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Provincial Bulletin Dealing With the Bulkley Valley District

A new issue of provincial bulletin No. 22, New British Columbia is being distributed by the bureau of information. This publication having been brought up to date, includes considerable information regarding the resources and the possibilities of different sections of the province.

One of the most interesting sections of the bulletin is a report by J. H. Gray, C. E., on the conditions in Bulkley valley. This, in part, follows:

Relating to the present conditions in the Bulkley valley. There were surveyed last year about one hundred thousand acres, covering for the most part that portion of the valley embraced within the original survey as shown by the present maps.

Of the above area some 26,000 acres have been acquired through South African war scrip, about 20,000 acres have been pre-empted and probably about as much more purchased; or approximately alienations within the surveyed area amounting to 66,000 acres, leaving some 34,000 acres unoccupied.

It may be accepted that this latter constitutes the least desirable land within that particular locality, although generally speaking, it is for the most part susceptible to cultivation and worthy of examination by intending settlers. There is, however, in addition to this a large unsurveyed area lying towards the north and south ends of the valley, comprising probably 30,000 acres, which from a superficial examination promises favorable results. These lands are for the most part, on the opposite side of the Bulkley river and distant from the main trail.

I should advise intending settlers to band themselves into companies, of, say, half a dozen, for the purpose of obviating in some degree the isolation that will attach to these more outlying areas for a few years.

Settlement of the valley is steadily progressing, the population may now be set at about one hundred. All crops last year did splendidly. I had no trouble in obtaining all the potatoes, turnips, cabbage and beets required; while a good supply of radishes, lettuce and cauliflower was forthcoming, and all of the very best quality. Vegetables all round cost 3 cents per pound. Beef, which is plentiful, is 16 cents per pound.

Work last year was plentiful, what between government road work, the Telqua and other mining and surveys, there was a demand for good men. There is all indication that the same conditions will pertain this season.

There are now established at Aldermere and Telkwa three good stores at which everything one requires may be obtained.

Persons entering the country by way of Skeena and Hazelton would be able to obtain horses at the latter point. These cost from $40 to $60 per head. Packing from Hazelton to the Telkwa, about 60 miles, costs 3 to 3 1-2 cents per pound.

Last winter was the most extremely severe known in the valley, as also the deepest snowfall. I prosecuted surveying operations to about 20th of January and throughout the cold spell. Snow was 2 1-2 feet deep. Our coldest day was 38 degrees and an average of about 18 degrees for a month. Perfectly still sunshiny days was the rule, the thermometer rising with the snow. As compared with winter in the East, I should consider it more favorable. Stock were doing well when I left in February, though being fed. With the beginning of February came a break of warm weather which I understand lasted for two weeks, and since which time the winter has been normal and mild.

New Enterprises

In reference to the establishment of new enterprises in that district, the bulletin says:

During the season of navigation (1907) the Hudsons Bay company will operate two steamers, the Mount Royal and Hazelton, and the new British Columbia Commercial company, the Northwest, between Port Essington and Hazelton. There are hotels and well stocked stores at Essington, Hazelton, Aldermere and Telqua, where provisions and uotfits may be purchased. A wagon bridge will be constructed across the Bulkley river near its junction with the Telqua, which will greatly facilitate travel. There is every indication that there will be a great demand for pack animals and a corresponding advance in prices. The New British Columbia Commercial company is importing a large number of horses which will be employed in freighting and hired to prospectors and land seekers. It is proposed to establish a weekly newspaper, the Bulkley Pioneer, at Aldermere or Telqua. The first numbers of the Pioneer are being published at Vancouver, but a printing plant will be taken into the valley on the opening of navigation.

As a Fruit Country

The country is so sparsely settled that so far little attention has been given to fruit growing, but the evidence at hand would lead to the conclusion that all the hardier varieties of apples, pears and plums, and all varieties of small fruits, will succeed in many localities. Speaking of the Coast district from Jervis Inlet to the Skeena river, Maxwell Smith, Dominion fruit inspector, says: "There is little known of its capabilities, but undoubtedly it has a few surprises in store for the future. Though in small quantities as yet, apples, peaches and grapes have been successfully grown on the Skeena. The first apple trees were planted at Hazelton in the spring of 1901 and fruited in the fall of 1904." Apples of good quality have been grown for years at Barkerville. In the Bulkley valley there are at present about 100 young trees which have stood the winters well for three years, and will probably begin bearing fruit this year (1907).

