

STRIKES GOLD ON GRAHAM ISLAND

Sluice Boxes Will Be Built and Gulch Thoroughly Tested

Skidgate, March 10.—A new strike of considerable importance has just been made on Wm. Duncan's ranch on the east coast of Graham Island, near Lawn Hill. Although fine gold has been found on the beach in various places near Lawn Hill, nothing like pay dirt has been found until when prospecting at the mouth of a gulch Mr. Duncan got several grains of coarse gold in his pan. Several thousand feet of lumber were ordered at once from the Queen Charlotte mills, and as soon as sluice boxes can be installed a thorough test of the gravel to bedrock will be made, and if the dirt proves to be as rich as the present indications, lead the fortune hunter to expect a large force of men will be put to work. Dr. Duncan is a pioneer on the Queen Charlottes and has mined placer gold in the Kootenays and Alaska.

APPRECIATE AID TO ZINC INDUSTRY

Dominion Government Thanked by the Nelson Board of Trade

Nelson, March 15.—At a meeting of the Board of Trade Mr. Starkey drew attention to the fact that the Dominion government had voted \$50,000 in the estimates for encouraging the zinc industry. This action was in compliance with the request of the recent conference on the zinc industry summoned by the board of trade and he suggested that it would be fitting to pass a resolution expressing appreciation of the government's action. On motion of Messrs. Wainwright and Stark, the suggestion was adopted and a copy of the resolution will be sent to the premier, minister of finance and minister of mines.

J. L. Duchan reported on behalf of the publicity committee. He had waited on the mayor to ascertain what the city would be prepared to do in regard to assisting the establishment of new industries and the reply had been that cheap power and a free site would be available.

A number of letters were read in which the writers said they had been attracted by the prospect of the publicity committee and asked for particulars as to the advantages of the Nelson district in respect to climate, fruit growing and industries.

Mr. Starkey said he hoped that the publicity committee would be able to secure the public feeling to realize the splendid work being done by the publicity committee, or more generous contributions would be received. Others were doing the work and all that was needed was sufficient funds to carry on the campaign.

The good work being performed by the publicity library was placed before the board by E. A. Craven. He was much impressed by the work done by the publicity committee in building up the district but thought some building up should be done at home. The library was doing good profitable work and he would like to interest the members in the undertaking. Support was necessary, and he appealed for the support of residents and for the co-operation of the members of the board.

LUMSDEN INQUIRY.

Ottawa, March 17.—When the Lumsden inquiry resumed yesterday, R. C. Smith, counsel for the national transcontinental commission, read the opinion of Donald McMaster, K.C., now a member of the British House of Commons, to the effect that he had very little doubt that rock found in ledges in masses of more than one cubic yard should be classed as solid rock when in the opinion of the engineers it would be removed by blasting.

Asked as to what he thought of that opinion, Lumsden replied that if the contractor lost a good deal in blasting that would not make the substance blasted solid rock.

To Smith's suggestion that if there was blasting it must be classed as something different from solid rock, Lumsden admitted that if there was blasting it might be solid. As to the opinion of former Judge Wallace Nesbitt, that stones and boulders found in masses formed conglomerate and was more difficult to deal with than solid rock, Lumsden agreed that in that case it should be classed as solid.

INSURANCE COMMISSION.

Vancouver, March 17.—Wednesday sitting of the insurance commission was devoted principally to the discussion of a point raised by the insurance companies, to the effect that any person insuring with an outside unlicensed company should pay a tax equal to that paid by insurance companies licensed in the province, which tax was based on gross revenue and other expenses incidental to the operations of local companies. The proposal to penalize persons insuring in outside companies was withdrawn by E. V. Bodwell, K.C., acting for the insurance men, and at the close of the session the point of contention that remained.

Upon experiments in aerial navigation for military purposes, France spent \$2,000,000; Germany, \$2,000,000; Austria-Hungary, \$2,000,000; and Great Britain, \$2,000,000.

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MUCH WORK GOING ON AT PRINCE RUPERT

New Wharves Projected—Track-Laying Around the Island

(Special Correspondence.)
Prince Rupert, March 15.—W. C. C. Mehan, general superintendent of the mountain division of the Grand Trunk Pacific, arrived by the Camosun and is occupying quarters in the engineering department building temporarily. He will make Prince Rupert his headquarters. The ground has been carefully gone over and Mr. Mehan has already planned many changes and improvements in the docks and wharves that will greatly facilitate the handling of freight at this point. It is rumored that an extension one thousand feet long will shortly be made to the present wharf to the westward, and that the warehouses of Foley, Welch & Stewart will be moved to the new wharf. A big addition will also be made to the sheds owned by the G. T. P. as the present structures are altogether too small to care for the volume of freight handled.

