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News of the Mines

AROUND PRINCE RUPERT

Mill on Tidewater Molybdenum Soon—Inspect Alice Arm Property—Eight Men Working On Big Missouri Mill

W. D. Brown, Victoria, one of the directors of the Dalhousie Mining Co., following a recent visit to the Tidewater Molybdenum property at Alice Arm, stated that present plans were for the carrying out of continuous development operations throughout the winter. When sufficient ore has been developed to warrant the installation of a mill, it will be installed. Judging from the success attained in this year's development work, the installation of a mill will not be long delayed. The amount of ore developed and surface showings so far, far exceeded Mr. Brown's expectations. Mr. Brown said that Angus McLeod, superintendent, was conducting operations on the property in an efficient and economic manner and the results he had attained this year far surpassed the company's highest hopes. As soon as improvements have been made to the trail from tidewater, a compressor plant will be installed so that much greater progress may be attained.

Harry Bowyer and M. Terry of Seattle have been at Alice Arm recently making an examination of the Keystone property on Round Creek as well as the Esperanza mine. They represent American financial interests.

Eighty men are now employed on the Big Missouri property at Stewart rushing work on the mill which is expecting to be in operation about the beginning of September. Big Missouri is now being operated under the name of Buena Vista with Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. holding the controlling interest and in charge of development. Some months ago it was decided to proceed with the installation of a pilot mill on the property and work has been under way since. The initial capacity is for 200 tons per day but it will be capable of being enlarged as conditions warrant. The recent statement by Consolidated that the Big Missouri was one of their most promising prospects has not been modified in recent months and it is now reported that everything is moving along satisfactorily with assurance of considerable production when the mill is started some time before the end of the year.

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W. G. McMorris, who is identified with Sir George Doughty's plans for fisheries developments here and on the Queen Charlotte Islands, sailed last night on the Prince George for Vancouver.

C. L. Hanson, well known Cobalt and Tonopah mining man, is so enthusiastic over the future of mining in the Hazelton district that he has bought three properties—the Dawson Fraction, the Steve Slinger and two lead claims. They are all near the Silver Cup.

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Tribute to Work of Prospector Paid By Official of Institute of Mining in Stewart Address

STEWART, Sept. 19:—Saying that he had never heard of an engineer or capitalist, and certainly not a geologist, who had ever discovered a mine, C. G. MacKenzie, secretary of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, paid an eloquent tribute to the worth of the old-time prospector in a fine address before the Stewart Board of Trad last Tuesday evening. "The prospector," Mr. MacKenzie said, "has been the backbone of the mining industry, undergoing untold hardships and not always receiving adequate compensation for his work. I keenly regret that his ilk seems to be dying out in this day of highly commercialized prospecting and aerial transportation, though it is doubtful if the aeroplane can ever take his place."

Mr. MacKenzie is one of a trio of prominent mining men who paid a visit to Stewart and the Portland Canal district this week and, at a special invitation of the Board of Trade, all three attended last Tuesday evening and addressed the members. The others are Mr. Parsons of the Ore Testing Branch of the Department of Mines, Ottawa, and J. L. McAllen, M.E., of Portland, Ore.

After the visitors had been warmly welcomed by the president of the board, Mr. MacKenzie was called upon to make a few remarks. He expressed his pleasure at being asked to attend the meeting and for the opportunity it afforded him of meeting the business men of the town. Referring briefly to the aims and objects of the Institute, he stressed the fact that the Institute is not a purely technical one but welcomes members from various walks of life including lawyers, bankers, prospectors and even politicians.

Mr. MacKenzie described his trip through the country from his headquarters in Montreal and told of the meeting of the Institute at The Pas where the hundred odd members visited the Flin Flon mine with Premier Bracken and the Minister of Mines of Manitoba. The mill at the Flin Flon is now in operation and handles 3,000 tons of ore per day, he said. The Sherrit Gordon, which they also visited, is still under construction but should be in operation shortly after the opening of the coming year. Operations will be speeded in this district when the furnace of the Hudson Bay smelter is blown in some time next spring. Mr. MacKenzie said they had a very interesting meeting with The Pas Board of Trade, at which the Premier and Minister of Mines were present.

