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NORTHERN B. C. NEWS

ALICE ARM

The Esperanza mine will resume operations early next spring, it is announced. Seattle capitalists, headed by Harry Bowyer, have reached an agreement with the Esperanza Mining Co. whereby they will acquire a large block of stock and assume control of operations.

Many contributions are being made here toward the fund for the relief of dependants of victims of the recent disaster at the Bonanza mine at Anyox.

STEWART

A daughter was born in the Stewart General Hospital last Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Haddon of Hyder.

A very successful whist drive and dance was held here last Wednesday night in aid of the Stewart General Hospital, about \$100 being realized as a result of the affair. Prize winners were Mr. and Mrs. J. Campbell, Mrs. Lee, L. S. Davidson and Jack Grey.

After over two weeks battling with the elements, telegraph wires to Stewart are working again. Oscar Landry, district superintendent, Government Telegraphs, Prince Rupert, was a visitor here last week on official business.

Charles R. Gilbert, Terrace fire insurance adjuster, was a visitor here last week on official business.

W. Gray of the Hyder Lumber Co. left last week for a trip to Vancouver, Seattle and elsewhere in the south.

Mrs. Dabo left last week for a trip to Vancouver.

Jack Anderson, road superintendent for Atlin district, spent a few days here last week on official duties.

Mrs. M. Evans, accompanied by her son, Boyd Evans, left last week for Vancouver.

J. A. Morris, Prince Rupert broker, has been spending a few days in town on business.

A. Erskine Smith of Premier held the winning ticket in a drawing which was conducted for Charles Duke's ranch on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

BURNS LAKE

District visitors in town during the past week have included: Kurt Unger, Francois Lake; George Buchanan, Danskin; Anselm Keller, Francois Lake; and F. R. Keefe of Francois Lake.

W. Muirhead has returned to his duties on the staff of the Royal Bank of Canada here after spending a holiday in Vancouver. Now Herman Brunell has left for his annual vacation.

A. E. Parlow, district forester, Prince Rupert, was a visitor in this district last week on official duties.

Unemployment relief work started in Burns Lake last week and several men are now at work on improvements to the parks grounds.

J. H. Hadland of Oona River is visiting at the home of O. H. Hamre for a week or so. Mr. Hadland and his family were former residents of the Danskin district.

Miss Doris Fletcher and Miss Thelma Petersen are announced as class leaders in examinations in the local high school.

The local United Church celebrated the ninth anniversary of its establishment with suitable special services last Sunday.

Dr. Morrison, dentist, has been a visitor in Burns Lake recently on professional business.

PRINCE GEORGE

In the course of an official visit to various interior corps of the Salvation Army, Commandant William Kerr of Prince Rupert spent a week in Prince George.

A. J. Jank has been appointed game warden for the Finlay River district. He will make his headquarters in the forestry cabin at Finlay Forks.

There are three hundred registered in the city of Prince George as being unemployed. The number is understood to include quite a number of men with wives and families. The city council has decided that, in relief work, married men will get the first call. The dole may be resorted to for single men.

Before proceeding from Victoria to London where he will take over the duties of agent general for British Columbia, Hon. F. P. Burden paid a flying visit to his former home here recently.

Miss Helen Hornsby has arrived in the city to take up residence with her father, W. L. Hornsby, and sister, Miss Ruth Hornsby.

The Prince George Choral Society, which was recently reorganized, has resumed practices for the winter.

Mrs. Gordon Wood read a paper on candy and gave a demonstration at a meeting of the local Women's Institute on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Prest and family arrived here this week from Wetaskiwin, Alta. Mr. Prest succeeds F. A. MacCallum as manager of the local branch of the Bank of Montreal.

The local Elks' Lodge held its annual charity dance in the Ritts-Kifer Hall Thursday night. There was a large attendance and the affair was both successful and enjoyable.

Dr. R. W. Alward and Alex McB. Young are being prominently mentioned as aspirants for the Conservative nomination to contest Fort George riding at the forthcoming provincial by-election. In connection with the Liberal nomination, the name of W. A. Watson of Pouce Coupe is most frequently heard.

George Boyce got the largest deer of the season in this district last Sunday while hunting about ten miles up the Nechako River from here.

Fort George riding has been allotted \$40,000 under the government's unemployment relief scheme. This sum will be divided equally between the local area and the Peace River section of the riding.

Weather has been generally fair here with flurries of snow and lower temperatures, the minimum thermometer reading for the past week having been 18 above zero.

VANDERHOOF

The Vanderhoof and District Board of Trade is suggesting to the provincial department of agriculture that the government make brood sows available to the farmers of the central interior on the deferred payment plan with a down payment of 25%.

The Sunshine Fund is being organized here to provide Christmas Cheer for needy folk in town and district.

A. M. Manson, M.L.A. for Om-

The COMMON COLD is dangerous. If not checked promptly it may develop into flu, grippe, bronchitis, pneumonia, infected sinus, mastoid. At the first sign of a cold or cough take BUCKLEY'S MIXTURE. Acts like a flash. A SINGLE SIP PROVES IT.



TUES. & WED. TWO SHOWS 7 and 9 p.m.

