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BACK TO VICTORIA FROM BULKLEY VALLEY

Great Future for the District
Predicted by F. G. Heal

(From Sunday's Daily.)
Fred G. Heal, Jr., a pioneer of the Bulkley valley, arrived in town the other day. Although a Victoria boy this is the first time that he has revisited the city since he first went north four years ago with his father and family. At that time there was no Bulkley valley, so far as anyone knew, but the Heals, who were the first settlers, plinned their faith to the country and now their forefright and enterprise bids fair to be rewarded.

G. Heal, Sr., organized in June, 1906 the first Conservative association in the district and at the second annual meeting held at Aldermere, February 15, last the following officers were elected: Hon. president, R. L. Borden, K.C.; Hon. vice-president, Hon. Richard McBride; president, R. L. Gale; vice-president, Charles Norris; secretary, Fred. Heal, Jr. The executive committee consists of Morgan O'Brien, F. G. Heal, Sr., Tom Carr, E. E. O'Connor, H. Broughton, H. Franklin and W. C. Heath.

Speaking of affairs in the Valley Mr. Heal said:
"All that the Bulkley valley needs is better transportation, and that is a fair way to be remedied in this year. The Trunk Pacific has completed preliminary surveys through the valley, and parties are now out locating the line. But in the meantime we need a wagon road from Hazelton to Aldermere very badly. The government built us a sleigh road, but in summer it can only be packed over, and freight costs four cents a pound for ten miles. We are all hoping that the government will put in a wagon road this year. If we have to wait for the railroad it will keep the whole country back at least two years. It is impossible to get in plows, barrows and other agricultural implements by packing, at a price which is commercially possible. If we can get them in this year, the farmers will have something to sell by the time the road gets there, otherwise they will have to wait till the steel is laid before they can even start."

"Bulkley valley is about seventy miles long and from four to five miles wide. It is a good country with a black or sandy loam underlaid by a clay subsoil. It will grow all the hardy vegetables and cereals. There is some government land left, but nearly all the desirable ground has been taken up by settlers, who are improving their farms and waiting for better transportation to begin farming in earnest."
"The country has great resources, for outside the agricultural belt there are immense coal areas, and outside the coal again is the mineral belt in which numerous veins of copper, silver, lead, zinc, and other metals have been staked, many of which have first class showings."

"There is one other thing that ought to be attended to, and that is the mail service. It is very bad in winter at present. The Dominion government put on two more carriers about a year ago, but that is not enough. The mail comes through in summer all right, but in winter it is a struggle to get our letters. The papers come very irregular, and often not at all. The mail is taken in on dog sleighs which can only take 200 pounds of weight. The result is that the letters are lost, and then enough papers to make the weight up, if there is room for any. A greater demand for mail has been increased there will be a large proportion of the letters left behind. There is no kick on the carriers. They are all right, but there are not enough of them."

VICTORIA CLIMATE IS THE MOST EQUABLE

Official Statistics of Rainfall,
Snowfall and Tempera-
ture for February

The summary of the weather experienced during the month of February in thirty-eight places in British Columbia shows that Victoria has equable and least rigorous winter climate in the province, as well as to having a smaller rainfall than is customary in other places on the Pacific coast. February, it will be remembered, was not an unusual pleasant month for the time of year in Victoria, but the rainfall was only 4.30 inches against 3.5 inches in February 2. The monthly mean was 41, which was the highest mean temperature anywhere in the province.

In Vancouver during the same month there was about fifty per cent more rain, or a rainfall of 6.80 inches as against 4.30 in Victoria. The highest temperature in February at the terminal city was 49.8 on the 13th and the lowest 16.8 on the 1st, leaving the monthly mean 33.4 as against 41. In New Westminster they had 4.35 inches of rain and 8.70 inches of snow during the same month, the highest and lowest temperatures being 52.7 and 15.4 respectively, giving a mean of 38.

Port Simpson is rather a surprise, as it is popularly supposed to rain over there all the year round. But last month they only had 3.55 inches of rain and 70 of snow. The thermometer varied from 47.2 to 18.6, the mean being 34.5.

At Nanaimo they had 6.05 inches of rain, at Golden none at all, at Nelson 20.0 of rain and 27.40 inches of snow, at Cowichan 2.35 inches of rain, at Revelstoke 2.60 of rain and 41 of snow, at Tobasco Plains 1.10 of rain and 12.25 of snow, and at Alberni 6.52 of rain and 12.25 of snow.

