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THE DOUKHOBORS

It begins to look like the time has arrived when something of an impressive nature must be done to discipline the Sons of Freedom sect of the Doukhobors in British Columbia. They have set themselves against sending their children to school and, as a protest against having to do so, have resorted to the practices of burning down the schools and staging ridiculous and disgusting nude parades. Failure to send children to school, arson and indecent exposure are all contrary to the law and would probably not be tolerated in people of any other races in Canada than the apparently unintelligent Doukhobor. Their carryings-on, which in past years have been more or less winked at by the authorities, have reached such a stage that drastic measures must be taken to prevent them and make the Doukhobor as amenable to the law as other residents of the province are compelled to be. The continuous begging of the issue by the authorities is only making the situation worse and the ultimate cure the harder.

It is difficult, one realizes, to determine what to do with people such as these who make martyrdom of punishment and who have indicated that they are determined not to obey the law if there is any way to evade doing so. However, something must be done about it, even if it be the extremity of ridding the province of the Son of Freedom Doukhobor, who, in many ways, has proven himself a good settler. There cannot, nevertheless, be one law for him and another for the rest of the people of British Columbia. Whatever remedy must be resorted to, he will have to be cured.

ANOTHER PAPER'S VIEWS

It will be interesting to see how Attorney-General Pooley's proposal to deal with the fanatical elements of the Doukhobor community near Nelson will work out, observes the Victoria Times. He insists, and rightly so, that the children of these extraordinary people shall be educated whether the parents like it or not. If the parents will not deliver them to the school authorities voluntarily, he proposes to take the children from under the parental roof and send them elsewhere to get the educational advantages the other children of the province enjoy.

How public opinion will react to this unusual proceeding remains to be seen. To some it may appear heartless. But unusual and difficult situations often demand unusual and drastic remedies. If the policy shall be pursued to any considerable extent, the effect may be salutary. Compared with those members of the sect who conform to the laws of the province, and who generally are industrious and thrifty citizens, the fanatical element has very little influence. But it takes only a few people to make a rumpus; and these people manifest their displeasure in a manner which is in direct conflict with public decency.

About the only other plan Mr. Pooley could have followed would have been a recommendation to the Dominion government for the deportation of the recalcitrant members of the colony. But if the proposal suggested has the desired effect, a long and difficult proceeding will have been avoided.



She (on honeymoon): "Oh, d-d-darling! Supposing it isn't able to eat us both!" -London Opinion.

News of the Mines

AROUND PRINCE RUPERT
Britannia Options Dolly Varden and Wolf; Duthie to Drop Rufus-Argenta; Nickel and Cobalt Found at Stewart

Having taken an option of the two well known properties, the Britannia Mining & Smelting Co. has already commenced development work on the Dolly Varden and Wolf mines at Alice Arm. The Wolf is the first property to receive attention, the diamond drill operating on the Toric having been taken there with a gasoline engine to supply power. Both properties are owned by the Spencer-McRae interests of Vancouver. The Dolly Varden Railway, extending seventeen miles up the Kitsault River from the town of Alice Arm, may also be included in the ultimate deal.

The manner in which the Britannia company is increasing its holdings is taken as a very promising sign at Alice Arm.

Hon. W. A. McKenzie, provincial minister of mines, is expected to make a tour of the central interior before the end of this month and will also probably visit Stewart and Alice Arm. One of the matters bringing Mr. McKenzie north is to make an inspection, with J. D. Galoway, provincial mineralogist, of coal deposits on the Telkwa River and elsewhere, in connection with the announcement of plans to develop the coal there and build a railroad and start large industrial works. At Smithers a dinner will be given in honor of Mr. McKenzie under the joint auspices of the Chamber of Mines and the Board of Trade.

T. S. Davey, mining engineer for the Babine Bonanza or Cronin properties, has been spending the past week inspecting work of the past few months which has shown up the best ore so far found in the mine.

