

# News of the Mines

**AROUND PRINCE RUPERT**  
**Large Body of High-Grade Ore Encountered at Cronin Mine; Road Improvements on Hudson Bay Mountain Beneficial to Mines**

Workmen on the contact tunnel to the crosscut from No. 1 tunnel on the Cronin mine in the Babines which is being developed by eastern interests recently broke into a large body of the highest grade ore ever opened up in such strength on that property. Samples of this ore have reached Smithers during the past week and show a steel galena of very fine grain. By actual measurement the vein of clean ore is 57 inches wide. This ore was located much earlier than was expected. Though large bodies of ore were known to exist in the area where the contact tunnel would connect with the cross-cut from No. 1 tunnel, preparations had been made to extend the tunnel a considerable distance beyond the point where the rich ore was actually encountered. Work is continuing to test the extent of the zone. Heavy snowfall of late has made transportation difficult between Smithers and the mine, but it is expected the snow will soon disappear.

The Smithers Board of Trade, with the co-operation of the Omineca branch of the British Columbia Chamber of Mines, is getting out a special mining booklet dealing with all the well known mines and prospects in that district. The body of the book is composed of brief descriptions of 80 district properties, giving history, ownership, location, development, ore values and nature of ore. A feature of the publication will be a large scale map of the district showing the location of all the properties dealt with. Later developments on the better known properties of the district will be depicted in illustrations. The booklet is to be ready for distribution by the end of April.

The provincial department of mines has made an appropriation of \$1750 for improvements to the Silver Lakes trail on Hudson Bay mountain, near Smithers. A new bridge will be built at Toboggan creek to replace one which was washed out by high water last summer. Construction of this bridge will be the first item on a program which also calls for new approaches and for turning the present trail into a road as far as this new bridge. Improvements will also be made on the way up to the summit of Silver Lakes pass. The result of the work planned will be to bring all of the mining properties on the northern end of Hudson Bay mountain practically two and a half miles closer to Smithers. These include the important Schufer property, the holdings of the Mount Evelyn Mines Ltd. (Philip J. Job's company), the Reco-Aspen group, the Joe Matus claims on Toboggan creek glacier, the Trade Dollar group, on which Angus Chisholm made a sensational galena discovery last season, the Silver Lake group, adjoining this, and the Last Chance group, belonging to Olof Hanson and associates, as well as other claims of lesser importance. It is expected that development will be in progress on the most of these properties during the coming season. The improvements will be of benefit for tourist purposes as well as for miners and prospectors.

The new ore body which was recently encountered on the Topley-Richfield mine is reported to be five feet wide with values assaying \$5 in gold and 151 ounces in

silver. The new ore was opened up by a short cross-cut from the main north drift and work is continuing to establish the extent of the zone. This ore body is considered to be the most spectacular and important development in the long program of work at the Topley-Richfield. It was in this hole that diamond drill cores last year showed such high gold and silver values as to lead consulting engineers to predict that during the present year the company would be in a position to commence shipments of high grade ore. Work now proceeding has this object in view. The ore came in at a point 140 feet north of the shaft and it has been decided to break down the ore and run a raise to No. 1 level, being a distance of approximately 120 feet and with a total overhead of 225 feet. As the work proceeds the ore will be stored for shipment. Meantime, the drift is being extended to connect up other drill holes, all of which showed good ore. In the south drift some fine ore has also been disclosed and with each foot of headway extensive ore reserves are being built up from the knowledge of conditions at higher levels on the property.

## CANADIAN CLUB MISSED HEARING ABOUT COUNTRY

Major McKeand Who was to Have Spoken Here Tells Edmonton About Last Unspoiled Land

### WHERE BUFFALO ROAM

Plans Laid to Drive Herds of Reindeer From Alaska to Barren Lands of North

Major D. L. McKeand, who was to have addressed the Women's Canadian Club of Prince Rupert telling them about the attractions and wonders of the Northwest Territories where Buffalo roam, caribou, moose and other animals hold revel and where it is now proposed to place herds of reindeer for the use of the native Indians and Eskimos, was the speaker at the joint meeting of Canadian Clubs at Edmonton on Saturday. He could not stop off in Prince Rupert owing to there being no daily train service. Telling about the north country in Edmonton, the Major said:

The first movement of Alaska reindeer into the so-called "Barren Lands" of the Northwest Territories will commence this year.

The first appropriation for the purpose, a sum of \$50,000, is now going through, and the necessary equipment for the two Porsild brothers, who will have charge of the movement, is being assembled.

Creation of a new meat supply for the Eskimo and Indian, and the populating of the great spaces of the territories from Great Bear Lake to Hudson Bay, with reindeer herds, was decided upon following an intensive survey and report made by the two Porsilds during the past two or three years.

The brothers, who are experts in reindeer farming, were engaged by the department to cover the entire proposed line of travel from Nome, Alaska, to Great Bear Lake, and so report on the available pasturage, water supply, speed of the movement, size of the herds, etc.

