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AUTHENTIC RAIN FIGURES FOR YEAR MADE KNOWN

GOLD STRIKE IS MADE ON NINTH AVENUE LOT

In Grading his Lots Mr. Thomas Sproatt Ran Into a Vein of Quartz—Some "Dirt" That Was Panned Proves Very Rich—An Interesting Story

An interesting gold strike was made on Ninth avenue on Saturday afternoon, by Mr. Thomas Sproatt, while he was at work grading his lots. Whether the "strike" will turn out to be of commercial value or not remains to be seen. At present it is being regarded more as a scientific curiosity, though experienced miners who were called in and who assisted in panning some of the dirt, agree that it made a richer showing than anything they had seen in the mining camps.

Will Investigate Further
On an adjoining lot, where the owner was building a garden, some indications of gold were previously found. The suggestion was made by a miner that, the "strike" was worth investigating further, on the chance that a sufficient quantity of the precious ore might be found to make it worth while for the neighbouring lot-owners to enter into a co-operative mining scheme. The annals of mining contain instances of rich deposits being found within very limited areas. In the meantime, the "Ninth Avenue Gold Strike" while rich enough and genuine enough, is still within the stage of a neighbourhood joke.

May Have Assay Made
The gold is showing in the blue granite and also in the decayed conglomerate rock. About a ton of quartz was taken from the bank on Saturday afternoon, all of which shows minute particles of free gold under the microscope. It would undoubtedly assay high, and the owner is being urged to have some of the ore properly assayed, "just for the fun of it."

MADE BEAUTIFUL GARDEN OUT OF THE RAW MUSKEG

Wise Work of Mussallem Brothers on Fourth Avenue—Are Now Growing All Kinds of Vegetables Where Only Skunk Cabbage Bloomed Before Anyone Can Do It

To turn the sour muskeg into a smiling green garden, rich in all the vegetables, has been the work of the brothers Mussallem, who run a store on Fourth avenue near the General Hospital. Their work is a lesson, and an encouragement to any lot owner who is ambitious to have a garden.

A Fertile Patch
A news reporter who walked that way recently was pleased and delighted with what he saw. A patch of about fifty by fifty feet is crammed full with all the kinds of vegetable produce. The level is that a piece of earth so all could grow so much.

All Kinds of Things
There are innumerable rows of growing lettuce and radishes in various stages of growth, but all growing well; potatoes, cabbage, cauliflower, rhubarb, spinach, carrots, onions, beans, corn, and some other vegetables from their own country of Syria, which the brothers are trying to raise in Canada.

Grapes Look Good
The content with vegetables alone, the brothers are trying what fruits will grow here. Some apples and pear trees imported from Vancouver have died, but some apple seedlings look promising. Several grape vines are planted and appear very healthy. The brothers are experienced in vine-culture and quite expect to be gathering grapes off their little vines next year.

The experiment shows what can be done with the muskeg patches. The ground was prepared by digging a trench alongside to drain the excess water. The muskeg was turned up with a spade and mixed with sand and cow manure. Now it looks like a strong loam, and the strength of the vegetable growth is wonderful.

Any One Can Do It
In its way the result is vastly more encouraging than if it had been accomplished by a Government Experimental farm. Any one can do it and be rewarded, like the Mussallem brothers with a harvest of tender, luscious vegetables for the dinner table.

On Three Weeks' Trip

G. R. Naden and Dr. Kergin have left for Alice Arm in the launch Sambeam. They have gone to attend to business relating to some claims there, and will be away some three weeks or more.

Promptly this morning three D. and D. cases were disposed of. Joe Langly, and H. Kargila forfeited bail of \$8 and \$2 costs each. A man named Caruso (not such a warbler as a former prisoner in spite of his name) for his second offence paid \$5 and \$2 costs.

WANT BARRIERS TO BE REMOVED

Saskatchewan Wants to Bring in Harvesting Help from the States—Afraid of a Shortage

(Canadian Press Despatch)
Regina, Sask., July 17.—Owing to the scarcity of help the Saskatchewan government has taken up with the Dominion Government the question regarding the amount of money immigrants must have under the regulations to enter the Dominion. The matter is expected to be settled within a short time, as negotiations are under way between the government and the railways practically assuring a sufficient supply of harvesters if the monetary barrier can be removed.

PASSED THROUGH FIRE ON SALVATION ARMY WORK

Captain Kerr of Prince Rupert S.A. Citadel Returns to the City After Three Week's Trip to Hazelton—Had Thrilling Experience on the Trail

After a three weeks' visit to the Salvation Army station beyond Hazelton, where the army has been located for over ten years, Captain Kerr of the Citadel here, has returned to Rupert. He had a very successful trip, "mushed it" all the way from this city to Hazelton, and returned by boat and train. Hazelton, he reports, rather quiet now, and he gives good accounts of the district generally from his personal, and the Army point of view. The kindest of welcomes always greeted him at the various camps where he stopped and held services on the way up.

COCHRANE STARTS TO REBUILD HER TOWN

Relief Committees Do Splendid Work—Danger is Now All Past and Work of Rebuilding Commences—Relief Fund Grows

(Canadian Press Despatch)
Cochrane, Ont., July 17.—Here in the heart of the fire zone of a few days ago a hundred people are now sleeping on the bare ground or hard floor but there is no lack of food. A carload of supplies from the Toronto Board of Trade has been distributed. The Government, the railway officials, and the contractors for the Transcontinental have all done splendid work. The settlers in this district are reported safe with only three fatalities reported. Business men are starting business up anew undismayed.

