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TELKWA-COAL PROSPECTS

The purchase of the Prince Rupert Coalfields near Telkwa by an English company headed by Lord Melchett and the smaller property owned by Jack McNeill is one of the biggest things that has happened in this part of the country in many years. If there is no hitch in the proceedings, the development of the mines there will mean the establishment of an industry that will permanently place Telkwa on the industrial map and will benefit the whole of the Bulkley Valley as well as Prince Rupert.

For many years this coal property has been held with the knowledge that it would some day become valuable. An effort was made some years ago to get the railway company to build the spur line of 36 miles into the property, the owners promising if this was done they would go ahead and develop the mines. It was too big a job, for the company had no money to spend on such things at that time. Owners of mines have to make their own railway connections, usually, unless as in the case of the Flin Flon there is a positive guarantee of sufficient business to make the line pay.

For some time past there have been rumors that something was doing at Telkwa and then an announcement was made that the property of the Telkwa Collieries had been purchased by the Mond interests. It was comparatively unimportant as the property is at present undeveloped and unprospected. Only about half a dozen men or thereabouts are working in it and the coal is hauled to the railway over the road in trucks. The other property is thoroughly prospected by means of the diamond drill, the results of which are given in another column. It is a big thing and its development will be a great thing for the whole district.

THE RADIO TELEPHONE

The proposal of the B. C. Telephone Company to establish a radio telephone service throughout British Columbia with special reference to northern and central sections is extremely interesting. The fact that it is backed by a responsible company indicates that it is likely to become a reality in the near future. It should be a great thing for the country if it is found to be workable.

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NEWS OF NORTHERN B.C.

SKIDEGATE

The storm on this coast November 1, 2 and 3 was the worst that has been felt on the Queen Charlotte in several years. The wind was from the southeast.

Miss Joan Haan, school teacher at Lawn Hill spent the week-end visiting with Fred Atkins at Skidegate.

Bill Campbell, pioneer prospector from Jedway, is staying at Queen Charlotte City for a while. He is the owner of a number of copper claims at Jedway.

Capt. Sorensen of the troller, Jenney, Capt. Neise Robinson of the troller Torberge and Capt. Cort of the Boneta have returned to Prince Rupert, the last of the trollers who have been operating here this season.

The Gillespie logging camp at Lena Island near Queen Charlotte City has closed, and Mr. Gillespie has left for Vancouver.

SMITHERS

J. A. Finnerty is at work again after being laid up for several weeks with a severe cold.

A sturdy new crossing has been installed at the corner of King Street and Second Avenue, this being the final act of the program of municipal improvements for 1928.

The shortage of houses in Smithers is becoming acute and, during the past month, several families have moved to other points in the district through failure to obtain accommodation.

A site is being cleared on Main Street adjacent to the Smithers Garage & Electric Co. for an up-to-date moving picture house which is to be erected by W. J. O'Neill.

STEWART

Good progress is being made with the construction of a new store building on Ninth Street for Allan Carolan.

Mrs. J. H. Wilson left last week for Vancouver where she will spend three or four months visiting with a sister.

George Cameron, who is heavily interested in mining properties on Bear River, left last week for the south on business.

C. W. Lake, successful pioneer prospector of the Salmon River section, left last week for a trip south.

W. R. Hull, editor of the Stewart News is around again after having been confined to his home for several days with a heart attack.

PRINCE GEORGE

The local branch of the Canadian Legion has decided to hold social functions in connection with its business meetings during the coming winter.

Weather has been a good deal colder here of late, the lowest thermometer reading of the week having been 11 degrees above zero.

Many local persons have been taking advantage during the week of the opportunity to make flights on the Yukon Airways plane "Northern Light" which is spending several days here.

R. P. Clark & Co. of Vancouver, has decided to open an office locally, George W. Mason, having been selected as the local correspondent.

The Connaught Hill Lutheran Church Girls' Club met this afternoon. The Young Peoples' Society met Thursday evening.

Schools will be reopened here on Monday after having been closed for two weeks on account of the scarlet fever epidemic.

BURNS LAKE

Neighbors have been engaging in a bee to assist Mr. and Mrs. Dave Watson, who were burned out recently, to erect a new residence before winter. A public subscription resulted in the collection of \$156.

J. H. Johnson, who arrived recently from San Francisco, is about to erect a cold storage plant in Burns Lake for whitefish and lake trout. He is going into the business on a large scale and has leased property on the Lowe subdivision on the Lake front.

Preparatory to the arrival here at the end of last week of a Yukon Airways plane bound for the north, tractors and men were busy clearing a landing place 1200 feet long and 250 feet wide on Gerow's Island. The plane is to remain here for several days.

Lyster Mulvany returned to Burns Lake last week after having spent several months at the Babine fish hatchery.

VANDERHOOF

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Ludwig left last week for Chicago and

will spend the winter in the United States.

Rev. Leonard J. Hales preached the secretaryship of the local Boy Scouts owing to his saving the district.

Mrs. Agnes Hathaway left for Vancouver last week after having spent two months here as the guest of Mrs. Tibbitts and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Johnson.

Mrs. H. J. Bettis of Mud River has been visiting in the Mapes district with her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Wilson.

Rev. Leonard J. Hales reached farewell services here on Sunday before proceeding to Smithers where he will take up the duties of Anglican rector in succession to Rev. J. B. Gibson.

Luke Norman was a visitor in town last week.

M. Teare left for Stuart Lake last week. He will superintend improvement of the Tatchi River which is to be carried out by the Federal Government.

J. F. Kimball left last week on a business trip to San Francisco.

Harry V. Taylor is still the champion of the new golf course which was recently established here.

Mrs. E. C. McGeachy has been confined to her home recently with a severe illness.

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