## Cutting Down Travel Time

No matter how anxious travellers may be to spin out their holiday to the ultimate minute they always manifest a certain amount of impatience when once they have left their ship and the formalities of Customs inspection necessitate a slight delay on the pier.

To overcome this the Canada Customs at Montreal and the Canadian Pacific Steamships are co-operating in a new service to incoming passengers. On the four palatial 20,000-ton Duchess liners Duchess of Atholl, Duchess of Bedford, Duchess of Richmond, and Duchess of York, the largest liners to sail direct to Montreal, Customs officers, baggage checkers, and porters board the ship at Quebec. Customs examination of heavy luggage is carried out on the ship during the 10-hour voyage from Quebec to Montreal, baggage is checked through to its destination and the passenger is enabled to walk off the ship, pause but a moment while hand-baggage is looked over, and proceed direct to the waiting train.

Photos show scenes at the inauguration of the new service on the Duchess of Richmond recently. Invoice in hand the fair traveller is telling the inspector how much the package cost. The honeymooners, customs inspection over, are checking their trunk—judging by the length of the tickets they must be going to Banff, at least.

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### GRAIN CUTTING COMMENCED AND WILL BE GENERAL BY AUGUST THE 10TH

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tending from one to eight miles wide at different places, resulted. The Yorkton and Rhein subdivisions report conditions as very good. although rust at one or two points is noted. It is hard to say at present what damage will be caused from this source.

**Considerable Hail**

The Asquith and Dodsland subdivisions report considerable hail damage. In the Prince Albert division moisture is plentiful and warm weather is maturing the crops very quickly. All grain is filling out well an dearly sown grains are turning. Meota has suffered heavy hail damage and slight and scattered damage from this source is apparent in the Prince Albert district. All grains in this division are well ahead of last year with every indication of an early harvest. Cutting is expected to commence around August 10.

In the Langham, Cutknife, Carlton subdivision conditions are favorable and damage from the hail storm last week-end will be very slight. In the Craig, Rosetown, Beechy subdivisions the weather has been fair since the last report with a few local showers. The reseeded grain is doing well and there is no anxiety felt now as to the feed situation. No rust damage is reported but in some districts crops are ripening too rapidly.

In the Conquest, Elrose, Whitebear subdivisions crops generally are in excellent condition but hail is reported at Macrorie and Dinsmore causing damage estimated at 15%. Along the Lampman, Bienfait, Avonlea, Gravelbourg, Central Butte subdivisions the weather has been hot and dry and all grains are ripening fast so that harvest will be general in a few days. The whole of this territory will not average more than 10 bushels to the acre and straw is very short.

**Edmonton District**

In the Edmonton division weather during the past week has been ideal for the growing crops. There have been scattered hail storms but very little damage is reported from this source with the exception of a strip one mile wide and seven miles long near Forestburg where damage to the extent of 50% is reported. In South Central Alberta hail did considerable damage in the Drumheller subdivision and the yield will be very low. In the Oyen subdivision all grains are now headed out and ripening fast. Stettler late grains are doing well and pastures are in good condition.

West of Edmonton in the Wabamun, Lac Ste. Anne, Sangudo subdivision all grains are reported in splendid condition and no damage reported from any source.

**Peace River**

In the Peace River district the general prospects are very good. Weather during the past week has been hot with showers in many districts. Slight damag from hail is reported from Morinville-Cardondale and the Bon Accord districts but no damage from frost is reported at any point.

## TO WORK ON LOST MINE

**Party Leaves Prince George to Do Development Work on Rich Property**

Pilot Joerss took off from Six-Mile Lake yesterday morning in "The City of Prince George" with three men and 1000 pounds of freight, bound for the headwaters of the Finlay River, to secure some development upon a copper property from which fantastic values have been disclosed by assays, says the Prince George Citizen. The existence of the property has been known for many years, but it figured as one of the "lost" properties of mining lore. The gnowledge of the location of the property was believed to be possessed by Gun-a-noot, the Kispiox Indian who was a fugitive from justice for several months. Stuart Henderson of Victoria, who unsuccessfully contested Victoria in Monday's election as the Liberal candidate, had the defence of Gun-a-noot and learned of the big copper property. He later organized an expedition and prospected for it with the assistance of Gun-a-noot, but the Indian was not able to locate it.

