

FREIGHT TRAFFIC IS TIED UP ON SKEENA

Wreck of Steamers May Cause Shortage in Supplies at Hazelton This Winter

(From Tuesday's Daily)

The tie-up in navigation on the Skeena river, resulting from the recent wrecks of the steamers Northwest and Hazelton, the only two vessels running on that stream since the loss of the Mount Royal, may, according to recent advices from the north, have the effect of causing a serious shortage of food in the Bulkley valley and along the Upper Skeena during the coming winter.

Hazelton, the limit of navigation on the Skeena river, is the distributing point for both these districts, the residents of which are almost entirely dependent upon the outside world for the supplies to keep them during the winter. At the present time it appears that the stocks of storekeepers of that place are running extremely low, and the prospects are very poor for their replenishment. At the time of the wreck of the Mount Royal, the Hazelton, the other steamer owned by the Hudson's Bay company, was on the Skeena river, the only boat remaining on the Skeena then being the Northwest, owned by the British Columbia Transportation & Commercial Co.

At the time of the disaster and for weeks after the water in the river remained very unsuitable for navigation, and partly on account of the fact that there was much freight to be transported on the lower river for the G. T. P. the Northwest made no trip further up the river than Lorne creek, not much more than half way to Hazelton. At this point she discharged over 60 tons of freight for Hazelton merchants and left it there for close on six weeks, while engaged on the lower river transporting freight between Hazelton and Kitseas canyon for the railway.

On her last trip up the river before the recent disaster the Northwest picked up the 60 tons of merchandise at Lorne creek and carried it up to Hazelton, discharging at that point freight to the extent of close on 100 tons in all. She then returned to Port Essington, the understanding being that she would make half a dozen more trips up and down the river before the close of navigation in December, the water between now and then being more favorable for navigation than at any other time throughout the whole season. It was by these trips that the Hazelton merchants had been expecting to replenish their stocks, and the wreck of the Northwest comes as a serious blow to them.

The Hazelton, which stove in her bow a few days before the Northwest went ashore, was on her way back to Hazelton from Hazelton after her first trip up the river since her arrival from the Skeena. She is a smaller vessel than the Northwest and what freight she did carry was almost entirely for the Hudson's Bay company. The merchants for the Hudson's Bay posts at Port Stewart, Fraser lake and the other places in that district was all sent in aboard her and transported by pack train from Hazelton.

It is possible that the Hazelton may be repaired in time to allow of her running again on the river before the close of navigation, though in any case the number of trips will be very limited. There is also a bare possibility that another vessel may be placed in commission before the ice comes. This is the old stern wheeler Caledonia, which has been lying on the ways at Port Simpson. It is understood that this has been recently sold and is now being prepared for the river again.

In any case, however it appears that it will be virtually impossible to get the full supply of provisions into Hazelton before the winter by steamboat, and large quantities will have to be transported by pack. This being more expensive than steamboat will mean a corresponding increase in the price of provisions at Hazelton this winter. The meat business, the carrying business on the Skeena is entirely in the hands of the Indians.

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL MAGNATE IN VICTORIA

Graham Fraser of New Glasgow Is in West on Pleasure Trip

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Graham Fraser, of New Glasgow, N. S., and Mrs. Fraser are guests at the Drilard hotel. Mr. Fraser is connected with the Dominion Steel works at Sydney, N. S., and the subsidiary enterprises connected therewith. In 1873 he established the first large firm from which has grown the big steel plant which now employs 4,000 men in its mines and works in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. The greater portion of the ore is mined in Newfoundland and shipped by steamer to Sydney, N. S., where the steel works are located in proximity to the coal mines owned by the company.

Mr. Fraser said yesterday his visit here was for pleasure, having come to look over the west of which he had heard so much. Speaking as to the opportunities for the establishment of a steel plant here he said that if the iron and coal resources were such in quantity, and he was informed that it was, there was a great opening for such an enterprise, shipping conditions being favorable. The greater portion of the ore is mined in Newfoundland and shipped by steamer to Sydney, N. S., where the steel works are located in proximity to the coal mines owned by the company.

