

Stewart Notes

Morris Summit Inspected—New Ore on Stewart Canal
Don McLean, mining engineer, formerly with the Morris Summit mine, arrived here during the week. Accompanied by John Lehto, he paid a visit to the Morris Summit property checking equipment and supplies for the company. It was a tough trip, he reported, but he had little to say about the future operation of the Morris Summit mine. Mr. McLean is located at Kaslo.

A full face of ore is reported on the Stewart Canal property and John Haathi is well satisfied with the results to date but has given out no information as to values. Don McLean visited the property and was impressed with the showing.

Dr. Donald MacKay left this week to take up a position with the CPR at Lake Louise. He was accompanied by Mrs. MacKay.

Louis Robichaud celebrated his seventy-seventh birthday on Good Friday and is still going strong.

At the last meeting of the Portland Canal School Board

AS I SEE IT
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being developed. The building of the oil and natural gas pipelines from Alberta to B.C. is a fine thing, which is bound to benefit all concerned. We are due for great expansion. Likewise with the vast developments on the Columbia and in northern B.C. Considered individually all these things will help the localities concerned.

But considered as a whole, you do not see quite so bright a picture for Canada. For what is actually happening is that the ownership of Canada is passing from the governments of Canada, or small holders in Canada, to Big Business in U.S.A.

Canada is being annexed, not by military invasion of the type of the War of 1812, but bit-by-bit by big money transactions on the international exchanges.

WHAT is wrong with Canadians that we cannot or will not develop our own natural resources, for our own benefit, and not for the benefit of outsiders, however friendly those outsiders are?

Zone 51 the resignation of Sam Kirkpatrick, janitor, was accepted and Harry Stewart appointed in his stead.

Classified Ads Pay

Hundred-Year Baptismal Robe

TELKWA—The baptismal service of Margo Francis, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Bates of Telkwa, was held on Easter Sunday in St. Stephen's Anglican Church. Rev. C. A. Hinchcliffe officiating. Godparents were Mrs. A. M. Bates and Mr. and Mrs. Noonan, grandparents of the child.

The christening robe worn by Margo Francis has been in her mother's family for well over one hundred years.

Out of town guests were Mrs. Frank Pipe of Hazelton and Mrs. Art Washburn of Smithers.

Telkwa Miners Get Increase

TELKWA—The men employed by the Bulkley Valley Collieries, near Telkwa, have been given a raise of \$1.40 a day, across the board, bringing miner's wages to \$12.90 a day.

When the mine was first opened the wage was \$5 a day and coal sold for \$5 a ton. Today coal sells for \$10 a ton and wages are now practically two and three-fifths what they were, says Frank Dockrill, who is in the city.

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News of the District

Bella Coola Advocated As Third Coast Outlet

Clifford Kopas, who operates a general store at Bella Coola, writes that the need becomes more acute for a third outlet to the Pacific Coast from the B.C. interior and he advocates Bella Coola as such.

At present the whole economy of the province and of Western Canada squeezes through two narrow corridors to the Pacific—Vancouver and Prince Rupert.

In the event of war, all defense and offense efforts would have to push through these two channels.

DEFEATIST'S NIGHTMARE

Because of the topography of the country, both outlets are vulnerable to air attack. If the enemy succeeded in dropping one bomb on each, all communications between coast and interior, except by air, would be cut off.

And with the industries of B.C. rapidly expanding, these two outlets are destined to be congested even in peacetime.

The great obstruction to additional outlets to the coast is the Coast Range, a rugged barrier of rock and ice and bad weather rising 12,000 to 13,000 feet.

Almost without low passes, it is the defeatist's nightmare. Man has pierced this barrier in two places through rocky canyons at a tremendous cost and on an accomplishment-plans that even the extremists of Hollywood cannot exaggerate.

The Fraser Canyon and the Skeena Canyon outlets, despite the tremendous works of man, are both subject to snowslides, rockslides and freshets.

But midway between Vancouver and Prince Rupert, Mother Nature relented and built a natural outlet to the sea far more favorable to human activity than the two now developed.

This is through the Bella Coola Valley and its water extension, Burke Channel. Coming in from the sea, Burke Channel is navigable for 60 miles by ocean-going vessels.