ANN HARDING in "The Girl of the Golden West" All Talking - A Stirring Drama of the Gold Rush Days. Comedy—Chester Conklin in "CLEANING UP" Novelty—"FOOD FOR THOUGHT" Admission—20c & 65c Feature Starts at 7:30 & 9:30 THURSDAY & FRIDAY, and Remember Thursday Matinee, 2:30 RICHARD BARTHELMESS in "THE DAWN PATROL"

eca, has sent information here that Hon. W. A. McKenzie, minister of labor, has informed him that, in order to allay unemployment, appropriations have been made to continue public works in this district during the winter if weather permits.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Waston McKelvey entertained with a wedding anniversary and Thanksgiving dinner party at their home last Thursday evening.

D. Cameron has returned here after a lengthy visit with relatives on the prairies and will be the guest here for the winter of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McGeachy.

The Women's Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion is meeting this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Gilbert Hope. Arrangements are being made for the cabaret entertainment to take place in connection with the opening of the new Canadian Legion Hall here.

Having partially recovered from a recent operation, Miss Florence Paterson returned to her home last Wednesday from the Prince George Hospital.

The Women's Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion held an enjoyable card party last Tuesday evening at the Vanderhoof Hotel. Mrs. A. G. Birch and James Silver were the prize-winners.

Mrs. A. G. Birch was hostess at a bridge party at her home last Thursday afternoon. Prize winners were Mrs. George Ogston and Mrs. H. V. Taylor.

Samuel W. Cocker of Vanderhoof and Major Robert Lowe of Burn Lake motored to Pentiction to attend the annual meeting at the end of last week of the British Columbia Conservative Association.

NEWS OF THE MINES AROUND PRINCE RUPERT

Annual Report on Toric—Granby Co. Closes Down Copper Mountain—Topley Asks Ore Testing Plant

The annual report of H. R. Budd, president of the Toric Mines Co. Ltd., states that, owing to the very serious drop in the price of silver, all work on the property was stopped last spring. In accordance with the agreement with Britannia Mining & Smelting Co. Ltd., a new company, Torbrit Mining Co. Ltd., was formed in which Britannia holds 75 per cent of the stock and Toric 25 per cent. Development work carried on by Britannia until operations were suspended had been very encouraging, stated the report, adding that from all the work accomplished it is calculated that there is indicated tonnage of approximately 500,000 tons of ore which may be won from the mine. Insufficient work has been done to arrive at an exact assay but it is indicated that it may run from 13 to 17 ounces in silver per ton. Until such time as the price of silver increases to a point where operation can be carried on at a profit, no further development or other work on the property will be done. In the meantime, a caretaker has been left in charge. The balance sheet of September 30, 1930, shows cash on hand of \$134.04. Other assets are 750,000 shares of Torbrit Mining Co. at \$1 each, administrative and general expenses, \$3,607.40, and discount and commission on sale of shares, \$78,606.21.

The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Co. has temporarily suspended operations as from November 15 at the Copper Mountain mine and Allenby mill near Pentiction in the southern interior. It is understood that the property will remain closed until there is a distinct improvement in copper prices. The decision throws some 600 men out of work and temporarily halts a payroll of \$1,000,000 per year, all of which is a serious blow to the community concerned.

The Prosperity Mine at Stewart, in which Premier Gold Mining Co. holds a 76% interest, earned a net profit of \$12,211.61 in September, states an official report, or at a rate of \$8.06 per ton. In spite of the very low silver prices which have prevailed, the statement shows that Prosperity has made a net profit of \$171,901.11 in the 11 months it has been in operation. The gross smelter value of production in the 11 months was \$462,077.26. Production cost amounted to \$289,552.36 and miscellaneous costs of \$1,217.79, leaving net profit of \$171,901.11.

The mines committee of the Stewart Board of Trade has drawn up several recommendations for improvements in the Mineral Act of the province of British Columbia. A meeting was held in the Moose Hall at Stewart with prospectors and many other interested persons in attendance. The list of recommendations was placed before the meeting for discussion.

Announcement has been made of the completion of the purchase of the Tiger mine at Alice Arm by the Utility Mines No. 1 Ltd. Under the agreement of sale, a cash payment of \$60,000 was made and 200,000 shares of stock were given. The Climax and Rose Marie groups of claims are included in the area. The Topley District Mining Association is asking for support or advice on a resolution passed by that body requesting the government of British Columbia to co-operate with the Canadian National Railways in establishing a complete assay and analytical laboratory at a convenient point on the Canadian National Railways that will best serve the interior mining district. Following is a portion of the resolution passed: "It is certainly apparent that the methods employed in this No. 2 mining division have not been successful in bringing into production mining in the division. The chief reason is that the prospector and the small mining developer have not had the proper chance to find out what is in the showing that the discoverer is working on. In all refractory, compound or soluble ores it is entirely impossible to know the contents of such ores except by chemical analysis and assay and to have the proper results from these methods they should be easily accessible to the operator in the field and at a cost that will meet his ability to avail himself of the services and get returns on his samples in the shortest time possible. This association, therefore, petitions the minister of mines to co-operate with the Canadian National Railways to the end that a complete assay plant that can treat all classes of ores with complete assays and analyses be established in the most convenient and easily accessible location on the line of the C. N. R. in No. 2 mining division of British Columbia to be operated on the policy of service at as near cost as possible and give proper service to this division, giving complete analyses and surveys on all or every kind of rock or liquid submitted for its services.