PRESBYTERIAN UNION

Galt, Ont., May 22.—The United Presbyterian church, one of the oldest in Ontario, was yesterday received into the Canadian body at a meeting of the Guelph Presbytery.

LIGHTHOUSE COLLAPSED.

Bordeaux, France, May 22.—The lighthouse on Point de Lacoubre, at the entrance of Caronne, which was 180 feet high, and had a light which was among the most powerful in France, was so undermined by the sea that it fell yesterday. No one was hurt.

AT LAKE MOHONK.

Thirteenth Conference on International Arbitration.

Mohonk Lake, N. Y., May 22.—The Lake Mohonk conference on international arbitration opened its thirteenth annual session today. The election of officers resulted: President, Dr. Nichols Murray Butler, New York; conference secretary, C. R. Woodruff, Philadelphia; permanent corresponding secretary, H. C. Phillips, Mohonk Lake; treasurer, A. S. Wood, Camden, N. J.

President Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University, delivered an address in opening the conference, in which he advocated that the question of disarmament be avoided, but the restriction of further growth of armies and navies be urged. He also suggested some recommendations for the coming conference at The Hague. The present status of the international arbitration movement was the subject of an address delivered by R. F. Trueblood, secretary of the American Peace Society, Boston.

Charles Richardson, of Philadelphia, reported that 121 organizations of business men, representing 28 states, were committed to the arbitration movement.

Dr. Theodore Barth, of Berlin, spoke of Germany's interest in the international movements.

Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale expressed the opinion that The Hague conference will do what it can, and not waste time in talking about what it cannot do. He added: "I have no doubt that The Hague tribunal prevented war between England and Russia at a time when the newspapers, having no first class scandals on hand, wanted a war."

DIED IN DAWSON

Vincent J. Keenan, Formerly Resident of Victoria

Dawson, May 21.—The death occurred here Monday May 13 of Vincent Joseph Keenan, assistant city clerk, assessor and tax collector, from a cold contracted recently.

The late Mr. Keenan resided in Victoria for some time, going there from Lindsay, Ont. While in Victoria he was associated with Macaulay Bros. Coming here with that firm in 1898. He was thirty years of age and well known in athletic circles.

He was a member of Dawson Aerie, No. 50, Parternal Order of Eagles, which had charge of the funeral. and exmayor Macaulay, a nephew, re- and ex-mayor Macaulay, a nephew, reside in this city. He is also survived by relatives in Lindsay, Belleville, Seattle, Omaha and Sioux Falls. On the day of the funeral every flag in the city was half-masted.

AGITATORS PUNISHED

Lahore, British India, May 22.—The Hindoo revolutionists who aroused the fanatics of the Punjab into a state of great excitement by circulating the statement that the alleged plague did not exist, and that the one million deaths weekly attributed to it were really caused by the poisoning of drinking water by emissaries of the government, was today sentenced to two years rigorous imprisonment. An accomplice who dropped harmless balls into wells, alleging that he did so by order of the government, was condemned to eighteen months' imprisonment.

Country Parsons

The Rev. Mr. Davis, for example, was a spirited preacher, but persisted in keeping two horses in the parsonage stable, and in exchanging them whenever he could get faster ones. As a parochial visitor he was incomparable, dashing from house to house with such speed that he could cover the parish in a single afternoon. This sporting tendency, which would never have been remarked in a British parson, was frowned upon in a New England village, and Deacon Mulliken told Mr. Davis when giving him what he alluded to as his "walking papers," that they didn't want the Edgewood church run by hoss power!

The next candidate pleased Edgewood, where morning preaching was held, but the other parish, which had afternoon service, declined to accept his because he wore a wig,—an ill-matched, crookedly applied wig.

Number three was eloquent, but given to gesticulation, and Mrs. Jere Burbank, the president of the Dorcas society, who sat in a front pew, said she couldn't bear to see a preacher scramble round the pulpit hot Sundays.

Number four, a genial, handsome man, gifted in prayer, was found to be a Democrat. The congregation was overwhelmingly Republican in its politics, and perceived something ludicrous, if not positively blasphemous, in a Democrat preaching the gospel. ("Ananias and Bellzebub'll be candidatin' here, first thing we know!" exclaimed the outraged Republican nominee for district attorney.)