Track-laying was begun on Thursday on the completed part of the grade around the island, and the big locomotive that has stood idle since its arrival three months ago, already has several miles of standard gauge track on which to run. Track-laying is being done by hand until the arrival of the track-laying machine that is now en route here from the prairie section. This work is being pushed through to Zaxarid rapids, eight miles out, where the railway passes from Kalen Island to the mainland over an 1,800-foot bridge, as the steel for the structure is expected to arrive within a few days.

Just where the round-house and shops of the company will be located has not yet been made public, although rumors that they will be located in the vicinity of Morse creek, Mr. Chamberlain, general manager, is expected to arrive here next month, when all plans for station, machine shops, etc., will be definitely decided upon. Work on the three-and-a-half-mile extension of the road along the shore to the eastern end of the townsite, where the provincial government reserves are located, is well under way. The first section from the G. T. P. wharf to beyond McBride street is almost completed, and Contractor Sol Cameron has engineers at work on the ground at the foot of McBride street, where the new government wharf is to be erected.

TO BUY LAND FOR PARK PURPOSES

Kamloops Council Receives an Offer From Agricultural Association

Kamloops, March 15.—The city council at its last meeting received a proposition from the Agricultural association offering the city their grounds for recreation park purposes.

A deputation from the Agricultural association attended the meeting and Dr. Wade, the secretary, stated that the association had, at its annual meeting, considered the question of disposing of their grounds which were worth from \$400 to \$500 per acre for the forty acres. The association considered that the city should be given the first chance to purchase. Suitable large tracts of land for recreation grounds were scarce and this appeared to be the only place available within reasonable reach of the citizens. The proposition the association had to make, which was submitted in writing, was that the association offers to the city the grounds known as Alexander's for the sum of \$15,000, the city to guarantee to the association free use of the grounds for one week in each year for ten years or as much longer as the city would become the city's property at a private individual but the city was to be given the preference. The buildings and fencing cost over \$6,000. The mayor thanked the deputation for placing the matter before the council. He thought the purchase would be a benefit to both the city and association. In order to carry out the proposal it would be necessary to have the usual petition for a by-law, and if the vote were favorable, depositions would be issued for the price named, which he thought a low one.

Ald. Rushton was in favor of the proposition and moved that a by-law authorizing the purchase be submitted to the citizens. Ald. Casey seconded the motion. He thought the offer a good one for both the city and association. Ald. Bulman was also in favor, but wanted to know, if new buildings were required who would pay for them. He was informed that the association would have to do so and the buildings would become the city's property at the close of the term of occupancy. Ald. Baynton thought that other suitable grounds for a park could be had nearer to hand and suggested the association be asked to take a wider range of land. The mayor agreed that other suitable park sites could be had, but the purchase of the Agricultural association's grounds did not bar others. The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

ROGER'S PASS DISASTER.

Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict of Accidental Death.

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NEW SCHOOL FOR PRINCE RUPERT

Building to Be Completed by September 1—Man Found Dead

Prince Rupert, March 17.—The contract for the new school house has been awarded to A. J. Prudhomme who last week began excavation work. The new building will be 80 feet by 70 feet, two stories high, with a concrete basement. It will contain eight classrooms, besides teachers' room, store room, etc., and the play rooms for the children will be located in the basement. The body of Edward Hansen, 29 years of age, and a native of Norway, was found a few days ago on the eastern shore of the island. Hansen with three partners, Miller, Christian and another, had a camp five miles out near the rapids. Running short of provisions Hansen came to town with his boat for supplies and was not seen alive by them again. The police were notified and when the shores were searched Hansen's body with several ugly wounds on the head was found lying face downward near the water's edge. The boat with the provisions was found a little farther on. An inquest will be held.

RAILWAY COACHES GO INTO DITCH

None of Passengers Sustain Serious Injuries—Some Narrow Escapes

New Westminster, March 15.—The dining and chair cars of the outward bound Great Northern Portland express were ditched about half a mile southwest of the Fraser river bridge. After crossing the bridge the express began to gather speed. Suddenly the two rear cars left the rails and tumbled sideways into the ditch. The whole train would probably have been derailed had not the coupling between the first-class coach and the dining car broken. The impact of the train dragged the chair car, which was attached to the dining car, seventy feet, but fortunately it was very substantially built and no one was hurt. There were ten passengers, five of whom were women, in this car at the time of the accident and with the exception of bruises and scratches, no injuries were received by any of them. There were fortunately no passengers in the dining car. The cooks were preparing lunch and a large quantity of boiling water was on hand. There was some lively side-stepping in the kitchen when the car lurched over and the chief cook and Dining Car Conductor Grant both had narrow escapes.