Mr. Pugsley's Challenge.
St. John, N.B., Sept. 17.—Hon. Wm. Pugsley addressed a meeting at Fairville last night. He challenged R. Borden to make out a statement of the amount expended by the Conservative party in the election of 1904.

FROM WHITE RIVER

Good Reports Continue to Be Brought In

White Horse, Y. T., Sept. 16.—Ed Benson, who has been in the country contiguous to the head of White river for the past year, arrived in town recently with J. A. Acklen and left soon after for the Hoonah, Alaska, but expects for a couple of three weeks and then continues on to Wainwright on a visit.

Benson is a partner with Joe Lamb in a number of promising locations on the famous copper belt that is now being exploited in the interior country and in which Jack Dalton and others are interested. Benson says he and his partner have a big proposition, but he agrees with all others who have been there that transportation is the one thing needed before the wealth of that country can be marketed.

Joe Lamb is expected out about the end of the present month. He also will take a trip to the outside. Both men will return to further develop their property next year.

Fell to His Death

Barkerville, B. C., Sept. 16.—Thursday forenoon Ernest Underwood, chief steam engineer at Slough Creek, while discharging his duties on the shaft slipping from the loop in the rope suspended him and falling to the bottom of the shaft, more than 200 feet down, instantly killing him.

The deceased was an Englishman, 32 years of age and unmarried. He was very popular in the community and his untimely death is sincerely regretted.

AMERICANS MAKING MONEY IN TIMBER

United States Consul at Vancouver Reports to His Government

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Americans have been making a good deal of money out of British Columbia timber lands as the following dated from Washington, D. C., taken from the Sunday issue of the Post-Intelligencer, of that city, shows.

Consul L. E. Dudley, of Vancouver, B. C., reports that at the rate at which timber licenses are now being taken down, the provincial government will realize during the present year \$750,000 from new licenses and \$500,000 for renewals.

"American capitalists are leading in the acquisition of timber limits. A St. Paul, Minn., company recently purchased 261,000 square miles of timber lands, partly on Vancouver Island, the remainder upon the mainland, paying about \$5,000,000 for the same, and proposes building six large saw mills at once. One American is said to have realized more than \$1,000,000 profit upon his holdings, acquired in the last few years. The provincial lands are not sold and all logs cut upon such lands must be manufactured within the province. The lands now changing hands by sale and purchase came into private hands before the enactment of the law now in force."

"Each person leasing timber lands pays \$150 a year and the leases may be renewed or continued for twenty-one years. When the timber is cut a royalty of 50 cents a thousand feet is payable. It is understood that the provincial government has reserved the right to raise the license fee or to increase the amount of the royalty when it seems good policy to do so. The price of logs in this market recently fell considerably, while wages rose, and the lumbermen are not so keen as they were some time ago. The lumbermen are no longer embarrassed for cars for shipping lumber and shingles to the east. Taken together the conditions of the lumber industry is most prosperous."

PREPARING THEIR BILL Vancouver Japanese at Work on Statement of Riot Damages

Vancouver, Sept. 17.—It is understood that the local Japanese are now preparing their little bill for damages incurred during the recent mob action in their quarters, and that the total amount of the claim will be about \$7,500. The items covered by the individual claims deal solely with the damage to property through the breaking of glass, etc., and do not take into account in any manner any claim for wear and tear on the feelings of the owners interested in the properties or indirect loss resulting from the inconvenience occasioned.

This claim will be presented to the Ottawa authorities by the accredited Japanese representatives, and it is expected it will be paid from that source. The advice so far received from Ottawa indicate to the Japanese that the Dominion government will pay the bill and look to Vancouver for reimbursement. In view of the opinion of City Solicitor Cowan that the city is not liable for any claim, its payment will probably be strenuously opposed by the civic authorities.