Number five had a feeble-minded child, which the hiring committee prophesied would always be standing in the parsonage front-yard making talk for the other denominations.

Number six was the Rev. Judson Baxter, the present incumbent; and he was voted to be as near perfection as a minister can be in this finite world. His young wife had a small income of her own, a distinct and unusual advantage, and the subscription committee hoped that they might not be eternally driving over the country to get somebody's fifty cents that had been overdue for eight months, but might take their onerous duties more easily.

"It does seem as if our ministers were the poorest lot!" complained Mrs. Robinson. "If their salary is two months behindhand they begin to be nervous! Seems as though they might lay up a little before they come here, and not live from hand to mouth so! The Baxters seem quite different, and I only hope they won't get wasteful and run into debt. They say she keeps the parlor blinds open 'bout half the time, and the room is lit up so often evenin's that the neighbors think her and Mr. Baxter must set in there. It don't seem hardly as if it could be so, but Mrs. Buzzell says 'tis, and she says we might as well say good-by to the parlor carpet, which is church property, for the Baxters are living all over it!"

This criticism was the only discordant note in the chorus of praise, and the people gradually grew accustomed to the open blinds and the over-used carpet, which was just completing its twenty-fifth year of honest service. —Mrs. Wiggin's "New Chronicles of Rebecca" (Houghton, Mifin & Co.)

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Souvenir Goods---Special Values Today

Visitors to the city should make a point of inspecting our selection of mementos of Victoria, appropriately secured for "Victoria Day"

Assorted Souvenirs range in price from $4.50 down to 25c

Becoming Belts for Tomorrow

Special Values Today

WHITE EMBROIDERED WASH BELTS with gilt buckles, all sizes. Special "24th" price each ..... 35c.

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For Ease and Comfort When Camping, Etc.

Inspect the New Arrivals in English Bare-Foot Sandals. We are showing splendid values for Women, Misses and Children.

WOMEN'S TAN CALF SANDALS, 2 to 5, per pair .. $1.75

MISSES' TAN CALF SANDALS, 11 to 1, per pair .. $1.25

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CHILD'S TAN CALF SANDALS, 4 to 10, per pair .. $1.00

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For the Holidays---Special Values in Men's Cricket Boots

Men's English White Buck Cricketing Boots, rubber soles, special, per pair $4.50

Ladies' New Outing Hats for the 24th--- Bewitching Yet Economical

Prices Range from $12.50 to 75c

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Special values in new goods have arrived. An early inspection is invited.

WOMEN'S MERCERIZED COTTON VESTS trimmed very daintily with lace and ribbon. Price, each, 75c and 50c

WOMEN'S COTTON VESTS in plain styles. Special price, each, 65c, 50c and 40c

WOMEN'S COTTON COMBINATIONS, trimmed with torchon lace. Special price, $1.25, $1.00 and 75c

WOMEN'S COTTON VESTS, trimmed with torchon lace. Special price, each, 75c and 65c

WOMEN'S PLAIN LISLE THREAD COMBINATIONS, exceptionally good value at, each, $1.00 and 90c

WOMEN'S COTTON DRAWERS, daintily completed with lace. Special price, per pair, 75c and 65c

Famous Parisienne Perfumery for the 24th--- Rogers and Gallets Celebrated Toilet Goods

We have received the newest products of this world renowned firm. We make a few appropriate selections that will lend choice fragrance in all festivities

PERFUMES

Violet de Parme, Vera Violette, Alsatian Clover Essence of Efflord, Heliotrope, Iris, Bouquet des Armones, Essence de Aromis, Peau de Espagne, Jockey Club, Foire Neveaux, also Lavender Water.

Novelties in Ladies' Neckwear

A fine and dainty assortment ranging in price from $2.75 down to **$1.00**

Canvas Footwear for the Holidays

Nothing more restful, nothing more delightfully cool for tired, sensitive feet than Canvas Footwear. A smart, dressy appearance is well maintained, especially with suitable apparel. We have a particularly fine assortment, moderately priced.

