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News of the Mines

AROUND PRINCE RUPERT

Daly-Gerard Interests Plan Big Things at Stewart—Activity in Portland Canal Continuing—Extensive Survey at Alice Arm to be Made

That the Daly-Gerard interests are going into the Portland Canal section in real earnest is evidenced by a deal consummated last week whereby they have acquired all the holdings of a newly incorporated company known as the Bear River Mining Co. which owns several groups totalling some thirty claims and fractions in the vicinity of Stewart. According to the terms of the deal for this additional ground, the purchasers are committed to an expenditure of \$10,000 per month. The Daly-Gerard interests now control 3,000 acres of highly mineralized ground at the head of Bear River upon which they will spend \$25,000 per month. It is said that it is the intention to thoroughly explore the holdings with a staff of geologists and engineers. Daly-Gerard already have control of the Rufus-Argenta and Red Top in the upper Bear River section.

A compressor arrived last night at Stewart for the Engineer Mine Syndicate which is doing a large amount of construction work. George H. Bunn is manager of the syndicate. Considerable repairs are to be made to the trail leading to the property.

Under the direction of William Bunting, eight men are now working on the Cascade group of the Premier Border Mining Co. which is incorporated this spring with Winnipeg capitalists in control. A camp is being built on the Cascade ground and a compressor is being moved over from the Virginia group. This will be in operation within two weeks, with the objective of tapping a big ore zone. Later in the season an ambitious program of development will be opened on all the company's holdings.

New York interests have taken an option through A. H. Jarman on the Stampede group of claims in the Rainy Hollow country forty miles back of Haines, Alaska. The owners are William Bunting of Stewart and "Stampede John" Stembraton.

The sum of \$40,000 is now available for the development of the two properties of the Silver Crest Mining Co.—the Silver Crest at Stewart and the Saddle on Hastings Arm near Anxox. A tramline on the latter property is expected to be erected this spring. It is hoped to have development operations underway at the Salmon River property within thirty days.

The Revenue Mining Co. of Vancouver, which is active at Kluze Inlet down the coast from here, has shipped a diamond drill to Stewart to be used on the Independence mine which was recently bonded by the concern. Work will be started on the vein system at an elevation of 1800 feet.

John P. Kendall of Toronto and associates announce that \$350,000 program will be shortly commenced on the Bush Consolidated property at Stewart. Arrangements have been completed whereby a New York syndicate has purchased a large block of stock on the understanding that the amount referred to would be disbursed over a period of months. The Kendall interests retain control of the property.

W. S. Sullivan is starting work this week on the Star Pointer group of expected this season.

Complete surveys of the possibilities of the mineralized zone around Alice Arm will be undertaken by the Geological Survey of Canada this year in cooperation with the provincial Department of Mines. Engineers will cover the entire mineral field area tributary to Alice Arm and the survey will commence as soon as weather conditions permit. Despite its well known mineral wealth, the Alice Arm territory has not been active during the past few years as conditions would seem to warrant. This survey is expected to focus greater attention on it.

Diamond drilling on the Topley-Richfield mine at Topley started at the end of the week. Before summer, it is expected, more complete reports as to the value of the Topley properties will be available. The first drill hole will cut into the mineralized zone and will reach contact about 150 feet below the present underground workings. The mining machinery, camps and supplies are now in condition for complete operation. H. L. Batten, consulting engineer, states that work done to date has been very encouraging and has shown the mine deposit to be a very large mineralized zone with high grade ore. Additional claims have been obtained to cover the vein which runs

eleven claims in the Texas Pass section of Salmon River in which William Finn of Cordova and Tony Lundstrum of Ketchikan are his partners. The first work to be done will be the erection of camp buildings.

The Vancouver Mines Ltd. has elected directors as follows: president, Matthew J. Phillips, New Westminster; secretary, Samuel Deschamps, Stewart; treasurer, J. A. Hall, Hyder; Col. William T. Perkins, Seattle; Christopher Reid, Kelowna; E. D. Haddon, Hyder.

Ten men are being put to work this week on the Northern Light property in the Portland Canal district. One of the government road camps will be used as headquarters until the mine camp is constructed. G. R. Bancroft is managing engineer and Angus McKenzie has been secured as superintendent.

Joe Jackson has arrived at Stewart from Vancouver with equipment which will be used for operating properties down the canal from Stewart. The properties, totalling eighteen claims, include the Rex, J.J.J. and Lucky Strike group located between Marmot and Georgia Rivers. A company has been incorporated known as the Portland Canal Gold Mines, Ltd.