Freight Must Be Rushed

Vancouver, Sept. 17.—Shippers of freight to Dawson and other Yukon points are now warned by the White Pass & Yukon route that all ordinary freight shipped must be on the way down at White Horse, head of navigation, by the end of September, if it is desired that it shall be forwarded before the close of navigation. The local office of the company has just received the following telegram from Skagway:

"River is holding fairly well. According to opinion of all concerned should be good until October 7. Perishables must arrive here not later than September 29."

On September 11 there were 3,375 tons of freight lying at White Horse for shipment downriver. This will all be cleaned up, and the company will be able to handle all shipments which reach White Horse by the end of the present month.

To check a cold quickly, get from your druggist some Little Candy Cold Tablets called Preventives. Druggists everywhere are now dispensing Preventives for they are not only safe, but decidedly certain and effective. They are made of Quinine, no laxative, nothing harsh or sickening. Taken at the "sneeze stage" they prevent colds, croup, whooping cough, Bronchitis, La Grippe, etc. Hence, the name, Preventives. Good for feverish children. Sold by 25 cents. Price Boxes 5 cents. Sold by Cyrus H. Bowers.

INCENSED OVER ACTION OF MR. RATTENBURY

Oak Bay Councilors Indignant Over Action of Fellow Member

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Heated language was employed by the members of the council of the municipality of Oak Bay at the regular meeting last evening at the Oak Bay road schoolhouse in discussing the action of Councilor Rattenbury in withdrawing his offer to donate some water frontage on Shoal Bay to the municipality for parks purposes. A resolution of censure was passed, but an amendment that the council take no action in the matter was adopted after Mr. Rattenbury's course had been severely criticized.

Reeve Oliver was in the chair and the other members of the council present were Messrs. Newton, Fernie, Sutherland, Noble and Henderson, the only absentee being Mr. Rattenbury. Outside of the discussion concerning Mr. Rattenbury, the meeting proved most uneventful, only routine business being taken up. The proposed bylaws for the purchase of water frontage on Oak Bay and Shoal Bays, for the extension of the road on the peninsula for the procuring of land for municipal purposes did not come up at all, the petitions in circulation in this connection not having been fully signed.

At the special meeting of the council held last week, Mr. Rattenbury was invited by the council to reconsider his action in withdrawing his offer, but he refused to do so. The matter was then laid on the table for the time being, and a letter was addressed to Mr. Rattenbury by the council regarding the matter. Councilor Fernie brought the subject up at last night's meeting, asking if any communication had been received from Mr. Rattenbury. He was informed that there had been none whereupon he suggested that the council should take some action to clear themselves in the eyes of the ratepayers who, not being aware of the circumstances and having heard Mr. Rattenbury in public make his boast of doing the council a favor, might be inclined to put the council as responsible for the failure of the deal to go through. He thought that a resolution should be passed stating the facts, and this resolution published for the benefit of the ratepayers.

Reeve Oliver did not mince matters in referring to Mr. Rattenbury. He said: "I suppose we have to stomach such insults—I consider this action on the part of Mr. Rattenbury as a distinct breach of faith with the municipality and I think that something should be done to so express our views."

Councillor Henderson advised that the matter be left severely alone and allowed to drop then and there. The deal for the purchase of Mr. Rattenbury's property on Oak Bay was not going to be blocked by the failure of Mr. Rattenbury to make good as the reeve had consented to let his offer stand. When the deal was made, Mr. Rattenbury was to sell. Under the circumstances he thought it would be only continuing to rake up unpleasanties by considering the matter further.

Councillor Newton was of the same opinion and said so. He could not see that any good would result from passing resolutions in the matter. Councillor Fernie was insistent, however. He declared that he was one of the first men to advocate the purchase of waterfront property, and was the first man to make an announcement in the public meeting held in the hall, that he would give his property on Shoal Bay to the municipality. Five days later he withdrew that offer without offering any explanation, and Councillor Fernie declared that it was up to the council to inform the public of all the facts in the case. Councillor Sutherland suggested that the matter be dropped as the ratepayers were entitled to make their own choice. He said that he was not in a position to make a statement in this instance, Mr. Rattenbury having offered his property to the council, and that the council should give the land. With any honorable man that was an end of it, and if Mr. Rattenbury chooses to go back on his word, he should be treated as he deserved. It is a most unpleasant thing to do, but I think the council should most certainly deal with the case."