At Cowichan the thermometer ranged from 53 to 16.8 with a mean of 38.3; at Golden 40 to 42 mean 30.4; at Nelson 40 to 26 mean 35.5; at Revelstoke 40 to 3 mean, mean 25.1; at Tobasco Plains, 47 to 10, mean 27.4.

GRUESOME DISCOVERY IS MADE IN THE BUSH

Skeleton of Unknown Dead
Found Near Four Mile
House

(From Sunday's Daily.)
Lying on a projecting rock in the bush about 500 yards behind the Four Mile House, the skeleton of a man was found yesterday morning about half past noon. A whiskey flask, long since empty, a revolver with the only cartridge in the chamber discharged, and a copy of the Colonist of June 2 of last year were the only articles found by the remains other than the almost decayed clothing which once contained a human form.

Nothing but the skeleton was left, but from appearances the remains were those of a man about five feet, six inches in height, who at the time of death was in the prime of life. He wore a medium dark clothing, soft brown felt hat, and possessed apparently brown hair, though the color is now almost unrecognizable. From exposure to the elements the clothing, which encased the bones, is difficult of description.

Lying by the side of the gruesome discovery of a disintegrated human body, a revolver, old fashioned and rusty, with one chamber containing a shell from which the bullet had been discharged, apparently of a .38 calibre. Through the skull, above the ear is the hole made by the passage of the bullet, presumably discharged from the revolver found.

No Means of Identification
The news of the find was conveyed to the provincial police by innkeeper of the Four Mile House. The remains were first discovered by Duncan McAvish, an employee of the B. G. Prior company, of that city. Mr. McAvish was out for a stroll and in walking through the woods unexpectedly came upon the skeleton. Provincial Constable, having been notified, investigated but beyond the finding of the remains there is absolutely nothing to indicate who the man was, though the theory of the police is that the death of the unknown was the result of his own act.

It is an accepted fact by medical men that people predisposed to suicide are affected by accounts in the daily press of the self-murder of others, and it is a peculiar fact that in the Colonist of June 2 last is an account of the suicide of Miss Adeline Starfield, a nurse, who killed herself on May 30 last at 20 King street, in that issue of the Colonist was the evidence before the coroner's jury which resulted in a verdict to the effect that Miss Starfield had killed herself while temporarily insane.

REGULATES TRAFFIC IN SOUTH SAANICH

Municipal Council Considers
Bylaw to Regulate Li-
censed Premises

(From Sunday's Daily.)
The South Saanich municipality has taken steps to better regulate the sale of liquor within the limits of the municipality. At yesterday afternoon's forthnightly meeting of the council a bylaw was introduced for the regulation of licensed premises, the provisions of which are framed after those of the bylaw now in force in Victoria. It also follows the provincial law regarding the sale of liquor to travelers, a traveller under the bylaw being defined as one whose domicile is in excess of three miles from the licensed premises and he shall have actually travelled in excess of that distance immediately prior to his entering the licensed premises.

The provisions regarding the granting of licenses by the license board, the investigation of complaints in fractions of the sale of liquor to those obviously under the influence of drink, or to women were adopted from the bylaw in force in the city. No card playing for money or money's worth, or gambling device of any kind will be permitted within the limits of the municipality (bylaw) in the playing of which money is not staked will be permitted.

Hours of Closing
In regard to closing, the same hours as in the city will be followed with the exception that the bars may remain open on Saturday nights until midnight. Dancing parties or dances shall not be allowed on any licensed premises except by the permit from the license commissioners.

The consideration of the bylaw brought forth practically no comment. The council, however, expressed its opinion that it would be better to have the bylaw enforced, would meet all requirements. The bylaw will come up for final reconsideration and adoption at the next meeting.

What the powers of the municipality are in regard to the assessing of the property of those who are engaged in a lengthy communication written last year by John B. McKilligan, surveyor of taxes and inspector of the property of the provincial government to R. B. Brash, provincial government, for information as to the method of North Saanich municipality, which communication was forwarded by Mr. Brash to the South Saanich clerk.

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NEW NEMO CORSETS

PASSING OF PIONEERS
SHOWN BY DIRECTORY
Population of City Approaches Forty Thousand, It is Estimated

The 1908 edition of the Victoria directory contains but a few names which were first in the list. These names are the Bank of B. N. A., Bank of British Columbia, James Barnswell, Y. Boscowitz, James Brown, William Brown, Rev. Edward Cridge, R. A. Crowther, John Douglas, Montague W. T. Drake, R. W. Fawcett, Thomas Geiger, Richard Hall, John B. Lovell, Henry Mansell, E. R. Maynard, Alex. Munro, John Parker, George Richardson, Thomas Shortall, Wells, Fargo & Co.