Their First Visit

On conclusion of the sessions in Manitoba, Mr. MacKenzie and Mr. Parsons came on to Jasper, thence west to Prince Rupert and Anyox, and arrived in Stewart on Monday night. Neither had ever been in this part of the country before and were very much impressed with what they had seen of it so far. Following visits to various well known properties hereabouts, including the Premier and Big Missouri, they left again yesterday for Vancouver Island coal mines and will also spend some time in the interior of the province before returning east.

Mr. MacKenzie told the Board of Trade that he will carry back with him the conviction that this country is hard to beat in the way of resources, and he included men in these resources. "You think that the effete east is not giving you a square deal," he said, and continued: "The main reason for this is that you are not acquainted with each other. I spend from two to three months each year in visiting the various provinces and it is a liberal education. The difference between the peoples of the various provinces is very great."

"B.C.'s problems are tremendous. The topography of the country does not lend itself to easy prospecting, and where you have but one prospector there are 25 in Ontario. There a ma ncan take 150 pounds of grub and go all over the country in the summer with little difficulty, but you can't do it here, and I intend to convey this fact to the eastern people. But even if the extreme roughness of your province is against it, and you haven't enough men to go over it, you must be patient. It takes, on the average, about 10 years to make a mine, and the three important factors are prospectors who find the showings, engineers with their technical knowledge, and lastly the capitalist with money to finance and develop the project. All are essential."

Will Come Again

Mr. MacKenzie wound up his remarks by expressing the pleasure he felt at being here, and said: "Now that I know the way, you will see me again."

Mr. Parsons, of the Department of Ore Dressing, told the board that he had always looked forward to coming to Stewart and when the opportunity arose this year he immediately took advantage of it. He regretted that he did not know much about the district but said that he was here to find out.

Explaining the organization which he belongs to in Ottawa, he said that Canada has the finest ore testing plant in the world, and it is used free of charge by mine owners from coast to coast. Samples ranging in weight from 2,000 pounds to car load lots are taken, a treatment is worked out, and a confidential report submitted to the owner. After a period of a year and a half, this report becomes public knowledge. The department requires with each shipment a certificate from the resident engineer of the district, stating that the prospect or property is worth testing, and in this way the department is saved from being swamped with samples from every little hole in the ground. Mr Parsons quoted one instance of testing which cost the department about $3,000. Eastern interests, he said, take far more advantage of this plant than do the mine owners in British Columbia.

In concluding, he said that his visit was proving a very happy one and he assured the meeting that either he or his immediate superior, Mr. W. B. Timms, would be here each year.

Mr. McAllen stated how refreshing it was to come in contact with officials on this side of the line, and with how much interest he had listened to the remarks of Mr MacKenzie and Mr. Parsons. He referred to his visit to the Premier mine as being of particular interest because he had met R. K. Neill some years ago and knew the history of the property. He also spoke about visiting the Big Missouri, but was not underground.

Rosy Future

As for Stewart, Mr. McAllen thought that a rosy future was in store and possibilities for a railroad are very good, though it is impossible to foretell when the expected developments will take place. Asked as to the trend of the metal markets, he said that he was not an economist and therefore could give little information, but he believed that the spring of 1931 would see conditions much improved, though he doubted if copper and zinc would return to their former values for a long time to come. In Canada, he said, business does not soar so high nor fall quite so low as in the States, and we lag about six monhs behind our neighbor in the reaction to a slump or boom.

Mr. McAllen, like the other speakers, also regretted the decline of the old prospector and thought that something should be done in the way of finding a solution.

In concluding, he surmised that the 1931 meeting of the Mining Institute might be held in B.C., and if the proper representation were made it might be possible to get an excursion up here.

Following the addresses of the visitors, several members of the Board of Trade spoke in appreciation and also upon various points brought up during the evening. These included H. W. M. Rolston, P. S. Jack, H. P. Gibson, W. Noble, H. B. Campbell, J. J. Haahti, E. T. Applewhaite.

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NEW TOWNS DISCUSSED

Vancouver Province Urges Government to Set Aside and Administer Townsites

New towns in Northern British Columbia, like British Columbia's sons and daughters, should have the right to be well born, says the Vancouver Province, editorially. They should be well named too. In their infancy, moreover, they should not be allowed to become the victims of townsite promoters and speculators.