Despite denials there are grounds to warrant the conclusion that J. F. Duthie of Seattle intends to abandon his option on the Rufus-Argenta mine at Stewart. In one letter to a Vancouver broker Mr. Duthie said: "There is about twenty-two feet more of tunnel to drive and, after this work is completed, I intend to relinquish my option." In another letter to the same broker he said: "I anticipated closing this work down today, but have given instruction to proceed until further notice—I want to relinquish this property some time this week and will be glad to hear from you promptly."

Smithers Chamber of Mines took second place at the provincial fair in New Westminster last week for district mining display and Portland Canal district was second. The Nicola Valley took first prize.

Nickel and cobalt are the two latest metals to be discovered in the Portland Canal district, having just been identified on the Ruth and Francis property, which is being worked by Duncan McLean, James Nesbitt and Andy Archie. The samples assayed run 8% nickel and 52% cobalt, besides \$10 in gold, making a total value of \$43 per ton. The occurrence of this emerald green rock on the property has been known for some time, but the extent of it has not yet been determined. This is the first time it has been assayed. The principal work on the Ruth and Francis this summer, besides surface prospecting by stripping and open cutting, has been the driving of an adit tunnel which is now in 160 feet following a strong vein with mineralization coming in heavier in the face than ever before. This vein produces lead, silver and antimony and carries commercial values. Another vein, eight feet in width, gives \$48 in gold and further up the hill there are large copper showings. Four big veins strike north-west and southeast with numerous cross veins, all carrying a variety of minerals.

Ore assaying 81.7% lead and 29.9 ounces silver was brought into Stewart last week by N. Gillof from the Black Bear group, consisting of five claims located above timber line in the vicinity of George Copper at the head of Bear River. The samples were taken with a pick, no shots having yet been put into the property. The streak of lead ore is about five inches in width and ac-

companies about three feet of copper ore in the same vein. Associated with Mr. Gillof in the Black Bear are Messrs. Bolin and Garner. They expect to get some development done this fall.

Auction Sale of Alice Arm Lots

One Hundred Lots and Several Acreage Blocks Sold—High Price Was \$710.

ALICE ARM, Sept. 9.—The auction sale of lots on the old Indian Reserve section of Alice Arm, held Thursday, passed off very successfully, both from the standpoint of number of lots sold and the monies realized. The auction was conducted by J. W. Smith, inspector of lands, on behalf of the provincial government. One hundred and eight lots and several blocks of acreage were disposed of, the approximate total of sales amounting to \$14,000.

The auction was confined practically to local bidding, though there were a few purchases for outside interests. A great many

of the lots went at the upset price, it having been tacitly agreed that the party with a house on the reserve more nearly adjacent to the lots offered was entitled to the lot. Several lots without houses or in choice locations were the object of spirited bidding. The high bid of the sale was on lot one of block one, which was knocked down to Leo Baulcer for \$710.

Falls Creek which flows through the townsite of Alice Arm into the Kitsault River. The water will be diverted into the Kitsault River to the north of the town and to the north of the present wing dam built along the bank of the Kitsault River and which protects the townsite from the overflow of the river. The construction of this dam will entail the expenditure of upwards of \$7,000.

BIG NEW DAM AT ALICE ARM

Falls Creek to Flow North of Town Instead of Through it as at Present

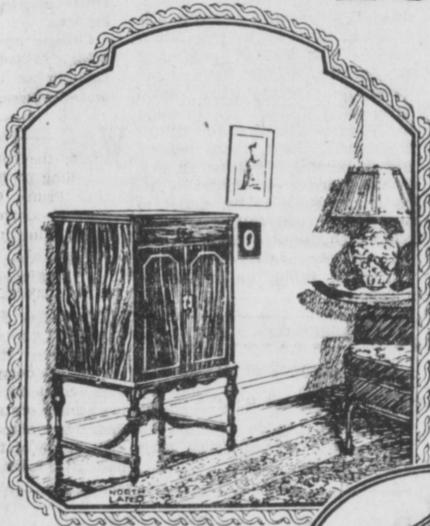
ALICE ARM, Sept. 9.—Word has been received here from the department of public works to begin construction work on the dam which is to divert the waters of

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