The new directory is the best possible proof of the growth of the city. Since the last number was published two years ago the population has increased about slightly, but not so much as the last edition contained 8,551 names of individuals, 1,048 names of firms and 9,599 addresses. The present one has 9,948 names of individuals, 1,190 names of firms and 1,138 addresses. In an old settled town like Victoria to take 3% as the multiple by which to estimate the population from the directory is a very conservative method, indeed, but taking that figure it will be seen that on the basis of the names in the directory the present population of Victoria is 34,515, or an increase of 5,536 in the two years.

INDUSTRIES PROSPEROUS
S. Baxter, Provincial Inspector of Boilers Back From Tour of Inspection

S. Baxter, provincial inspector of boilers, who has just returned from an official trip to the E. & N. states that he observed every appearance of very vigorous renewal of activity in all departments of business life throughout that part of the country. Messrs. Hopper Bros. of Dunsmuir are taking out 20,000 ft. ties in fulfillment of a contract which they received secured from the C.P.R.

Several gangs of men are busily engaged in clearing and grading the right of way on the E. & N. Alberni extension, and good progress is being made in the work. On a white labor is being employed.

The Westholme Lumber company, which has been resting on its oars during the winter, has resumed operations on quite an extensive scale. The Quamichan Lumber company has followed suit and on all heads the business situation shows every sign of the most decided improvement.

Baxter went up the line some 60 miles and as far as Vancouver. The steamship Montague arrived at Yokohama at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 20, from Victoria, and the R. M. S. Acadia arrived at Brisbane yesterday morning from Vancouver.

GRAHAM ISLAND TRAILS
Delegation Makes Representation to Chief Commissioner That Work Be Done

Messrs. G. F. Todd, J. E. Wilson and William Robertson of this city, who are interested in the development of Graham Island, the northernmost of the Queen Charlotte Islands group, waited upon Hon. Mr. Fulton yesterday morning at the parliament buildings. They urged the expenditure of \$45,000, which was the amount granted during the recent session of the Skeena district, in cleaning out some old trails which lead from Skeena toward the interior of the island.

The chief commissioner promised to take the matter up during the coming week and to communicate his decision. It is probable, however, that the request will, at all events in some considerable measure, be accorded.

APPOINTMENT RUMORED
New Manager of Empress Hotel May Be Mr. Humble of Vancouver

B. M. Humble, secretary of the Vancouver club, according to a report from the Terminal city, has been offered the management of the Empress Hotel in this city, vice Mr. Gordon, resigned. Mr. Humble, prior to coming to the Pacific coast, was secretary of the St. James' club, Montreal. It is stated that he will accept the appointment.

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ARRANGES CONFERENCE WITH RATE OFFICERS
District Officer Commanding Will Endeavor to Induce Reconsideration

The latest development in the crisis in the affairs of the Fifth Regiment, R. C. A., occasioned by the resignation of the officer commanding and the threatened resignation of the non-commissioned officers and men of the regiment, the arrangement being made for a meeting of the retiring officers and enlisted men of the Fifth Regiment, in protest for the refusal of the government to provide the necessary equipment, the district officer commanding sent word to Lieut.-Col. Hall and others of the officers whose resignations had been forwarded to him asking them to appoint a time for a meeting with him to discuss the situation. Meanwhile, in the course of his duty, Lieut.-Col. Holmes has forwarded the resignations to the militia department by mail. It is hoped that before the resignations reach Ottawa some arrangement may be reached to prevent them being acted upon. As far as the resignation of Lieut.-Col. Hall and the other officers, rank and file, the only arrangement acceptable will be the handing over to the officer in command of the shipping received for the required six-inch gun for training purposes and the battery for field use.

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SMALLER DEALS RULE IN REALTY MARKET

Five and Six-Room Cottages
Are Selling as Fast as
They Are Built

The season has sufficiently far advanced for the real estate men to have a pretty good idea of the kind and amount of business they may expect during the first half of this year, and this is fairly unanimous. There is a steady stream of business from investors and homebuyers, but the market has no speculative tendencies just now.

