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PROSPECTS FOR 1915.

All Herald readers must have been struck with the encouraging message from Mr. Stockett which appeared in our issue of Friday. Mr. Stockett always speaks with due regard to the responsibility of his position, and would never dream of emitting a cheerful message merely for the sake of being pleasing. When he says that the prospects of Nanaimo for 1915 are good it means that they are good, we are all perfectly aware that the coal market has been badly discolored, and that the general demand for household coal is not what it was up to the time of the strike. But so far, under Mr. Stockett's management, the local mine has been able to market all the coal it has produced. And the output has been steadily increasing. At the beginning of 1914, as far as we remember, 500 tons represented the day's hoisting. At the close of the year over fifteen hundred tons passed over the screens, a clear gain of 1000 tons a day. This was surely a satisfactory performance, and one which reflected the highest credit upon the enterprise of the management. It perhaps represented a little more than was expected eighteen months ago, and it could not have been accomplished and the coal marketed except for the most skillful management backed by tireless, cheery energy.

This is what has been achieved, and the prospects are even better

for the future. Not much more could be done or expected from the north side workings of No. 1 mine. However, we learn from Mr. Stockett that all the water has been pumped out of the south side of the mine. This means that in a short time this section of the mine will be reopened, and more men employed. The same satisfactory progress has been made at the new Reserve Mine. The plant has all been tried out and tested, and the shaft arrangements below are almost completed. Once this work is finished the mine will enter upon its commercial career. Of course there will still remain a good deal of development work to be carried out, but still the output will be increasing all the time and employment found for more men. From it all Nanaimo will reap an ever-increasing prosperity.

Under all the circumstances the city could have had no more cheering message than this from Mr. Stockett. No one else was in a position to give it, and his every statement will be accepted without question. There have been rumors on the streets for a few days that a number of Western Fuel Company's employees are to be discharged. Yesterday the number was given as 100, and the future was painted in the most gloomy colors. There is really nothing in the rumors. The construction of the pithead at the Reserve Mine is finished and some of the men who have been employed on this work will be laid off until they can be taken in elsewhere. This was to be expected in any case, but the opening of the mine will be steadily proceeded with. The most uncertain factor in the whole situation is the state of the market. Mr. Stockett makes no specific reference to it, but he states generally that the outlook for 1915 is encouraging. He says this with a fuller and more accurate knowledge of the market and all its tendencies than any outsider can profess to have. All the coal produced so far has been marketed, and the limit does not appear to have yet been reached. Unless therefore something as yet unforeseen should occur Nanaimo will enjoy a constantly increasing prosperity during the present year. The pinch will be felt most keenly during the first few weeks of the year, but there is at least reason to hope that the distress now existing will all disappear. Few cities in Canada can boast of better or brighter prospects than Nanaimo, and the citizens as a whole have good cause to be thankful.

TOM BURT TO RETIRE

According to a news item appear-

Says Polly Pan.
 "I always can
 Be bright, with due reflection.
 Because I choose
 To always use
 Old Dutch for my complexion."



MADE IN CANADA

ing in last night's Province Thomas Burt has announced that he is retiring from public life. The reason for his retirement is his advanced age, and the infirmities age has brought with it. The news will be read with interest by many readers of The Herald. In the North of England, and particularly among the miners, the name of Tom Burt is a household word. He is a man of whom all northcountrymen may well feel proud. He occupies a unique place in the public and political life of the old country. He is not only the father of the British House of Commons, but he is acknowledged to be one of the most notable labor leaders the old country has ever produced. Born in a Northumberland colliery village so long ago as 1837, he started work in a coal mine when he was only ten years of age, and was hewing coal when he was almost forced to take the secretaryship of the Northumberland Miners' Association over forty years ago. Then he was sent to Parliament by his fellow miners, the first direct labor member to enter the House of Commons. In all these years since he has honestly and consistently served the men among whom he was born and who thus sincerely honored him with their confidence. Of late years among some of the younger leaders his views and policies have been criticised as old fashioned and played out. He is neither a Socialist nor a Syndicalist. He is moderate in his views, restrained in his language, and sane in his methods. For this reason he does not altogether suit the younger school of labor men. At the same time his rivals have yet to show that

they can do as much for the cause of labor as he has accomplished, and what he has done he has achieved without making himself a class Ismael. Even at that no charge of graft or unfaithfulness has ever been launched against him. He has stood loyally by his class, and never deviated a hand's breadth from his principles to any influence. He has held to what he thought and was convinced to be the right, against all opposition without reference to expediency, and even at the risk of the support of the miners he represented. It is not a leader's duty to think always of his popularity, he said, and his singleness of purpose, and tried

integrity of character, have brought him reward in the respect and trust of his fellow miners in the north and of the public men of the whole country without respect to parties. Naturally of a diffident and retiring disposition, he has never sought publicity or political advancement, but for a short time he held a ministerial appointment in one of the Liberal governments and was the first labor man to be honored as a Privy Councillor.

THE FORMIDABLE

The loss of the battleship Formidable is a great misfortune which will be felt all the more heavily because of the fact that it happened on New Year's Day. The Formidable was a comparatively old ship, having been in commission since 1901, but she was nevertheless a very effective fighting machine. The loss of the ship is a serious thing in itself, but it is insignificant when weighed against the loss of so many of her crew. First reports stated that only 70 out of 800 had been saved, but according to despatches received last night 200 men were rescued. The Admiralty has made no statement yet as to where and how the disaster occurred. It has been generally credited to a German submarine, but seeing that the explosion occurred in the dead of night and a strong gale was blowing it is difficult to see how a submarine could have been operated. It represents the first serious British naval loss for some time, and if a submarine was really responsible for it, it is the first success by this arm of the German service since the loss of the Aboukir and her consort.

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100 Per Cent. Increase over 1913

December 31st, 1914, sees an increase of the Business of The Daily Herald Job Department of nearly 100 Per Cent. over that of 1913

The end of 1913 saw an increase of business for the year in the same department of over 200 per cent. on the business done in 1912.

This has not just happened that way

We would have been very much disappointed if it had not been so, because we planned it that way.

PLANNED IT

by buying of new equipment, new types; planned it by a careful study of new ideas in efficiency, in artistic work, planned it by securing the best workmen and by attention to the numerous details that go to make Good Printing.

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