### Movement Feasible

Their report, made public last year, stated that the proposed movement was entirely feasible; that the overland route could be

followed with success, if undertaken in a leisurely manner, and that in the so-called "Barren Lands," there was pasturage ample for enormous herds, in addition to the already vast herds of caribou which roam the northern tundra.

The movement, therefore, will be commenced this year, and will extend over several years. The proportions which it may ultimately attain, cannot be estimated, but the plan marks a new economic era for the native population of the Territories.

The Eskimo, as Major McKeand points out, is a free and independent citizen of Canada, unlike the Indian, who is a ward of Canada. To retain this economic independence, he must be assured of a permanent meat supply, and the reindeer herds to be transplanted from Alaska, will form the nucleus of this supply.

As for the Indian, his wants to a large extent will in the future be taken care of by the meat supply from the growing buffalo herds now in the wood buffalo preserve.

No more buffalo will be moved from Wainwright, at least, for a year or two, Major McKeand states.

A total of some 6,700 have been taken north since the movement commenced four years ago. These animals have settled down to a natural life in their new domain. They are inter-breeding with the larger wood buffalo, and a new and sturdy race of animals is being built up as a result.

Speaking generally of the developments going on in the Territories, Major McKeand foresees an increased growth in mineral development, both from the Hudson Bay side, and from the interior. The Great Slave Lake de-

velopment in lead and zinc, the recent gold exploration of the Nahanni country, and similar movements, are all indicative of this.

### Unspoiled Country

"But let us not forget the romantic possibilities of the Northwest Territories," Major McKeand urges. "This vast land stands today as the last unspoiled country for the tourist and out-of-doors man. Here is big game in abundance, fur-bearing animals of all kinds, with vast herds of buffalo, caribou and musk-ox. These things are and fill increasingly become, a lure to visitors from the four corners of the earth. As transportation into the territories improves, more and more people will seek this vast land for recreation purposes. It is an asset, we must not for a moment forget."

Incidentally, the question of granting permits for hunters to shoot buffalo in the Wood Buffalo preserve is still under consideration by the department.

American and Canadian sportsmen long for the thrill of a shot at a buffalo, and there is a possibility that in the future some time, permits to kill one animal each, may be issued to sportsmen.

### Displacing the Rifle

The motion picture camera, however, is displacing the rifle as a means of "shooting" wild game. The sportsman of today almost prefers a record of imperishable celluloid strip, to a mouldering, moth-eaten head or pelt that loses its value with the passing of the years.

A. T. Harrer, well known Smithers mining man, arrived in the city on the Prince George this morning from Vancouver and proceeded to the interior by train.

## A FEW FACTS ABOUT PRINCE RUPERT

### Prince Rupert is:

- The terminus of the Canadian National Railway.
- The Central administrative point for the whole of central and northern British Columbia.
- The nearest point in British Columbia to the Orient.
- The centre of the halibut and salmon fishing business.
- The centre of an extensive mining and lumbering district.

### Prince Rupert has:

- One of the finest harbors in the world.
- The largest fresh halibut business in the world.
- The largest fish cold storage plant in the world.
- A large, strictly modern drydock and shipbuilding plant.
- A grain elevator leased to the Alberta Wheat Pool with capacity of 1,250,000 bushels.
- A large, modern ocean dock.
- A new modern lumber mill, planing and shingle mills and box factory with capacity output of 60,000 board feet daily.
- Fish reduction plant.
- A new mill at Porpoise Harbor and another building alongside it seven miles from the city.
- Railway shops employing about 75 men.
- Several ship sheds for building and repairing small craft.
- Provincial government district offices and court house.
- Dominion government fisheries, customs, and other offices.
- Marine department central station.
- Dominion government wireless station.
- Canadian National district offices.
- Dominion fisheries experimental station.
- B. C. Packers district offices.
- Consolidated Mining & Smelting district assay office.
- P. Burns Co., Ltd., modern abattoir.
- Several docks and wharves used by coasting vessels.
- Number of fish houses doing an export business.
- About twenty salmon canneries in the neighborhood.
- Several fishery supply and shipchandlery establishments.
- Several wholesale houses doing a large business in the district.
- Fine modern retail stores.
- Good steamship services to Alaska and south to Vancouver and Victoria and west to the Queen Charlotte Islands.
- Three large oil and gasoline distribution stations.
- Good hotels and restaurants.

### Prince Rupert has:

- Modern high school with first year university classes.
- Four public schools with over thirty teachers.
- Seven churches representing the most important denominations.
- Paved streets and concrete sidewalks in the business section.
- Well kept gardens and pretty residences.
- Number of clubs and fraternal organizations.

### Prince Rupert has:

- No severe cold in winter.
- No extreme heat in summer.
- No mosquitos or other insect pests.
- Great opportunities for boating, fishing and hunting.
- Fewer climatic or other disadvantages than most places in Canada.
- A harbor that never freezes.

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