Among a large number of deals to be noticed later, there have been but few large transactions during the past two weeks, but there have been an increasing number of small transactions. Medium priced lots and houses are moving quite well. This, however, applies more especially to the new buildings. Houses and lots in the city are selling at a value in demand. The builders and contractors say much the same. There is very little large scale building going on, but any amount of small stuff. Five and six room cottages at reasonable prices are selling almost as fast as they can be built with no apparent cessation of the demand. House rents are just as scarce as ever, which perhaps stimulates the anxiety to buy. Some of these are bought by investors who are looking for a steady income, and high rents prevailing, and most of them are occupied by the purchasers. The general money stringency has had a remarkable effect on this class of property. There are a number of builders who have been wont to sell their houses on easy terms, but the increased price of money has made this more difficult. The result is that they are waiting for the market to open up.

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BRIDE ON ROSAMOND

Capt. Chase Married and Took His
Wife on Cruise With Lumber
From Hoquiam

Since the finding of a lifebuoy on the schooner Rosamond on the beach near Darling creek, on the west coast of Vancouver island by the linemen engaged in repairing the telegraph wires, together with a small amount of wreckage, some alarm was occasioned for the safety of the lumber carrier. A despatch from Aberdeen says the Rosamond, Capt. Chase, sailed from Hoquiam, lumber and shingle mill, February 12, on a single trip of 833 feet of lumber for Callao, Peru. Capt. Chase was married just before leaving port, taking his bride with him. The bride, the cabin boy, who took the trip for pleasure, is the son of Dr. Parker, of Hoquiam.

**LOCAL ENGINEER
DESIGNS PROPELLERS**
J. K. Rebbeck Builds New Sorews for Many British Columbia Towing Craft

J. K. Rebbeck, the local marine engineer, has been advised that the propeller designed by him for the tug Sea Lion, of Vancouver, is a vessel of much better speed and power. Several makes of screw were tried for this vessel, the last being one secured from a British shipyard before the local one was called upon to design a wheel. Since this has been fitted the vessel has given every satisfaction. Mr. Rebbeck has had considerable experience in the number of propellers designed recently by him for British Columbia vessels. Among those steamers for which he built propellers are the Newington, tug Tartar, and the Active. On none of these vessels several makes were utilized before adopting the local engineer's build.

WHITE PASS TRAFFIC
Vancouver, March 21.—There will be practically no change from last year in the number of passengers and freight on the White Pass and Yukon route and connecting ocean lines according to announcement made today by W. E. Kling, auditor of the White Pass and Yukon route. On the basis of the classification lists by first week in the month of February, the number of passengers and freight on the route was 1,000,000. Last season the list was not issued till April 15.

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FARMERS' INSTITUTE
Meeting of the Central Organization in This City This Week

A special meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute will be opened in the parliament buildings at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning next. J. R. Anderson, the deputy minister of agriculture, will preside. Address will be delivered by the Hon. Mr. McBride, the Hon. Mr. Tait, Mayor Hall, and attendance is expected to be a variety of subjects of general agricultural interest will be discussed. The session will in all probability not close until sometime on Tuesday afternoon. This organization is in its scope provincial.

RAINING OAK BAY BRIDGE

The heavy rains of the past few days have destroyed the cement bridge on the new beach drive through the Bowker estate at Oak Bay. The foundation of the bridge was disturbed by these and a cave in was the result. The work may have to be done over again.

REPAIR COAL CREEK BRIDGE
The department of lands and works has notified Road Superintendent Peatt to make the necessary repairs to the bridge over Coal creek, beyond the bridge which binds a truss into place has slipped on and the latter has commenced to sag.

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ST. ANDREW ARMSTRONG, BART.

St. Andrew Armstrong, Bart., of Galway, Ireland, is en route to this city. He will visit Vancouver island for the purpose of enjoying trout fishing at Lake Sharam. Sir Andrew has made arrangements to go to the Yukon during the coming summer and will devote several months to a hunt for grizzlies and moose. Sir Andrew is a cultured gentleman, not yet out of his thirties. He saw service in the Seventeenth Yeomanry in South Africa during the late Boer war.

JACQUES FORDONNET, KNOWN AS "PEACE"
"Peace" passed away Friday afternoon at the residence of Louis Duval, Royal Oak, at the age of 74 years. The deceased came to British Columbia in 1885, and since that time had been a resident of this city. He was living in falling health. The funeral takes place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of Mr. Duval, and will be followed by a service at the Church of England, Royal Oak.

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