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and carried; Councilors Henderson, Newton and Sutherland voting in favor of it, whereupon the matter dropped.

Councillor Henderson had a kick coming as to the matter for calling meetings of the license commissioners, as he had been away at the time of the last three meetings. He was informed that it was no fault of the clerk's as the meetings were all of an urgent character and called at short notice.

A tree in front of the residence of J. J. Shallock, on Foul Bay road, which was the subject of considerable discussion in council some time ago, was considered dangerous by Councilor Henderson, and on his motion it was decided to cut the tree down, before a heavy wind came along and did the trick first.

J. S. Floyd, clerk of the municipality, was granted leave of absence during the exhibition week. A letter was read from E. E. Richards, owner of the store at the corner of Monterey avenue and Oak Bay avenue, asking that a hole in the latter thoroughfare in front of his property be filled in, as it was a depression in the roadway between the street car tracks and the sidewalk about twelve feet wide by fifty feet long, and was a great nuisance. The members of council could not see their way clear to do the work, but on motion of Councilor Henderson, Mr. Richards was granted permission to fill it in at his own expense.

A communication was read from R. T. Elliot, solicitor for Mrs. Bowker, announcing that Mrs. Bowker, widow of the late Mr. Bowker, submitted by council for the connection of Oak Bay avenue with Bowker avenue, whereby she would deed the land required for the road on condition that the adjoining property was not assessed for the cost of building the road, erection of fences or laying of sidewalks. The letter was laid on the table for the time being, but to await the return of Mr. Elliot to the city and in the meantime a committee consisting of Councilors Fernie, Henderson and Sutherland will wait on Mrs. Bowker to talk the matter over with her.

A letter from A. C. McAdam, asking permission to lay a two inch water main on Crescent road at his own expense, was referred to the roads, bridges and sewers committee. There is already a bylaw for the laying of a four inch water main, but as it was found impossible to secure the proper connections it rests in abeyance. The council saw certain difficulties in the way of allowing Mr. McAdam to lay the pipe he desired.

Councillor Noble brought up the question of plumbing inspection, stating that numerous complaints had been made to the city of bad plumbing. Inspector Shea could never be secured when wanted. The clerk was ordered to write the inspector asking him to devote the necessary time to the job and if not to say so, in which event the council will secure another inspector.

At the special meeting of the council last week it was decided to gravel the walk leading from Cadboro Bay road to the fair grounds, but Councilor Noble advised that this be left over until the next meeting. He went over the sidewalk with the pathmaster the other day and found that a little reeve would fix it up for the present. The deal for the purchase of Mr. Rattenbury's property on Oak Bay was not going to be blocked by the failure of Mr. Rattenbury to make good as the reeve had consented to let his offer stand. When the deal was made, Mr. Rattenbury was to sell. Under the circumstances he thought it would be only continuing to rake up unpleasanties by considering the matter further.

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MIDWAY POSTMASTER IS BURNED TO DEATH

In Attempting to Save Property He Sacrifices His Life

Gr. I. B.C., Sept. 17.—The sudden death of A. Hain, postmaster at Midway, Wednesday evening last is sad news to a large circle of friends. From reports received it would appear that when in company with another gentleman the deceased returned to the post office after dinner fire was discovered blazing within the building. He rushed to give the alarm and Mr. Hain went in to try and extinguish the flames. When help arrived a few minutes later they found the postmaster lying on the sidewalk in the throes of death. The event has cast a gloom over the community where the deceased has long lived and was universally respected. Mr. Hain was a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias.