As a result of what engineers saw, the Consolidated at once—in the spring of last year—took over from Mr. George a controlling interest of fifty-two per cent of the stock of his company. Then through the Bank of Montreal, they got enough more under option to make a total of ninety-three per cent of the stock leaving only seven per cent scattered in the hands of the few old friends of the prospector who had stuck with him and his discovery through the years of struggle. As soon as the snow had receded from the altitudes, Consolidated diamond drill crews were sent up by horse pack trains to the 4,000-foot level. They drove two exploratory holes into the bowels of the George Mountain before winter came on and forced them from the heights. The results were so confirmatory of what had been anticipated that this spring enlarged crews are being sent up the hill to drive a whole series of holes to cut the big veins at depth, and over a quarter of a mile from the surface, and thus be able to form something of an accurate estimate of the millions of tons of high grade copper-gold ore awaiting the Canadian miner in this massive deposit.

Foreseeing the immensity of the development involved, surveys were sent up the river, where they acquired for Canada's greatest mining organization all the adjacent claims into which the George copper veins would likely lead, and also the townsite claims in the river valley flat, thousands of feet below the diamond drill workings. Altogether they acquired forty-three claims covering 2,000 acres, making possible a development that will rank as one of Canada's major mining operations.

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Bandmaster Wilson reports that the program is now completed for the vaudeville concert which will be held next week in aid of the Boys' Band. The plan will be opened at Orme's drug store on Thursday of this week. A heavy sale of tickets is reported.

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British Columbia has gone mining mad according to Kenneth Charles Drury of Victoria who, in an article entitled B.C. Goes Mining, in the May 1 issue of MacLean's Magazine, tells us that the excited welter of speculation, has completely eclipsed the land boom of the early part of the century. Western newspapers flash the news of the mining market on their front pages; Toronto and Montreal papers carry on their financial pages special dispatches from the coast. Radios are broadcasting their mining hours. Chatter at society teas has assumed a new interest and significance since mining

scandal and tips have taken precedence in conversation. Brokers' offices blaze under full illumination until after midnight. Geology has become popularized; technical terms such as greenstones, argillites and batholiths are bandied about on every street corner with professional authority. Sporting page fans have deserted bookmakers taking bets on the daily racing at Tia Juana and are devoting their talents and coins to the exciting quotation boards. Money is pouring in over the river from the east and south, and even from Europe. The Bear River mine has been largely financed in the Amsterdam, while early in March the Duke of Devonshire and some of his associates in London West End clubs invested \$250,000 in a Salmon River property. Mining profiteers are wonderful pickings for automobile salesmen, with the result that flocks of new cars, paid for by cheques from brokers' cashiers, are helping to make more serious the parking problem in downtown Vancouver and Victoria.

But back of all this welter of feverish speculation is the story of the fabulously rich Portland Canal country and its discoverer, "Bill George." As Mr Drury tells it, it is an enthralling story.

In 1909, Mr. George was sent by a group of men to report on a certain mining property on the far-off Portland Canal. His report was that he didn't think much of this particular property, but the country there was the best he had ever been in. So promising in fact, did it appear to him that he decided to remain there and explore for himself. He went up the Bear River to the trapping grounds of the Naas. While passing through the narrow Upper Bear Valley, between the mountains that reached to the glaciers, he stumbled on a boulder of copper that had apparently rolled down from above. He marked the spot and came back in the spring to find out exactly where that boulder had come from. He worked his way to the heights of the mountain on the south bank of the river, and, there above the timber line and below the glacier, he found great copper veins, running as high as thirty-five per cent copper with high gold values, which literally formed the whole top of the mountain. That was the start of the George Gold Copper.

Seventeen years ago that was and "Bill" George was to have a long, hard struggle before he gained recognition for his discovery. The property was far up to an unknown country and there was no access to it except by a crude Indian trapping trail through the northern valley jungle growth.

But Mr. George had seen enough to make him a believer in spite of all difficulties. He sacrificed everything he had or hoped to have to make good with his discovery. A little group of old friends in Victoria, including P. M. Linklater, a merchant, and Richard Jones, a government official, believed in this man who told them of his great mine prospect in the north. They helped him now and then with funds, while he went ahead to show up what his mountain was made of.

For years he plugged away, without reward, but never with the thought of giving up. He hewed out of the perpendicular, solid-rock mountain side, a zig-zag trail, which enabled horse pack trains to climb with their loads to the 4,000-foot elevation. Then he followed along the great veins, open-cutting them every couple of hundred feet and exposing the bonanza ore. The showings and their extent were amazing. But still after a decade and a half of the hardest kind of physical labor, he was a long way from having a producing mine, as it required capital and lots of it to handle such an immense development.

"Bill" George persuaded the engineers of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company to turn their attention to the Portland Canal, and specifically to his copper mountain, which he had been feathering along for seventeen lean and lonely years.