At the present time, railway construction is proceeding in the Peace River region. Rival settlements are even now engaging in spirited contests to capture the railway without regard to the decisions of competent engineers as to the shortest and most economical route to be followed.

In the days of the old Grand Trunk Pacific development in British Columbia, the townsite business became something of a specialized racket. There was no control save that of contractors, speculators and politicians. The scandal of the old Fort George townsites remains in the memory of many victims of town lot boomsters. The naming of new towns was carried out without much regard to beauty or historic interest. There was little scientific town planning unless the hurried blueprinting of land companies could be dignified by such a description.

British Columbia as a whole will benefit from intelligent location, naming and planning of the new towns which will dot the Peace River country. One of the first duties of the government should be to set aside and administer all townsites. Manitoba has managed to keep the speculator out of Churchill, the new port on Hudson Bay. The government of British Columbia can probably improve upon Manitoba's policy at Churchill in handling the new era of town development in the northern part of the province.

Staff Sergeant Alex McNeill, provincial police, left on the Princess Louise this morning for a trip to Telegraph Creek on official duties. He expects to return to the city in about two weeks.

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General rehabilitation of the Prince George telephone system to provide improved service for its entire territory is now under way with James McDevitt of the B. C. Telephone cable department, Vancouver, in charge. Thirty new poles will be erected and 10,560 feet of aerial cable will be placed.

Hon. William Atkinson, minister of agriculture, informed a dinner of the Prince George Board of Trade on Wednesday evening that the water problem in the Pineview district was to receive attention. Assistance will be given in the way of demonstration wells, he intimated. The prospects for the establishment of a creamery here were not very bright, Mr. Atkinson stated.

Local tennis players journeyed to Quesnel last Sunday for a tournament. Play was continued until darkness set in and ended with each club having four victories to its credit.

Mrs. L. A. Genge of Victoria, district commissioner of the Girl Guides for British Columbia, has been here for the past week organizing companies of the Girl Guides and Brownies in Central and South Fort George and Prince George. Mrs. George Oliver has been appointed brown owl for the Brownies and Miss Irwin captain of the Girl Guides. The first three girls to be enrolled were Margaret McIntyre, Elizabeth Robertson and Mildred Farrow.

A movement has been started for the organization of a Billiard League in the city. It is expected that five teams will be entered—C. N. R., Elks, Canadian Legion and Taylor and Griffith billiard halls.

The two public schools in Prince George opened the present term with a total attendance of 396, this being a considerable gain over the attendance at the corersponding period last year.

Billy Blair, Ivor Guest, Tom Griffith and Frank Whitmore brought back a moose, deer and bear after a hunting trip which took them some distance below White's Landing on the Fraser River.

SMITHERS

The body of George Chappell, young son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Chappell, who was drowned last month in the Skeena River at Hazelton, was recovered on Monday of this week. It had been caught in a boom swung across the stream at Nash to catch poles coming down from the Skeena and Kispiox Rivers.

Dr. White, veterinary of the Department of Agriculture, Victoria, has been in the district during the past week inspecting cattle for tuberculosis. Many animals were subjected to the test and a few reactors were immediately destroyed.

On account of heavy rains, a program of field sports which was to have been held here on Thursday was postponed. A successful dance was, however, held in the evening.

On business in connection with his placer mining interests in the Manson Creek country, W. M. Ogilvie has been a visitor in Smithers this week. He made the trip out by way of Fort St. James.

NEW HAZELTON

Mrs. Schreiber of Ootsa Lake, who has been the guest in Hazelton of her sister, Mrs. Roy Guss, left on Wednesday of this week on her return home.

A. L. Carruthers, chief bridge engineer for the province, spent Tuesday here inspecting progress that is being made on the construction of the new Hagwilget suspension bridge.

The crops in the immediate district of New Hazelton were not too bad this year. Hay was short but there will be little demand for it this winter in view of the expected slackness in pole and tie cutting and other industrial lines.

Miss Stella Maxwell of Toronto is visiting in New Hazelton with her aunt, Mrs. L. York.

Mrs. Austin Goodenough of Smithers is visiting in Hazelton with Mrs. O. W. Dawson.

Mrs. A. D. Chappell left last Sunday in company with her sister, Mrs. Smith, for an extended visit to San Francisco. Miss Vivian Chappell accompanied them as far as Prince Rupert and returned Monday night.

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