

## PACIFIC SECTION

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### MORE CARS: MORE COAL.

#### British Columbia's Development Is Retarded—Mining Activity—Domestic Worries.

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The Railway Commission is in session in Vancouver this week. Apart from things local, a complaint was made by Mr. J. A. Harvey, of Cranbrook, B.C., on behalf of the Bacon Lumber Company, that a very limited number of cars was obtainable. The company could use about three a day, but only nine were supplied in June. He asked for some redress or attention, but got little satisfaction. This incident is indicative of the handicaps under which the lumber industry is laboring.

#### May be Coke Shortage.

Lumbering, with mining, is the support of the Kootenay, and the rumour reaches the coast that there may be another shortage of coke which will then handicap the mining industry. The smelter at Northport gave notice that it was short of fuel, and if this is the case at this season of the year, mining men wonder what will be the result before next spring.

The Japanese influx is still a considerable topic of conversation in public circles, and in this connection the announcement is made that the government in Tokyo has appointed a commissioner to visit Canada, Hawaii and Australia, and make a thorough report on the matter. This would serve to place the subject in its full and true light before the government which might restrict emigration, as it did a few years ago, to a country where the Japs were not wanted.

It was thought this question would have been publicly discussed on the occasion of the by-election to-day. Hon. W. J. Bowser, who was appointed attorney general, is seeking re-election in Vancouver, and Mr. Joseph Martin declared himself a candidate. However, he failed to show up at nomination yesterday, and Mr. Bowser is left with only a Socialist candidate against him.

#### Keir Hardie was Wise.

The Jap question was the first mentioned, and discussion would have been interesting since it was the government, of which Mr. Bowser is now a member, that introduced a bill intended to exclude them last session, and which was not pressed because the Lieutenant-Governor did not sign it for reasons. Considering the views of the main members of the McBride administration on the subject it is altogether probable that an exclusion bill will be brought forward at the next session.

It was expected that last night Mr. J. Keir Hardie, the well-known British labor leader, would have said something important on the subject in his public address at the City Hall. He was very careful, not only in his address, but also in his remarks to the reporters who interviewed him. Of course, the matter was mentioned to him, but he only instanced his action in the Old Country, and when pressed further said that he was going to make inquiries before he left the city.

Reports continue to come from all over the Province of the resumption of work on old properties, and also the starting of operations on new properties. In the Slocan district, where the silver-lead mines are the chief backstay, things have been pretty dull for a few years, but there is general rejoicing over present conditions.

#### Work on Old Properties Resumed.

Just north of the boundary, near Creston, the Snowtop mine is to be developed, after an idleness of several years. Messrs. A. I. Martintette and A. S. Brown, president and secretary respectively of the company, visited the ground recently, and work is so well under way that the machinery is expected to be in place by the first of next month. In the Bulkley Valley, the Transcontinental Company, of Ottawa, will have men at work by this time, a force having been taken north a week or two ago.

Graphite deposits near New Westminster, which were discovered early last spring, are being exploited by Vancouver and New Westminster people, and a German expert is on his way west to make an inspection, with a view to placing orders for the material.

The salmon pack will be quite small this year, perhaps somewhat under expectations, although this was reckoned an off year. The run is not yet over, but taken all through the packers are not sanguine of a very large pack.

#### Must Have Household Help.

Mr. E. Lindman, the expert sent out by the Dominion Government, is still busy with his investigation of the mineral resources of Vancouver Island. He was in Victoria this week, and left on Wednesday evening to make a magnetic survey of the west coast districts. His instructions are to obtain the amount of ore available, rather than the quality, and on his report will depend the establishment of a large steel works, perhaps at the capital city.

The Victoria Council of Women are taking an aggressive step in the matter of securing household help. The Immigration Committee of that body has authorized one of their number to go to England and make a personal effort. Girls for domestic service are brought to Canada in select parties, but they never reach the Pacific coast.