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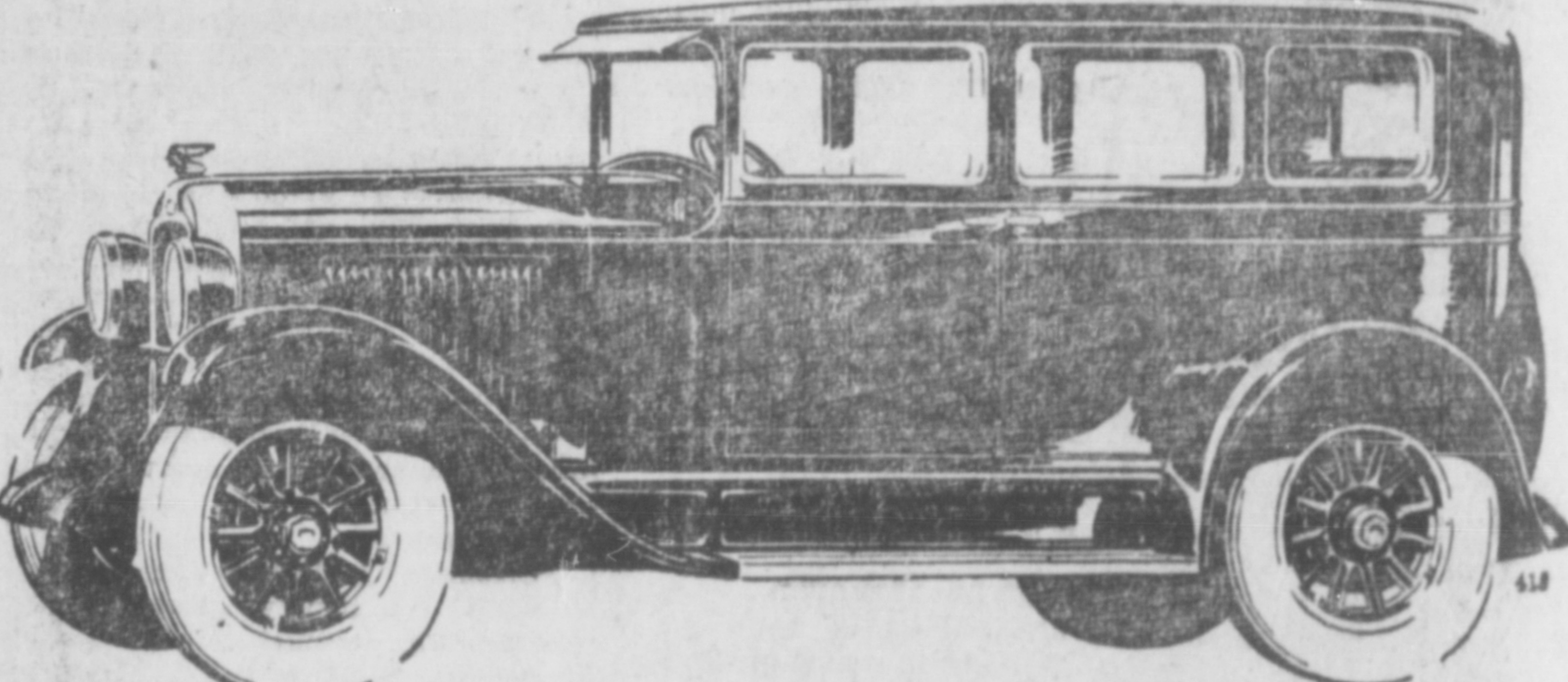
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What about getting up a demonstration in favor of better weather.

Jake says he's getting in bad because the Man in the Moon mentions him so often. If Jake would keep from being

bad he would not get into trouble. He'd like the people who go to the editor wanting their names kept out of the news columns.

Jake says there are many different kinds of air. For instance, there's hot air, foul air, pure air and millionaire.

People who are cocksure about what they know, are mostly wrong. Truth is largely a point of view.

An umbrella is like a jackpot because it's of no use until it's opened and it's not necessarily belong to the man who opens it.

Teacher—Johnny, if your father earned \$40 a week and gave your mother \$15, what would she have? Johnny—Heart failure.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

The theft of provisions from the gasboat Hecate on the local waterfront was reported to the police this morning. They belonged to a poor man who was going to the hot springs at Ketchikan.

Mrs. F. R. Alexander and Mrs. H. Phillips will have charge of the Red Cross sale here this week.

The fish packers at the plant of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. are out on strike today for higher wages and shorter hours. Negotiations for a settlement are in progress.

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MINERAL ACT (Form F.)  
CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS NOTICE  
Princess Pat, Lot 4364; Pilot, Lot 4367; R.A.F., Lot 4368; Observer, Lot 4359. Mineral Claims, situated in the Atlin Mining Division of Cassiar District. Where located: On Munro Mountain about four miles from the town of Atlin.  
TAKE NOTICE that we, James Stokes and C. E. Fraser, Free Miner's Certificate No. 89860-95061, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvement, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.  
And further take notice that action under section 85 must be commenced before the issue of such Certificate of Improvement.  
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