

News of the Mines

AROUND PRINCE RUPERT
Silver Cup Mill to Be Soon Running Again; Independence Tunnel Strikes Vein; Premier Report on Porter Idaho, Prosperity and Silverado

A breakdown in the Silver Cup mill, near Hazelton, has caused a temporary cessation of operations recently. Repair parts are being obtained from Vancouver and are expected to arrive at the end of this week. This will allow the plant to get under operation sooner than if material had to have been brought from further abroad. Work at the camp is progressing very favorably and it will not be long before the mill resumes operations and commences a steady production of ore for shipment.

News of good progress is received from the Topley Richfield mine, where extensive development is under way. The drift tunnel on the 200-foot level is getting on well and a cross-cut from it is reported to have struck an entirely new body of ore.

The tunnel of the Independence mine at Stewart last week struck the big vein toward which it has been driving all winter. Fine looking samples of ore brought into Stewart by Jack Fitzgerald, superintendent, are in two classes—one showing a solid chalcopryrite and pyrite and zinc-lead that looks like shipping ore. Values, however, cannot be ascertained until assays have been made. The strike was made at a depth of over 600 feet on the ore. The tunnel was run 525 feet and then a 63-foot cross-cut entered the footwall of the vein. This cross-cut was continued and 12 feet of ore was penetrated without reaching the hanging wall. Diamond drilling last year proved the continuity of this vein for 620 feet beyond the point where it is now encountered. The property is gradually progressing toward the status of a producing mine.

A large shipment of machinery and equipment for the George Enterprise property has arrived at Stewart. It included an air compressor and parts, an up-to-date steel sharpener and an ore car.

Ernest Armstrong is making excellent headway with the packing of machinery and supplies for the Mountain Boy property, upon which development work is about to be resumed.

Operations are still being carried on by hand at the property of the Georgia River Gold Mines, Ltd., in Portland Canal, and good progress is being made. Since encountering the southwest vein at a depth of 140 feet, the tunnel has been turned to drive on that vein to the north. So far the drift has been advanced on the vein for a distance of 70 feet and the vein throughout continues its characteristics of width and value. It cannot be said yet what the average values may be, except that they are almost entirely in gold and are well above the working average expected. The plant to be erected this summer on the property will consist of two 38 h.p. gas engines and two 220-foot compressors. It is probable that this will be increased by an auxiliary hydro-electric unit. Good progress is being made by the Crawford Transfer Co. in freighting supplies to the mine. Facilities have been put in at the beach to aid in the handling of supplies.

The Stewart Board of Trade has asked the provincial department of mines for assistance toward the expenses of a resident customs assayer there. The request is now

receiving the consideration of the minister, Hon. W. A. McKenzie. The department of mines has made a grant of \$100 to the Stewart board in connection with the formation of a branch there of the British Columbia Chamber of Mines.

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District News

BURNS LAKE

Hobart Parrott has filed a pre-emption on the southerly slope of Colleymount and is now building a home there.

Mrs. R. C. Walker left last Thursday for Hazelton hospital, where she will undergo an operation.

Forty local business men gathered last Monday evening in the Omineca Hotel at a banquet in honor of John Yool, manager of the local branch of the Royal Bank of Canada for five years, who has been transferred to Mission. Walter N. Campbell acted as toastmaster and the presentation of a handsome club bag to Mr. Yool was made by A. M. Ruddy. Other speakers included Sidney Godwin, P. L. Mulville, Hugh J. Macdonald and C. R. McLeod, the latter being Mr. Yool's successor here.

R. E. Allen, district forester, was a visitor in this district last week, accompanied by A. C. Waddington, the new fire inspector.

I. Martin of the forest branch is moving his headquarters from Houston to Smithers.

A petition is to be circulated in this district asking for the reinstatement of Keneth Warner as road foreman.

Donald Smith and Richard O'Hara were successful in the examinations for assistant forest rangers which were held here recently.

Hon. R. H. Pooley, attorney-general, has informed the local Board of Trade that there should

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Prince Rupert to Belleville, Ont., where Mr. Perry is now located, are visiting here with Mrs. Perry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Clark.

Alex Sideris returned last week from a trip to the Babine country.

VANDERHOOF

The Nechako Creamery was reopened yesterday by P. Burns Co. Ltd., with A. J. Anderson of Edmonton in charge. Mrs. Anderson has arrived here from Edmonton to join her husband.

Messrs. Taylor Bros. have purchased a quarter of section of land near here.

Hon. R. H. Pooley, attorney-general, has informed the local Board of Trade that there should

be no difficulty in changing the name of the town of Vanderhoof to Nechako as has been suggested.

J. W. H. Day, William J. Bowman and William J. Rimes, as lay readers, are conducting services of the Church of England here regularly.

John Hunt has returned home from Carbon, Alta., where he spent the winter months.

Large quantities of ties are being hauled into town just now, practically all the trucks available being busy on the job.

Taylor Bros. have started the construction of a new garage here at the corner of Stewart and Burrard Avenue.

Fergus Park, Nulki Lake rancher, has been ill for several weeks.

Dr. Roscoe Day of San Francisco will make another trip this summer to Stuart Lake, where he owns one of the islands.

Building and contents of the home of K. Nikk of Fort St. James were completely destroyed by fire last Wednesday morning.

Ben McClelland and his brother of Milestone, Saskatchewan, have arrived here and taken up a quarter section of land north of the Nechako river. They will reside on the Copper place.



LADY HEATH TO BECOME ENGINE SALESWOMAN
 The distinguished aviatrix is learning all about aeroplane engines and will tour United States selling them for the American Engine Co.

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.



SPRING IS HERE AND BEARS ARE OUT

Bruin is hungry when he comes out of his hole after living on his own fat during the winter months, and is also quarrelsome.

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