Later on an organization was formed of Prince Rupert and Edmonton railway trainmen, and the Junkers plane, operated last year by Pilot Joerss, was brought into British Columbia to search for the property. This effort was also unsuccessful, and the plane was left neglected in the vicinity of Smithers for several years until it was secured by Dick Corless.

The lost mine was eventually located by Jack Ryan and J. Thomas of Prince George, and a number of trips were later made to it by the old Junkers plane and recently by "The City of Prince George." The ore exposure occurs on both sides of a canyon at the headwaters of the Finlay. This canyon has a length of half a mile and is 300 feet wide and its walls rise to a height of 300 feet. From the prospecting done since its discovery the ore appears to have a width of three or four feet on both sides of the canyon, and assays made from specimens brought out disclosed a copper content of 25%. While it is not expected any such value will be maintained, it is the belief of those who have seen the exposures that the property will prove one of the richest copper mines on the continent.

The prospect is at present owned by a local syndicate of 18 persons including Dr. R. W. Alward, Dr. C. Ewert, W. L. Armstrong, William Joerss, J. H. Johnson, Charles Wisenden, R. Corless, J. Duncan and T. Corless. The three men who went in on the plane on Wednesday have been commissioned to dress the prospect up as well as possible, so that it may be brought to the attention of mining engineers who, in view of the slump in silver and lead values, are now giving renewed attention to copper properties.

Passengers booking out from Prince Rupert last evening on the Cardena included D. Drysdale and G. F. Scott for Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Levoir and J. H. Smith to Anyox, and Norman Fraser to Alice Arm.

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## United Church People Gather In the District

**Visits to be Made to Various Points in the Prince Rupert Presbytery**

Knox United Church, Terrace is planning a reception to Rev. O. M. Sanford, President of Conference of the United Church of Canada on his visit to the town.

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, August 19th, at 8 p.m., in the church when the congregation and visiting delegates will have an opportunity of meeting the President of Conference on this his first visit north.

On Wednesday morning, August 20, the sessions of Presbytery will commence when Dr. Wilson, Superintendent of Missions, expects to be in attendance.

The following itinerary has been outlined to the Secretary Rev. T. H. Wright, B.A., for the president:

Juyl 31, Bella Bella.
August 1, Bella Coola.
August 3, Ocean Falls.
August 6, Prince Rupert.
August 7, Port Essington.
August 9 and 10, Anyox.
August 11, Stewart.
August 12, Port Simpson.
August 16 and 17, Hazelton District.
August 18, 19, 20, Terrace Presbytery meeting.

## Prospects at Duthie Considered Bright

**Chief Geologist's Report Favorable to Early Resumption of Development at Property**

SMITHERS, Aug. 4—Supported by the optimistic report of Dr. MacIntosh Bell, chief geologist of the Atlas Exploration Company, a rumor to the effect that the Duthie mine will be re-opened early this fall has gained considerable strength in Smithers mining circles. The Atlas company owns 822,294 of the 1,822,194 issued shares of Duthie Mines, Limited, and has an option on the unissued treasury shares. The mine has been operated under Atlas control since securing control from the Duthie company.

## Ocean Falls Clergyman In The Hospital

Rev. Wm. Deans, pastor of Ocean Falls United Church and Chairman of the Presbytery of Prince Rupert is a patient in Shaughnessey Military Hospital where he is recuperating after an operation in the General Hospital, Vancouver. His many friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

Moses Thomas, the young Indian boy who was admitted to the local hospital on Friday evening last was suffering from a gun shot wound in the fleshy part of the thigh. He was in a boat with his father who was seal shooting. The gun had been placed in the bottom of the boat and the lad struck against it causing the bullet to be discharged and to cause the wound.

## Twenty Years Ago

**In Prince Rupert**

Aldermen had a long discussion as to why Second Avenue had been graded before First and Third Avenues.

The Prince Rupert Optimist contains no fewer than eighty applications for Land Purchase in the District of Skeena.

The Imperial Oil Company opened a branch house and have taken over the Kelly warehouse beyond Market Place.

Complaint is made of the number of land grabbers. All the land between here and Aldermere has been taken up but much has been taken up by men who only desire to hold it as speculation.

The Ashman Coal Mines Company has been incorporated to acquire by purchase certain coal lands on the Bulkley River on the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. The capital is one million dollars and the area to be developed is about fifteen square miles.

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