

Messrs. Buker & Teeter are sinking a working shaft on their "Donn" group. This property looks good, carrying high values in gold and copper. It is situated within a mile of Heriot Bay.

Messrs. Ross & Hamilton have opened a fine outcrop on the west side of the Island. They are building a road and getting supplies in view of doing much development during the coming winter.

Valdez Island Mining Co. are operating their Gowlland Harbor property. They will resume shipping immediately. —Comox Argus.

Confirmation in regard to the rich country found at the head waters of the Stikine River is brought by A. St. Clair Brindle, of Victoria, to Prince Rupert.

Mr. Brindle says in a statement to The Prince Rupert News there are large bodies of copper ore, silver-gold ore and the rarer minerals such as tungsten, nickel, manganese and cobalt. The geological conditions are very favorable for ore possibilities.

Mr. Brindle went in to McDaes Creek, off Dease Lake, with Amos Godfrey and a gang of men representing the Princess May Mining Co., of Vancouver, who took an hydraulic outfit with them. They went up from Wrangle to Telegraph Creek by gas boat. At Dease Lake they whipsawed some lumber and made themselves a boat with which to navigate the lake and adjacent streams. This boat was capable of carrying nine men and their traps as well as an immense moose carcass. At Dease Lake Mr. Brindle left the rest of the party to wash gold from the gravel, while he went northward a considerable distance.

Speaking of the agricultural prospects of that country Mr. Brindle is most impressed. He says that Mr. Dawson, the famous geologist and explorer, reported 50,000 square miles of agricultural land covered largely with white poplar and willow. The soil is black and rich and the growth immense. He believes that Dawson's estimate must have been well within the mark, for he explored large valleys which he believes Dr. Dawson never saw. The whole country is at present alive with big game, especially caribou and moose, and it is easy to shoot enough to live on the country.

That this is really agricultural land is shown, Mr. Brindle says, by the fact that at Telegraph Creek Mr. Galbraith raises oats to feed his large stock of horses and that

a number of Hudson's Bay horses wintered in the country without any provision, at the headwaters of the Liard River.

The question of transportation is, of course, a difficult one, but Mr. Brindle is of opinion that the tapping of the Ground Hog and Klappan coal fields would be fully justified. The railway, he thinks, would come out at Stewart by way of a tunnel through from the Naas to the Bear River, a distance of a mile and a half, but it may also come out by way of the Kitsumkalem River to Terrace.

The season's work has been well under way in the Portland Canal district for some weeks. With the snow gone and prospectors and miners in the hills, the towns of Stewart and Hyder are almost deserted. On the various properties along the Salmon and the Bear Rivers, however, activity prevails. The only notable new discovery reported is on the Georgia River, a few miles down the river from Stewart, where a number of gold bearing claims have been recorded. Samples indicate that they are rich, but their possibilities must yet be established by development. The Marmot River also is being well prospected, and many promising claims have been located. For the rest, development work is continuing on all the better known mines and prospects of the Portland Canal, and road construction is in progress to assist in the opening up of the mineral zone. The Unicorn Group is to be drilled, a contract having been awarded to Lynch Bros., of Seattle, Wash., and F. P. Stewart, familiarly known as "Pap," has returned to the camp to supervise plans for the opening up of the Mountain Boy group of Crown granted mineral claims. "Pap" is a pioneer of the Portland Canal district, being credited with responsibility for directing the attention of Sir Donald Mann to the potentialities of the district.

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