Canvas Footwear in Season for the 24th

Men's White Canvas Blucher Oxford, kid faced, welt sole. per pair $2.50

Men's White Canvas Bals, medium sole. Per pair $2.00

Men's White Canvas Oxfords, medium sole. Per pair $1.75

Men's Grey Canvas Oxfords, medium sole. Per pair $1.50

Men's Grey Canvas Bals, medium sole. Per pair $1.65

Men's White Canvas Tennis Oxfords, leather inner sole. Per pair $1.50

Women's White Canvas Tennis Oxfords, leather insole. Per pair $1.25

Women's White Canvas Oxfords, three large eyelets, Cuban heel, canvas covered, light sole. Per pair .. $2.00

Women's White Canvas Blucher Oxfords, welt sole, kid faced. Per pair .. $2.25

Ladies' New 24th Hose

We are showing the newest goods in Black Cashmere, Plain and Embroidered, White, Black, Lace Lisle Embroidered and Plain Hose Prices range from 65c down to 25c

Special Today Values in Ladies' New Gloves

Black and White Glace, 12 button lengths, special, per pair $2.50

Tan Glace, 12 button length, per pair $3.00

White and Black Suede, 12 button length, per pair, $2.75

White and Cream Silk Net Long Gloves, per pair, $1.00

Black and Tan Taffeta Gloves, per pair 50c and 25c

Children's Lisle and Taffeta Gloves, per pair 25c and 15c

Ladies' Fine Mull Blouses ---Very Dainty Wear for the 24th

A vast assemblage of everything that is new, novel and distinctive in style, while our immense stocks enables us to offer the largest and best assortments in Victoria at very low prices ranging from $6.50 to 65c

Family Parties and Others, During the Holidays, will be interested in our New Arrivals of Croquet Sets and Picnic Baskets

Box containing 4 balls, 5-in. mallet, each $1.25

Box containing 6 balls, 5-in. mallet, each $1.50

Box containing 8 balls, 5-in. mallet, each $1.75

Box containing 6 balls, 7-in. mallet, each $2.00

Box containing 8 balls, 7-in. mallet, each $2.50

Box containing 8 balls, 8-in. mallet, each $3.50

Open Picnic Baskets, extra strong and light, 3 sizes, each 90c, 75c and 60c

Covered Picnic Baskets, strong, with substantial cover, each $1.25, $1.00 and .. 90c

24th Specials for Men on Sale Today

TWO-PIECE ENGLISH FLANNEL SUITS.—Just the very garments for all festivities, sports, etc. $6.75 for $12.50 values. We will place on sale a valuable additional purchase of these popular English Flannel Suits, consisting of dark and light greys and stripes. Regular values $7.50 to $12.50. A 24th special, commencing today $6.75

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MEN'S DRESSY VESTS, from $3.75 down to $1.00

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Men's New Outing Hats for the 24th

We now possess the finest assortment to be seen in Victoria---A vast assemblage popularly priced.

MEN'S NEW OUTING HATS.

MEN'S TELESCOPE FELT OUTING HATS, in white, brown and grey. Special, each..... 75c.

MEN'S STRAW HATS—The finest assortment of English and American straws in all the newest and correct styles. Special prices, each $3.50, $2.50, $1.50, $1.25, $1.00, 75c. and ..... 50c.

THE VASITY STRAW, very popular for summer wear, range in price from $2.00 down to $1.25

IMITATION PANAMA BLEACHED WHITE STRAW, featherweight, very smart in appearance. Special each $1.00, 75c. and ..... 50c.

"HENRY HEATH" BOATERS OR YACHT SHAPE, split braid straw; extra fine quality. Each $3.50

24th Extra Specials for the Boy

ON SALE TODAY, THE FOLLOWING:

400 BOYS' COTTON BLOUSES, made in crash, in plains and stripes, dark and light shades. Sizes range for 4 to 14 years. Regular values 50c. A 24th special, commencing today ..... 35c.

BOYS' THREE-PIECE TWEED SUITS—67 ONLY GO ON SALE TODAY

These well finished, high grade suits are made in Canadian tweeds, single and double breasted sacks in broken checks. Regular values $4.50. A 24th special, commencing today $3.50

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Made in broken checks, mixed coloring effects. A 24th special today..... $2.75

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BOYS' FELT HATS, in white, blue, red, and mixed colors, very suitable for every occasion whether on land or water. Special, each 50c

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BOYS' SAILOR HATS made in duck, drill, galatea and crash. Completed with H. M. S. bands in white, light blue also white with blue trimmings. Crash with white trimmings. Special, $1.00, 75c, and 50c

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