The Bella Coola Valley offers a wide, tremendously scenic trench extending another 50 miles east. When one climbs the 3000 feet necessary to get out of the valley, the Coast Range has been left behind.

It is the oldest known route to the Pacific through the Coast Range. Back in 1793, the first overland explorer to reach the western sea, Alexander Mackenzie, followed Indian trails to reach the ocean at Bella Coola.

FEWER DIFFICULTIES

His passage, a few years ahead of Simon Fraser's down the Fraser River, was not fraught

with the terrific difficulties Fraser experienced.

In the 1860's, Lieut. Palmer of the Royal Engineers explored this route and stated there was no objection to building a road with the exception of the Great Slide and the Precipice. A route out of the Bella Coola Valley has now been explored which very successfully by-passes both of these difficulties.

In 1912, an English railway company surveyed a route into Bella Coola Valley and would have built a railroad—they went as far as cutting right-of-way—had it not been for the outbreak of World War I.

TOO MUCH ROCK

In the early 1930's, a further search for road was made, but the routes explored at that time indicated a very heavy outlay—too much rock-work.

That was the reason given by the government for 20 years for not proceeding with the development of the third outlet.

Then in 1950, two men who had built scores of miles of difficult road—Curtiss Urseth and Norman Saugstad of the North-co Logging Company at Bella Coola—decided to explore a trapper's trail that bypassed the Great Slide, the Precipice and the millions of dollars' worth of rock work.

On pack-horses they climbed 2000 feet, got into jackpine and plateau country and found a route almost entirely free of rock, with no rivers to bridge and no heavy slopes.

Urseth and Saugstad presented their findings to the then Minister of Public Works, the Hon. E. C. Carson. At first openly skeptical, Mr. Carson finally studied aerial photographs enough to be convinced that a route probably existed there. He promised a survey at an early date.

His successor, the Hon. E. T. Kenney, stated from the floor of the House this year that the survey, with the idea of putting the road through, would be made in 1952.

The Bella Coola District Board of Trade, formed in the late fall of 1951 with the purpose of assisting in promoting this road project, sent a party of men to continue the exploration of Saugstad and Urseth. This party was driven off the plateau by bad weather, but they brought with them corroboration of the reports of Saugstad and Urseth and the people who had urged these two men to go.

The route these people will help the government survey this summer involves only about 20 miles of easy road-building. The maximum altitude is not more than 4500 feet.

BRAND-NEW SCENERY

This would put Prince George 200 miles closer to the sea than by way of Prince Rupert and provide a gateway for the whole of Central B.C.—an outlet for the growing beef-production of the Western Chilcotin, a route to the southern part of Tweedsmuir Park and to a scenic area, and new for tourist exploitation.

And it would provide 50 per cent greater road outlet for military activity in case of necessity.

British Columbia and Western Canada can no longer afford to let this third outlet lie undeveloped.

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TELKWA TALKS...

Mrs. C. P. Bussinger has returned from Vancouver where she underwent a successful operation on both eyes. Her sight is much improved and her many friends are pleased to see her about again.

Mr. and Mrs. Jaarma and thirteen children have moved to the farm recently bought from Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Killer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ferguson are spending the Easter holidays with Mrs. Ferguson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lips of Terrace. They also visited Prince Rupert.

Mr. Ingot, principal of the public school of Telkwa, left for

SHIPS AND WATERFRONT

Having experienced a stormy passage through Milbank and Wright Sounds, CNR steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. Ernest Caldwell, nevertheless, reached port even ahead of her scheduled 10 a.m. today from Vancouver, Westview and Ocean Falls. The vessel brought in a large freight cargo and a fair-sized list of passengers. She is sailing at midnight for Ketchikan and will be back here tomorrow evening southbound.

INCREASED TRADE
Alberta fur farmers in 1951 sold close to 140,000 pelts for a total of \$2,750,000, or \$800,000 more than in 1950.

