old friends in Scotland and this was the first time they had met in many years.

SMITHERS

Deer running by dogs in the vicinity of Smithers is reported to be common, section men east of town having recently found canines eating a deer that was still in the last throes of life. Police authorities plan destroying offending animals in the future.

There has been a great demand for Topley-Richfield stock recently, considerable stock having changed hands with handsome profits. Stock in the Duthie mine is also being bought up avidly. Vancouver has over-subscribed its allotments of both issues.

Thomas Fortin, brakeman on the passenger train between Prince Rupert and Pacific, is in the hospital here, suffering from a fractured leg, the result of a fall from the station platform at Pacific.

Good showings continue to be made on the Victory and King Tut properties on Hudson Bay Mountain which are under development for Capt. J. J. O'Brien of Philadelphia. F. H. Taylor is in charge of the work.

The Women's Auxiliary to the Smithers Hospital realized $182.40 as a result of the annuad children's masquerade last Friday evening which was a pretty and successful affair. There were over one hundred children in costume and the prize winners were: Margaret Dunlop, Nellie Champion, Grace Hassard, June Carr, Clarence Morris, George McKenzie, Rupert Bennett, Norman Kilpatrick, Bobby Robinson, Gwen Jenkins, Wilma Watson, Dorothy Foster, Patty Hetherington and Zona Eby. An adult's dance followed the children's event.

Efforts are being made locally to have the provincial department of public works call for new tenders for the construction of the high school here. The contract was let last fall to Thomas Carson of Vancouver who subsequently backed down on the job, only to decide again to undertake it. Under summer rather than winter building conditions, it is considered that it would be fair to receive new bids on the work.

J. P. Hall, supervisor of British Columbia government liquor stores, is a visitor in Smithers on official duties. He came from Burns Lake where he made arrangements for the opening of a store about April 1. Four applications have been received for the position of vendor there.

Wiggs O'Neill returned on Sunday night to Smithers from Victoria where he was called on account of the illness of his mother who is now making satisfactory progress toward recovery.

During the past week a large party of Indians from Babine made a trip to Smithers to purchase lumber and general supplies.

Dave Heenan and William Matheson have concluded a deal for the sale of their mining property at Topley to Vancouver interests. They spent several days in Smithers on business this week in connection with the transaction.

Mrs. C. R. Gilbert of Terrace was in town this week, having been in charge of the visiting girls' basketball team. The girls were billetted in private homes during their stay here.

S. J. Mayer is on a business trip to Vancouver, politics being said to have something to do with his mission.

Tie hauling has decreased considerably this week owing to the completion of the Tom Preece contract for 8,000 ties which have now been delivered at the siding.

Ernie Hann left at the end of last week for Topley where he will supervise the erection of several new buildings at the Topley-Richfield mine.

H. C. Fraser, inspector of schools, was an official visitor from Prince Rupert this week in town and district.

PRINCE GEORGE

F. P. Burden, local representative of the Fraser Timber Syndicate, returned to town at the end of last week after having made an inspection of timber stands held by the syndicate in connection with an application for the purchase of cedar poles. The timber was found to be in good shape, rot having not affected the smaller trees suitable for poles and ties. The province has an immense value in neglected cedar extending from Guilford to McBride, Mr. Burden states.

Eric Hanson and Charles Johnson gathered together a crew of eight local men and left last week for Manitoba to be engaged on the construction of the Flin Flon extension of the Hudson Bay Railway.

Clear cold weather has been prevailing here during the past week, the minimum temperature reading during the period having been 10.5 degrees below zero. The cold weather has been of great assistance in the getting out of ties from the various camps in the vicinity.

Joseph J. Mapes, a young man of the Mapes settlement near Vanderhoof, was acquitted by Judge Robertson in County Court here last week on the charge of theft of approximately $1100 from Teddy Pappas. The charge arose out of fur buying transactions.

The Prince George Board of Trade is urging the federal authorities to install a telephone line from Prince George to McBride, using the pole line of the Canadian National Railways for the purpose.

Prince George school estimates this year total $30,441 or an increase of $3,775 over last year. Considerable part of the increase is represented by proposed capital expenditures, increased enrolment also necessitating the employment of a new teacher.

Les Wood, proprietor of "dude" ranches in this district, has bought three lots on McBride Crescent in the city from C. W. Perry and the erection of a $10,00 tourist headquarters in Prince George is said to be contemplated.

The city council has been requested to demolish a dilapidated old building on Third Avenue, opposite the tennis courts. It is said to be a menace to children who are in the habit of playing in it.

The Soosie Sewing Circle, for young girls, has been organized in Prince George. Only those under 13 years of age are eligible for membership.

Some thirty or so friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Somerville on Wednesday night to help them celebrate the tenth anniversary of their marriage. The evening was enjoyably spent in playing bridge and presentations were made.

William McChesney, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs Robert McChesney of this city, and Miss Beatrice Peters, daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. E. S. Peters, were married on Tuesday at Fort Fraser, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Dewar.

Jacob Leith is exhibiting a hornet's nest in the window of his furniture store. It was found while repairs were being made to the building.

A five ton truck has been furnished by the provincial department of public works for road work in the district this year. It is likely that another similar machine will be forthcoming.

Rev. Father Cocola, principal of the Industrial School at Legaic, is a visitor in the city and will conduct services in the local Catholic Church on Sunday.

Walter F. Gregg of Vancouver has arrived here, his business being in connection with the tie contracts of S. S. Magoffin.

Miss Myrtle P. Salmonson and James A. Harder were married recently in the Manse of Knox United Church here by Rev. S. T. Galbraith.

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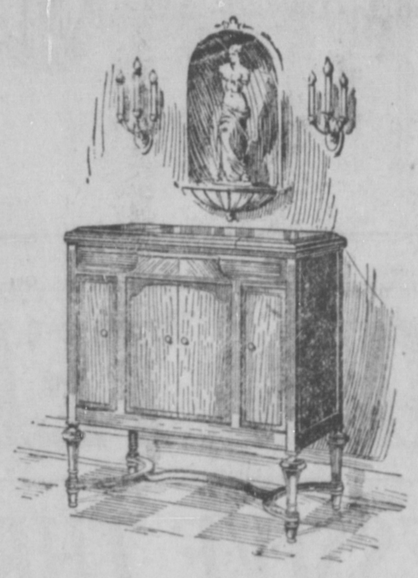

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