Offers White Help

Vancouver, Sept. 17.—Mayor Bethune yesterday received a communication from John Rayburn, Chicago manager for the Bay State Detective and Employment Agency, offering to bring any desired number of white help to the city. The writer states that he learned through the press of the difficulty in obtaining cooks, waiters, waitresses as well as help for mills in this city. He is ready, he says, to furnish first-class labor, capable of filling any of these places on short notice and asks that he be compensated with by wire if the conditions here are urgent. As references Mr. Rayburn gives the names of J. R. Lynch, traffic manager of the New York Central railway, Chicago, and E. O. McCormick, traffic manager of the Southern Pacific railway.

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NO LUMBER COULD BE SECURED FOR COFFIN

Suicide Near Hedley Consequently Was Buried in Canvas Wrap

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WIRELESS STATION AT PORT ESSINGTON

Government Being Pressed to Give Town Connection With the Outside World

According to recent advices from Port Essington it appears probable that a wireless telegraph station will be established there in the near future as a part of the Dominion government wire system along the Skeena river. At the present time Eslington is cut off from all direct telegraphic communication with the outside world, the nearest station being on the north bank of the Skeena, five miles away from the port, and separated from it by over a mile of water.

For some time past the people of Eslington have been agitating for a station. The first proposal made was that the town be connected with the wire by means of a submarine cable, but this plan was objected to on the grounds of expense. It has now been proposed that a wireless station be established putting the port in connection with the wires across the river. Experts who have been consulted on the matter state that the cost would be far less than that of stretching a cable across the river, and it is understood that the federal government, to which representations bearing on the matter have lately been made, is inclined to view the proposal favorably. Although no definite announcement has been made by the authorities the people of Port Essington confidently expect to have the wireless system installed by next summer.

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Loggers Are Warned
Vancouver, Sept. 17.—Finishing a tour of the coast during which he visited points as far as a hundred miles north of Vancouver, and warning loggers against shipping logs to Puget Sound, Inspector Murray returned to the city Sunday on a tug specially chartered for the trip.

As announced several days ago the provincial government is determined to prevent the exportation of logs cut under special license. Export of such logs is prohibited by the regulations, but during the past summer a not inconsiderable quantity of cedar has been shipped across the line, where the market price has been very high. Complaints against the practice reached the department, and Mr. Murray went north to investigate. It is learned that he found circumstances such as to justify the issue of several warnings. Close watch is to be maintained on the market and prosecution will follow the first breach of the law.

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ORIENTALS MUST GO

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 17.—The hotel and restaurant proprietors of the city have been served with a month's notice by the Cooks and Waiters' union in which to get rid of their Chinese kitchen help. They claim that there is a shortage of the right kind of white help in all the hotels and cafes and that the foreign help is simply utilized just such a time when the union is able to supply white help of the right quality. When this is done, the employers declare that they will do away with the foreign help whether the month's notice is up or not. Cooks out of employment in the cities of the neighboring states are arriving in the city daily and the union is trying to fill the positions occupied by the Orientals as quickly as it is possible.

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500 RAILWAY MEETING

Capital Stock of Company is Increased to \$42,000,000

St. Paul, Sept. 17.—The Soo railway today announced amended articles of incorporation with the secretary of incorporation. The capital stock is increased from \$21,000,000 to \$42,000,000. The fee paid to the state was \$10,500. The new issue of stock will be so divided as to maintain the present ratio of preferred and common stock. The stockholders also unanimously re-elected the board of directors and the officers of the road, but made no new appointment and raised no salaries.

In a statement given out by President Thomas Lowery after the meeting adjourned, he said: "The stockholders were more than satisfied with the showing made by the road during the past year, and everything was reported to be in the most prosperous condition."

The usual routine business was transacted during the meeting, such as listening to reports, elections, such matters. Following the meeting of the stockholders, the board of directors held their meeting, but transacted no business of importance, but by confirming and voting upon the questions which the stockholders considered. The board then adjourned to meet again on Oct. 15.

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