RAILWAY BOARD ISSUES TWO DRASTIC ORDERS

Railway Companies Have to File Statements Showing How Their Engines Are Equipped—All Crossings Where Accidents Have Occurred To Be At Once Protected

(Canadian Press Despatch)
Ottawa, Ont., July 17.—The Railway Commission has issued two drastic orders, one for the protection of railroad employees and the other for the protection of the public. The first requires all railways to file with the Board within sixty days a statement showing the number, class and weight of each locomotive, and to state whether they are equipped with dump ash pans to avoid the necessity of men going beneath the locomotive. In the past there have been a number of accidents from this cause. The second order is that at every crossing where an accident has happened since January 1st, 1905, or hereafter happens by a moving train to any person using the crossing, such crossing is to be immediately protected by a watchman until the Board has had the accident investigated and the crossing examined.

To watch the want ads is to be "in" when opportunity knocks.

"RAINY RUPERT" SLANDER IS NAILED DOWN TIGHT

Dominion Government Officer Frank Dowling Issues his Figures For the Year—Prince Rupert Had Less Rain Than a Host of Places in England, Sunny Japan, Hawaii and Mexico Was Only 128 Inches in a Whole Year

At last the lie about Prince Rupert's rainfall has been nailed to the counter. No longer can dwellers in rival cities trade upon the fact that no authentic figures are in existence to correct their stories of the rains in Rupert. For a year past, an officer of the Dominion Government, Mr. F. W. Dowling, manager of the Dominion Government Telegraph service, and meteorological recorder, has been patiently at work. Morning after morning on the stroke of five, he has trudged to the weather station on the hill, and there measured the rainfall for the previous twenty-four hours. And his records for the year just completed since July 1st, 1910, till June 30th, 1911, show that exactly 128.86 inches of rain fell in Prince Rupert.

How This Compares
How does this compare with the reports? A gentleman writing to Mr. David H. Hays last week, said he wished precise information on the rainfall as he had heard that the rainfall in Prince Rupert averaged 247 inches, and that it was far too rainy for anyone to live there in comfort.

With Other Places
As compared with the rainfall in other places—which is the only way most of us can make any comparative judgment—the Prince Rupert rainfall is nothing at all to be afraid of. There are places in England where the rainfall is much heavier. At Seathwaite, for instance, the records there showed a rainfall of 145 inches. On the coast of "Sunny Japan" a rainfall of 115 inches is a common one. In some parts of Japan it reaches 170 inches.

In Sunny Mexico
The man who would be frightened away from Prince Rupert by reports of the rainfall, and go to Mexico instead would be badly mistaken, for in Vera Cruz, Mexico, the rainfall is nearly fifty per cent greater than in Prince Rupert. The actual figures for both places are Vera Cruz 183 inches, Prince Rupert 128.86 ins.

The Worst Yet
Maury in his Physical Geography of the Sea gives the rainfall of Cherraponju, a mountain in Southeastern Assam as 605 inches, all of which falls between the months of April and October, during the South Western Monsoon. But the worst yet is given by Captains Fitzroy and Hall of the British Navy who measured on the West Coast of South America, near Cape Horn, an annual rainfall of 1,368 inches.

FOREST FIRE IS RAGING FIVE MILES EAST OF YALE

Four Hundred Million Feet of Standing Lumber is Imperilled and Fire is Making Rapid Headway—Outbreak Near Lake Coquitlam on Saturday is Extinguished

(Canadian Press Despatch)
New Westminster, July 17.—According to a report made to Crown Timber Agent Walmesley, a serious bush fire is raging five miles east of Yale, which endangers four hundred million feet of timber. Several acres of heavy timber are already burned over, and the flames are spreading rapidly. Another forest fire broke out west of Lake Coquitlam on Saturday, but was got under control after several hours hard fighting by men employed on construction of the power dam there. The week of hot weather has greatly increased the risk of forest fires.

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Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners, Phone 4

AN EXPLODED STORY
These figures finally and forever explode the absurdly exaggerated reports of the rain in Prince Rupert. Like all places near the sea, and backed by mountains, Prince Rupert has a free rainfall, but nothing more. The city is indebted to the Dominion authorities for taking steps to counteract the injurious stories which had been circulated about the rainfall in Prince Rupert, by supplying authentic figures of the actual rainfall during the year.

SCOTCHMAN MET DEATH IN WATER
John T. Regbie of Chilliwack, Got Beyond His Depth and was Drowned—Boys Start a Destructive Fire.
(Canadian Press Despatch)
Chilliwack, July 17.—John T. Regbie, a Scotchman aged twenty-eight and a resident of Chilliwack for the past four years, was drowned here yesterday while bathing in the Semiault River. Regbie got beyond his depth and was unable to swim. His body was rescued too late for resuscitation.

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A fire in Chilliwack broke out last Friday night and destroyed two dwellings valued at \$2000 each and seriously threatened three others. It is believed to have been started by boys playing with matches in a vacant house owned by Joseph Sanford.

There is another advantage about Prince Rupert rain. It does not come in deluges creating havoc and floods as rain is apt to in some parts of the world. It divides itself into moderately monthly quantities. The exact figures month by month as they will appear in the Government reports are as follows:

July	4.50
August	4.85
September	8.60
October	18.15
November	9.17
December	24.65
January	15.50
February	5.22
March	5.22
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March	20.01
April	8.39
May	4.53
June	5.29
Total	128.86

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LANCOUR'S BIG STRIKE IS NOW FIZZLING OUT

Structural Steel Workers Went Back to Work This Morning and the Carpenters are Negotiating For Terms to End the Disastrous Labor War

(Canadian Press Despatch)
Vancouver, July 17.—All the unions now appear that the structural steel workers are losing out in building trades strike, which has been on here for some time. This morning the structural steel workers gave up the struggle and went back to work. Their absence had held up the progress of the frame work of many of the skyscrapers here.

The Presbyterian Young People's picnic will be held on Wednesday evening. Launches will leave at 6.15 p.m.

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