The latter had his leg jammed against the side of the car, but received no very serious injury. The former received a nasty cut across the face from a broken window. When the crew got back to the overturned cars the passengers were struggling frantically to escape from the coaches. The crew of the diner were helped out through the windows with little difficulty, but some trouble was experienced in getting the passengers out of the chair car.

WEDDED AT EAST WELLINGTON.

Nanaimo, March 15.—A pretty wedding ceremony was solemnized Monday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Dand, East Wellington, when their eldest daughter, Miss Sadie, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Charles Wilson, Jr., second son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, Finlayson street.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Robson, pastor of the Wallace Street Baptist church. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Annie Dand, the groom being supported by his brother, Mr. George F. Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson left yesterday for Victoria on route to Passadena and other coast cities, where the honeymoon will be spent. On their return they will take up their residence on Haliburton street.

The difference between the city council and the school board with regard to the appointment of a medical inspector of city schools and a city health officer have at last been satisfactorily settled. The school board has appointed Dr. Truax medical inspector of schools at a salary of \$15 per month and the council has appointed Dr. Kingston city health officer at a salary of \$20 per month.

The marriage of E. L. Sackett and Miss Daisy Hodges took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. W. Hodges, on March 7th, Rev. W. C. Schlichter officiating. The marriage was private, only members of the family being present. Mr. and Mrs. Sackett left by the C. P. E. the same afternoon for Marion Lodge, Mr. Hodges' home on Christina lake, and returned to the city on Saturday. They will leave about Thursday next for New York, where the young couple will visit Mr. Sackett's parents before leaving for Cerro de Pasco, Peru.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Sustains Fatal Injuries While Lying Asleep in a Clump of Ferns.

New Westminster, March 15.—A report was brought to New Westminster from Ruskin that Rosa Kosha, a four-year-old daughter of Martin Kosha, succumbed on Sunday to burns which she received from a bonfire on her father's ranch.

The story is a pathetic one. Mr. Kosha, accompanied by his wife and eight little children, went out on Saturday to burn some rubbish in a field. While Mr. Kosha was tending the pile of rubbish little Rosa lay down and fell asleep in a clump of dry ferns. The fire spread from the rubbish heap to where the child was lying in the impromptu bed. The first intuition that the child's parents had of their little daughter's danger was when she came running wildly towards them, a mass of flames. The father beat out the flames, but she was too severely burned to recover. She was taken home, where she lingered all Saturday in a semi-conscious condition, and early on Sunday morning succumbed to her injuries.

GAME PROTECTION ASSOCIATION FORMED

Warden Finds Evidence of Wholesale Slaughter in the Cranbrook District

Creston, March 15.—As a result of a visit to Creston of James Bates, the deputy game warden for the Cranbrook district, a Fish and Game Protection Association has been formed in Creston. Mr. Bates has received many reports of the wholesale slaughtering of deer by the Indians of the district and as a protective measure he visited Creston and in company with Provincial Constable Jensen, toured the surrounding country for the purpose of securing data.

Upon the return of the investigating party Mr. Bates stated that without doubt the reports of the wholesale slaughtering of deer were justified. Nor is the wholesale slaughtering of game alone to be blamed to the Indians. He has evidence that there are many offenders in this respect on the other side of the line. It is reported that several of the offenders have openly boasted that they would continue to hunt deer on the Canadian side.

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Oranges (Tangerine), box, 1 doz. 3.00
Tangerines, small 1.00
Rhubarb (local), per lb. 1.00
Pineapples, per doz. 1.00
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Nanaimo, March 15.—At the close of Monday night's meeting of the council, a public meeting was held to discuss the question of Victoria Day and its celebration in Nanaimo. Little interest was shown inasmuch that out of the members of the council only three citizens were present.

In calling the meeting to order Mayor Planta stated the object for which the meeting had been called and remarked on the success of last year's celebration which was held under the management of the Athletic Club. He did not think anything better could be done than leaving the club handle this year's celebration, for he was sure it would put on a good programme and make a success out of the affair.

Ald. Young endorsed the remarks of the mayor and moved that the Athletic Club be asked to take charge of Nanaimo's celebration of Victoria Day.

Ald. Bennett seconded the motion, which was put to the meeting and carried without a dissenting voice.