

DISAGREEMENT CLOSES YARD AT RUPERT

Owing to a disagreement between the Prince Rupert Drydock & Engineering Company, which holds the contract for two steel steamers for the Canadian Government, and the Mullen Construction Company, which holds the lease of the Prince Rupert drydock, the new shipyard at the northern port closed down a few days ago until further notice.

Mr. J. L. Mullen, president of the Mullen Construction Company, and also the Prince Rupert Drydock & Engineering Co., issued a statement in which he said that the Mullen Construction Co. has taken over the entire drydock plant and will continue operations in its own name until further notice. The offices of the Prince Rupert Drydock & Engineering Company were moved outside the yard.

Mr. Mullen's statement concludes: "This action will result in the suspension of the works of improvement at present being made at the plant in connection with ship-building operations until such time as the disagreement between the two companies is adjusted."

It is understood that a quarter of a million dollars' worth of work has already been done at the new yard. The excavation of the slips is nearly completed, and big buildings have been erected, including steel fabricating and furnace buildings, offices, and a large boarding house.

The steel for the two vessels has been practically all shipped, twenty carloads have been unloaded and other cars are already there. In all 120 cars have been shipped.

KELOWNA AGENT A VISITOR

Mr. W. J. Mantle, of Mantle & Wilson, insurance agents, Kelowna, was a visitor to the Coast recently for a short holiday and called upon general agents of branch offices of insurance companies in Vancouver, of which his firm are agents. Mr. Mantle reports that the fruit outlook is splendid in the Kelowna district and a number of fruits crops at attractive prices are now being handled. He was somewhat astonished at the high prices for small fruits prevailing on the coast as farmers were selling, for instance, first-class cherries at Kelowna for 5 cents a pound.

CANADA LIFE OFFICIAL APPOINTED TO LOCAL OFFICE

Mr. J. B. Mathews has been appointed to the position of secretary of the British Columbia office of the Canada Life Assurance Company, Canada Life Building, Vancouver, succeeding Mr. S. P. Way, who has become associated with the Seattle office of the Canada Life. Mr. Mathews comes very well recommended by the insurance fraternity of Toronto, in which city he acted as secretary of the investment department of the Canada Life.

RAMBLER-CARIBOO BUYS CLAIMS

The Rambler-Cariboo Mines has purchased the adjoining property, situated near Three Forks, B.C., consisting of two claims, for, it is said, \$75,000. The Rambler-Cariboo is said to be possessed of \$40,000 to \$45,000. According to the last report issued, there had been developed sufficient ore to supply its mill for nearly two years. The claims acquired contain 1600 feet of the vein, from which the Rambler-Cariboo Company produced ore having a value of \$2,000,000, and out of which it paid \$560,000 in dividends.

RUBBER COMPANY BUYS IN SOUTH VANCOUVER.

The Gregory Tire and Rubber Company, Limited, a recently incorporated company in British Columbia has decided to erect a modern tire and rubber goods factory in South Vancouver. To the Commissioner, Mr. F. J. Gillespie, is due in large measure that the company has decided to settle in his municipality. The city has granted water at cost and taxes free for a period of ten years.

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