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## Placer Mining Outlook Bright For Year With Operations In Many Sections Contemplated

(By L. S. McGill)

Placer mining is again to the fore, and Omineca Mining Division hopes for the most active year for many years past. Many are watching closely the movements of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. in the northern part of the division, particularly in view of its association with the projected railway from Stewart to Fort Grahame. Already this company has a number of leases on Slate Creek, Manson Creek section, where it is expected that active mining operations will be carried on this season. Prospectors for the Consolidated will also be in the field in the northern sections looking for new placer grounds.

The McCorkell Brothers of Vanderhoof and their associates have a number of leases on Germansen Creek, where they have the machinery which was taken in with so much difficulty, after being two years on the way. This is an old section now taking on a new lease of life.

George W. Otterson, who has been in the Manson Creek section for a number of years, is expected to work all season on Manson Creek leases held by himself and associates. Robert H. Fleming of Seattle is interested in this. The Manson Creek section has seen placer mining since 1868 and had a real boom in the early 'Seventies of last century. The new road being built from Fort St. James to Manson Creek will give impetus to its revival. This road program was inaugurated last summer by Hon. W. A. McKenzie, Minister of Mines, who made a personal inspection of it in September. It is being pushed ahead as rapidly as possible and will be one of the

most important road building operations in the province this year.

Not far from this new road are leases on Robinson Creek, in the Nation River section, held by George Snell of Vanderhoof and associates. They intend aggressive mining this year.

Many individual prospectors will go into the northern parts of the mining division in addition to those of the Consolidated Company. The chief routes used are the Summit Lake-Finlay River route from Prince George, the Stuart and Takla Lake water systems from Fort St. James, and overland route from Fort St. James to Manson Creek.

#### Ingenika River

On McConnell Creek, at the headwaters of the Ingenika River, Peter Jensen, an old-time prospector from Hazelton, has been placer mining for many years. This section had quite a number of men in it at one time but its remoteness from transportation discouraged most of them and the hostile bands of Indians drove out others. J. F. Tener, Vancouver mining engineer, was in to the section in 1928 and is planning for development, using aeroplanes to get over the transportation difficulties, but this has not come to a head yet. If the Stewart-Fort Grahame railway is built it will make the region much more accessible, and it is close to one of the projected routes for a railway from the Peace River to Hazelton.

South of Houston, only eight miles from the railway, is an old placer section that has had intermittent attention for more than 40 years. Small scale operations have not been found very profitable but Roderick R. MacDonald and associates have now taken up leases on Bob Creek and Buck Creek with the intention of mining on a larger scale, hoping to make it pay.

Another old section which is right on the railway is that at Lorne Creek, about 125 miles inland from Prince Rupert. It had attention as long as 60 years ago but the easier parts were worked out. Its situation is intriguing and larger scale operations may yet be tried with success.

Anton K. Money, prospector and mining man, who has been on a trip into the Pelly River country, was a passenger aboard the Princess Alice yesterday afternoon bound from the Yukon to Vancouver. He is going back to his home in England.

## VILLAGES CELEBRATE

Victoria Day to Be Suitably Observed at Port Simpson, Greenville, Kitwanga, and Kitzegeua

In addition to Port Simpson, a number of native villages in this district are making ambitious plans for the celebration of Victoria Day with race meets, baseball and football games and other attractions.

At Kitwanga there will be races and field sports in the morning, the proceedings commencing with a brass band parade from the town to the ball grounds. In the afternoon, there will be baseball and football matches and, in the evening, a big dance. The committee in charge of the Kitwanga celebration consists of M. H. Bright, Tom Wegaft and R. Harris.

Greenville on the Naas River will likewise celebrate, the proceedings for the day there being under the auspices of the Greenville Concert Band. The opening will be conducted by the chief councillor of the village and the program will include baseball and football games for cups, water sports, canoe racing, outboard motorboat racing and log chopping contest with boxing bouts in the evening for medals and native championship titles. May 23 at Greenville will be given over to children's sports with a grand parade headed by the band. The Victoria Day committee at Greenville includes Charles Leeson, chairman; H. H. McKay, manager; Fred McKay, secretary; Peter Calder, treasurer; H. Robinson, Johnson Russ, Walter Calder, Simon Calder, Geo. Martin, Joe Clark, Sam Gray, Stanley Wilson, Alex Angus and Charles McNeill.

The Victoria Day celebration at Kitzegeua will be under the auspices of the Kitzegeua Athletic Club. For baseball and football games, silver cups are being offered as prizes with cash prizes for foot races, children's sports and other athletic events. Incidentally, the formal opening of the new recreation grounds at this interior village will take place that day. Here there will also be a big dance in the evening.

## CAME OUT OF ARCTIC

Interesting Travellers Here Aboard Princess Alice Yesterday Afternoon

Travellers of more than usual interest were Karl Peterson and Fred Jacobsen, veteran trappers and traders for many years on the Arctic Coast, who were passengers on board the Princess Alice yesterday afternoon bound for Vancouver where they will receive dental treatment and attend to a number of other matters. It is the first time in many years that either Mr. Peterson or Mr. Jacobsen has been outside.

These two men flew all the way out from Aklavik, near the mouth of the Mackenzie River, to Carcross in the Wernicke plane. From Aklavik to Mayo via Wind River, a distance of some 300 or more miles, it took them but three and a half hours to make the trip while another two and a half hours brought them from Mayo to Carcross. By the old means of transportation it would have taken them weeks to make the trip from Aklavik to Carcross.

## Former Matron Anyox Hospital Goes to Vernon

Mrs. Edna E. McVicar, who was several years ago lady superintendent of the Anyox hospital, has been appointed lady superintendent of the Vernon Jubilee Hospital. Miss McVicar, who has more recently been at Merritt, will assume her new duties on July 1. She is a graduate of Vancouver General Hospital.

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