The suggestion has since been made that if girls are to be secured the only way to get them is for some woman to bring a party out here, with special instructions to refuse all requests on the way across Canada. Notwithstanding this scarcity of household help, the feeling on the whole is that it is better to put up with a little inconvenience at present so that the country may be reserved for succeeding generations, uncontaminated by a "yellow" strain.

### LOOKING TO THE WEST.

#### News and Notes Concerning the Progress of Some Western Municipalities.

The following notes are taken from letters submitted to the Monetary Times. We invite brief communications from readers everywhere. Every paragraph helps to make known the town from which it comes.

**Lethbridge, Alta.**—The 25,000 club is considering an advertising campaign, and has asked the Board of Trade to co-operate with the club towards an invitation to the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to place Lethbridge in their itinerary this year.

**Moose Jaw, Sask.**—A Canadian Club has been formed here. The following are the officers:—Hon. President, Senator Ross; Patrons, W. E. Knowles, M.P., and J. T. Wellington, M.P.P.; President, W. B. Willoughby; First Vice-President, Donald McLean; Second Vice-President, Rev. E. J. Chegwin; Secretary, W. G. Cates; Treasurer, J. A. Taylor; Literary Secretary, Hugh McKellar; Executive Committee, Principal Sifton, Dr. T. M. Leask, and Harold Jagger. Twenty-three passenger trains arriving or departing is Moose Jaw's quota each day, specials not included. Traffic is especially heavy on the Soo line.

**Port Arthur.**—The blast furnace is working steadily, and the quality of the pig iron turned out is improving every day. Foundry pig is being produced, but Mr. Jones, the manager, is anxious to achieve the making of Bessemer.

**Creston, B. C.**—The Nelson Dairy Company have erected a cow-house capable of accommodating 100 cows. They are importing 25 more milch cows, making 50 in all. The cream from these is shipped daily to Nelson and Moyie.

**Yellow Grass, Sask.**—A fifth elevator is being built here. The wheat acreage is less than 1906. The flax crop is looking better than ever before.

**Midway, B. C.**—Several purchases of real estate have been made, the purchasers being men from the Western provinces who intend experimenting in fruit-growing in this far southern portion of British Columbia.

**Veragin, Sask.**—The Doukhobors are completing a large flouring mill, installing in it the latest flouring machinery made by Goldie, McCulloch and Company, of Galt. They are also experimenting in the manufacture of clay tiles for roofing.

**Arcole, Sask.**—The new town hall was opened last week by Hon. J. H. Lamont, Attorney-General of the province.

**Brandon, Man.**—City Engineer Shillinglaw is at present busily engaged preparing plans for the new bridge, which the city and the C. P. R. propose to erect during the next year over the railway tracks, and the Assiniboine River at First Street.

**Rocanville, Sask.**—There is a good opening here for a newspaper. Messrs. Barratt and Scott of this town will send full particulars to inquirers.

**Moosomin, Sask.**—The \$50,000 provincial jail will be built here. It is the intention to have, in connection with the institution, a farm which the prisoners will work.

Mr. Hayden Horsey, manager of the Dominion Bank, Montreal, is back after a visit to England.

### FORTY YEARS AGO

Forty years ago, the year of confederation, the first number of the Monetary Times paper make an interesting record of progress. The bank statement of July, gives the total liabilities of twenty-seven \$42,869,437. To-day the figures are \$78,428,694,37. We propose, to take our readers back to the early days of finance and insurance. In August 20th, Monetary Times, the auditor's statement banks in Quebec and Ontario on the 30th of June, 1868, against \$8,404,377, previous year, a decrease of \$1,117,789, for by the quantity of silver in use, not but also in the towns. The "silver nuisance" considerable attention in Western Canada writer in the Monetary Times at that prove a true prophet, and that the combination through. Here we have done nothing, evil as incurable till the Government action in the premises. The deposits in 30th June, 1868, are \$30,167,534, against year, an increase of \$1,463,208; this increase in the material prosperity of the



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