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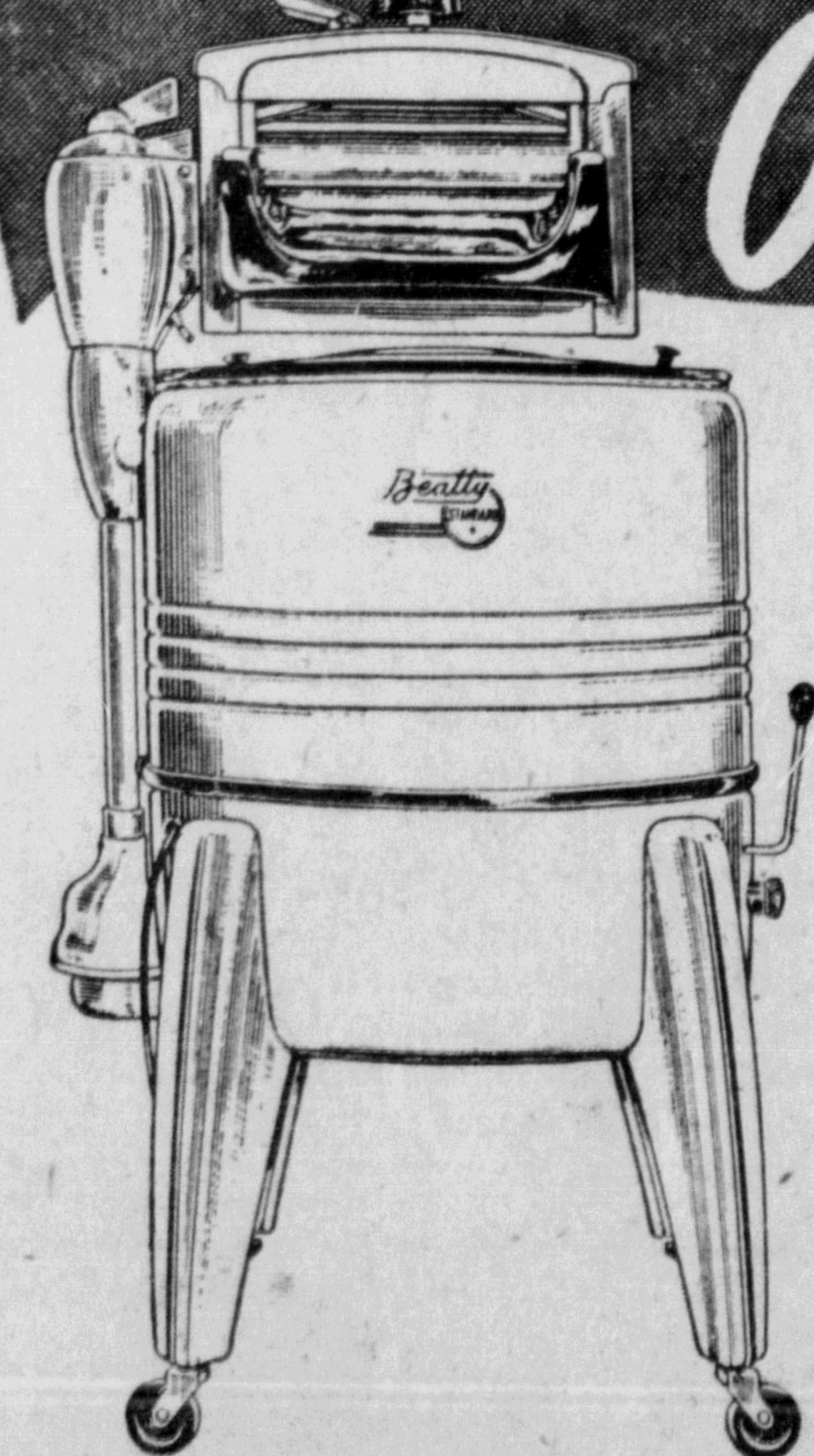
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AT THE CIVIC CENTRE AUDITORIUM

Vancouver to spend the Easter holidays there. Mr. Rank has gone to Vernon for his holiday.

The bridge over the Bulkley River has been repaired and is now a great improvement over what it was before.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pipe and children of Hazelton have been spending the Easter week-end with Mrs. Pipe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noonan.

On Easter Sunday Mr. C. P. Bussinger celebrated the thirty-third anniversary of his coming to Telkwa. Mr. Bussinger has

W. Trotter of Prince Rupert spent the Easter holidays in the Telkwa Hotel.

Mrs. Hugo Ljunggren spent the week-end at the Telkwa Hotel.

The usual Good Friday services at the Catholic Church, the Anglican Church and the Telkwa Hotel.

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