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News of Northern Districts

Vanderhoof Is Centre of Area Of Importance Both From Point Of View Of Farming And Mines

By H. F. PULLEN

VANDERHOOF, June 23.—Vanderhoof is the centre of a wonderful farming country—a district where farmers really make a living from the land, it is said. The grain crops are looking well but hay is very light so far and haying will be late this year. As a result of the increase in the amount of grain grown in the district, a new elevator was built at this point last year.

The town of Vanderhoof looks prosperous. There have been new buildings erected there since my last visit and most of the buildings are painted. One of the notable exceptions is the building that houses the Government Telegraphs. It seems as if the government should set a better example than to carry on its important activities in a dilapidated looking structure which it would seem from appearances has not been painted since it was built at least a quarter of a century ago.

But Vanderhoof is much more than a farming centre. It is the entrepot to the rich-Omineca mining district to the north to which the Dominion and provincial governments are co-operatively building a road. A sum of money was recently voted to enable the work to continue. There has been some controversy as to how the work should be done—whether under the contract system or by the public works department and there seem to be advocates of both systems in this district.

As a result of the completion of construction work at some of the mines, fewer men are employed this year than last. Firms now in operation include the deGanahl interests on Germanson Creek, the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company on Slate Creek, The Jermanson Mines Ltd (McCorkell) on Germanson Creek and the Dunsmore outfit on Lost Creek, the last mentioned carrying on development work at the same time. Bert McDonald, who some years ago made a spectacular entrance into the district with a heavy steam shovel outfit, is now changing over to hydraulic. This firm is the Lost Creek Packers Ltd. There is an Idaho syndicate operating the Adams leases on Manson Creek and the Rossette-Haywood syndicate is working near Manson Creek.

T. A. Kelley and J. Warne are operating on Tom Creek. Mr. Kelley is the well known logger who has a big camp on the Queen Charlotte Islands. There are also a number of small outfits working at different points, some of them prospecting.

The road is still quite a distance from the mines and communication is difficult. There seems to be a general demand that better communication be provided to these mining operations in order that they may get the best possible results and encourage new people to go in and work the ground.

While Vanderhoof has suffered from the unusually dry season it is pointed out by residents that there has never yet been a crop failure in the district and there is no indication that there will be one this year. Hay will be light but grain crops look well and should be normal.

MINE TO OPERATE

Tunnelling on Dardanelles on Copper River Near Terrace To Be Continued This Year

VANDERHOOF, June 23.—The head office of the Omineca Gold Quartz Mining Company, controlled by the Wells interests and holding a valuable mining property on Copper River at what is known as the Dardanelles, announces it will be continuing the tunnelling on that property this season just as soon as Mr. Wells finds time to lay out the work. The veteran mining man has been much preoccupied of late in launching work on some of his Cariboo properties.

Terrace United Church Social

Pastor Presents Report on Recent B.C. Conference

TERRACE, June 23.—A congregational social was held in Knox United Church on Tuesday with R. W. Riley as chairman. A program of music was given by the junior choir entitled "June Roses" and "Days of Youth."

A full report of the United Church conference was presented by the minister and his wife, after which refreshments were served.

SMITHERS

Dr. E. D. Kindle, geologist from the Department of Mines at Ottawa, with his party, arrived in Smithers a few days ago. He is resuming his work where he left off last year and, starting near Hazelton, he will work south and probably finish his season at Smithers. Dr. Lang, also a geologist from the mines department, arrived here on Saturday and he will work throughout the district co-ordinating and assembling data from previous surveys preparatory to issuing geological maps of the entire area.

Preparations for the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration to be held in Smithers early in August are going ahead steadily. Horses are being procured for several horse races to take place at that time which will provide an amusement for outside visitors which they do not frequently have an opportunity to witness. It is hoped also to interest several different towns in sending tug-of-war teams to take part in a tournament. Baseball will be one of the big features of the celebration and the Smithers team feels confident it can hold its own against all comers.

BURNS LAKE

The Explorers' Club of St. Paul's United Church held its closing meeting for the season last Monday. It took the form of a social afternoon when games were played and prizes for the year's activities were presented to the following: first, Arline Patterson; second, Ellen Anderson; third, Jean Patterson; boys' first, Archie Patterson; second, Gordon Stanyer; third, Herbert Ashcroft; good conduct, Wayne Ashcroft. Misses Olive Gerow and Edna Bland assisted the leader, Mrs. Frank Bushfield, in the games and serving refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson and family were visitors to Telkwa on Sunday.

The Misses McIntyre of Smithers were guests here of their sister and brother-in-law for the week end.

F. Trousdell has left by car for a trip to Vancouver.

Peonies, lilacs, iris, etc., are blooming here but rain is very badly needed throughout this whole district.

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FRANCOIS LAKE

Bush fires are raging between the Chelasia Crossing on the Bella Coola Trail and Natakus Lake. Over twenty men are working under forest rangers attempting to hold the fire in the old burns and keep it out of the green timber.

Arthur McLary of East Ootsa returned from Vancouver via the Cariboo Road bringing with him Miss Marion Keefe of Francois Lake, Miss Lillian Haddock of Vancouver and Ootsa Lake and Miss Alice Mason of Vancouver. After an uneventful trip until Endako was passed, McLary smelled fire. Investigating the luggage which was lashed to the running board, it was found to be on fire, possibly from cigarette ashes. The young ladies suffered some loss of clothing.

Fred Knowles and Tommy McKinley have returned from their trapping grounds at Pondosy Bay, Whitesall Lake and the Skid Road Portage. They brought in a light catch. Both trappers express the opinion that beaver are nearing extermination and are in favor of a ten-year close season.

Len Shepherd, C.C.F. member for Delta, addressed a large gathering of local farmers on Saturday in the Poplar Grove at Pioneer Park. He confined his remarks to the troubles of the farmers.

Terrace Has Six Baptisms

Children's Day is Observed Sunday In Knox Church

TERRACE, June 23.—On Sunday evening Children's Day was observed in Knox United Church and the following children were baptized: Allan Bruce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith; Elsie Pearl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Haugland; William Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lever; Evelyn Isabel,

SMITHERS RUNAWAY

Excitement Caused Today By Incident Which Once Was Common

SMITHERS, June 23.—The residents of Smithers witnessed what used to be a rather common occurrence in the good old days but one now seldom seen when a team of horses, owned by J. A. Morris and hitched to a "Bennett Buggy," took the bits in their teeth Saturday afternoon and raced through town endangering lives and property for a few minutes.

The horses were standing at the end of Second Avenue on the extreme west end of town when they became frightened and started to run. They ran down Second Avenue and across Main Street until they reached the school grounds, just missing a new Buick coupe owned by R. C. Davidson which was parked on the roadside in front of his residence.

They turned north on Dominion and east again on Third Avenue, continuing along Third Avenue until they reached the end of the street where an old trail meanders through the bush.

Running hard all the time, the runaways continued on through the bush until they emerged on Railway Avenue in the southeast corner of town where they were halted, having become pretty well played out after running wild for about a mile and a half.

It was a miracle that there was no damage to life or property during their mad race but the only damage done seemed to have been to the wagon which they were drawing behind them.

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Jackson; Hannah and Dorothy, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bushman.

Special music was rendered by the junior girls and Explorers. Some of the items were "Listen to the Voice of Jesus," "In Early Youth" and "Praise Him."

A duet, "Memories of Galilee," was given by Miss Anne Grey and Mrs. Crisp. Mrs. Adam Crisp presided at the organ.

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