

HIGH WATER

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such a deplorable state that an embargo has been placed on from Shelby Junction to Butte, Montana. Some traffic is going by way of Havre.

The worse piece of track on the A. R. and I. was at Stirling where the water swept over the same as late as Monday evening. At Bradshaw the new elevator between Spring Coulee and Magrath the track had slipped over the grade. The Company dumped about 50 laborers there on Monday and that piece of the road is all right at the present time. Mr. Naismith says that they hope to have the Milk River bridge in by today as they have enough material on hand to finish the same. It may be four weeks before the railroad bridge at the St. Mary's River will be open for operation. There is about 150 feet that will necessarily have to be replaced.

Mr. Naismith says that no time will be lost in getting the bridge in but until the roads are opened to the west it will be pretty difficult to get the material they need. Mr. Hannah has been moved over to St. Mary's Hill where he will be located temporarily until the bridge is finished. It may be a little interesting to note the volume of water and the force of the same. According to the A. R. and I. gauge at K'mball the water in the St. Mary's River was running 40,000 cubic feet to the second and the Pot Hole stream 10,000 cubic feet to the second and at Lethbridge 250,000 cubic feet per second. When you consider that according to the measurement of the Department of the Interior one cubic foot will irrigate 160 acres of land you have some tall figuring to estimate just how many acres this would irrigate at the height of the streams as given above.

We must not omit the fact that although Mr. Brown had urgent business in Salt Lake City, nevertheless he had to turn back owing to the fact that there was no traffic between Stirling and Great Falls, Montana.

With the exception of the Railway Bridge everything is going along nicely. It will be some days before the road is opened up between Great Falls and Lethbridge although the A. R. and I. have their part of the road in readiness at the present time.

Irrigation in Alberta.

The Department of Interior have recently published a report by Mr. John Stewart, Commissioner of Irrigation, dealing with the recent development of irrigation in Alberta and Saskatchewan. The Commissioner states that the benefit to be derived from irrigation has been demonstrated within the past few years and points to the fact that while five years ago there were 169 ditches in use, with a total length of 469 miles and capable of irrigating some 600,000 acres, there are now 272 ditches, with a total length of 922 miles and capable of irrigating some 3,000,000 acres.

Among the larger enterprises to which the commissioner more particularly refers are the canal of the Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company in Southern Alberta. This Company have constructed a canal system of over 100 miles, besides some 30 miles of laterals, and have expended over one million dollars and there have sprung up within the district watered by their system several prosperous towns, each of which is the center of a considerable farming district which was formerly devoted to grazing. Particular reference is made to the beet sugar industry which has been developed in the vicinity of Raymond, Alberta, as a result of irrigation. A factory has been constructed at a cost of half a million dollars and some 300,000 tons of beets grown in the district were used in 1906, for which an average price of \$5.00 per ton was paid.

Among the larger individual works constructed in the Province of Saskatchewan is the Earright and Strong ditch near East End. This system takes water from the Frecheban River and irrigates some 3000 acres and is reported by the Commissioner to be a model one to be built by private enterprise.

Mention is also made of the Canadian Pacific Company's Irrigation project for the reclamation of a considerable proportion of a tract of 3,000,000 acres lying along the line of their railway between Calgary and Medicine Hat. This land was a few years ago considered fit only for grazing, but by means of irrigation has been found to be well suited to agriculture. This is said to be the largest irrigation enterprise in the world, although perhaps not the most costly. The cost of the complete works is placed at something over \$5,000,000.

There is printed with the report in the form of an appendix, a report of the proceedings of the "First Irrigation Convention of Western Canada" held at Calgary in July 1907, which contains much useful information concerning irrigated farming.

Lost—Eight head of horses of following description. One black mare and colt, colt not branded, mare has W on neck under man, and warts on her left side. 1 sorrel mare, branded ox yoke Y on her left hip with colt not branded. 1 gray horse 3 year old; 1 gray filly, 1 sorrel 3 year old horse also two bay two year olds. The last five mentioned are branded lazy VS on left shoulder. As a reward for the recovery of the same, one of the horses will be given. The range of horses is near Beaver E. J. Wood, Cardston.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—A free miner's certificate is granted upon payment in advance of \$5 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner having discovered minerals in place may locate a claim 500 x 500 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is \$5. At least \$100 must be expended on a claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may upon making a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements purchase the land at \$1 per acre.

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PLACER mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee \$5, renewable yearly.

A free miner may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

Any unoccupied section of Dominion lands in Manitoba or the North-west Provinces, excepting lands reserved, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 16 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for homestead entry or inspection must be made in person by the applicant at the office of the Local Agent of the Interior.

The homesteader is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:

1. At least six month's residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.

2. If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of the homesteader reside upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

3. If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

Six months' notice in writing should be given to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa or intention to apply for patent.

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SYNOPSIS OF Coal Mining Regulations

Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the North-West Territory and British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$1 an acre, not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

Every lessee of coal mining rights which are not being operated shall furnish the district agent of Dominion Lands with a sworn statement to that effect at least once in each year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

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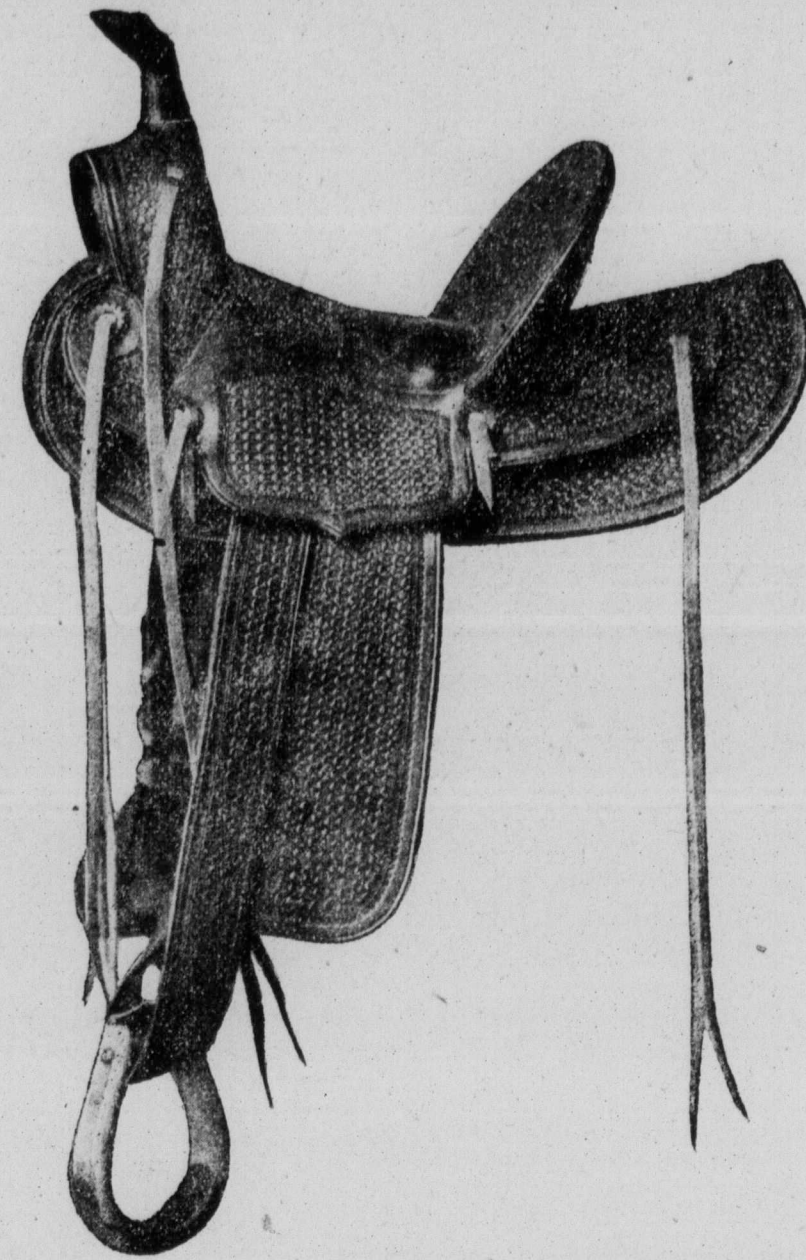
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