

SEES GREAT FUTURE FOR THIS PROVINCE

Deputy Minister of Mines Speaks of British Columbia's Mineral Riches

"British Columbia is the most richly mineralized province in the Dominion. The mining industry, despite various setbacks, has been making a marvelous rate during the past eight or ten years. But great as this expansion has been, it will be nothing compared to the gigantic strides which will be made in the near future. It is safe to predict that within the next ten years the Canadian Pacific coast will be the seat of well established iron and steel industry."

The speaker was A. P. Low, deputy minister of mines, and director of the Dominion geological survey. Ottawa Mr. Low arrived in the city yesterday. He has been visiting several of the parties which have been sent out to examine new mining districts and maps of the structural geology.

Maps showing the geological conditions in every portion of British Columbia will be available for the producer and capitalist before long. For years past the geological survey has been engaged in compiling comprehensive field sheets of this nature. The work in certain sections of the Kootenays and other portions of Southern British Columbia has now been completed and the maps issued. These maps are issued in two sizes, one showing areas 48 by 72 miles, and other areas 96 by 144 miles.

Copper and Coal in North

Mr. J. Lindeman is engaged making a magnetic survey of the iron deposits on the west coast of Vancouver Island. That is a region which is well worthy of attention. Maps and reports will be issued early in the new year. J. W. W. Leach is examining and mapping the copper and coal fields in the region comprising the upper Skeena, the Teloua valley, bring to a completion the work of last year. Messrs. McConnell and McLaren are continuing their work on the White Horse copper belt, as well as the silver-lead region above Comox in successful operation. There is talk of a plant being established through private enterprise at Comox, to produce the silver which comes from the cobalt district.

"I believe that we ought to have a cobalt coinage—coins made out of that metal. Cobalt is lighter than nickel and is harder and brighter. It could be utilized for five cent pieces. The coin should be made six-sided so that it would not be confused with twenty-five cent pieces."

"On my way west I ran up as far as Edmonton. On the Sarcee reserve near Calgary, I inspected the work of boring for gas. The well has attained a depth of 2,000 feet. The gas is rich and will be used for power."

LUMBERMEN'S DEFENCE

Pleas Likely to be Urged in Alberta Prosecution

Edmonton, Aug. 23.—The prosecution just started by the attorney general's department against the lumbermen alleged to be operating in combination in western Canada signifies the beginning of a long and bitter struggle in the courts.

The lumber association has adopted a plan for fighting the prosecution. It is expected that there will be a general meeting of the members of the association called shortly for the purpose of deciding definitely upon a course of defence. The association it is said will deny that there is any understanding between the members, such as would tend to act in restraint of trade or unduly control the price of stock. They will probably succeed in convincing the courts that the price of lumber is brought about by the changed conditions of things at the mills and in the lumber camps, which will produce a rise in the price of lumber due to the cost of living and operating, dealing in lumber cannot be carried out at less figures. In fact, it is expected that the association will produce figures showing that instead of making profits they have been actually suffering heavy losses.

Emphasis will be placed on the cost of transportation. They will claim that it is utterly impossible to sell lumber at a reasonable price in the face of the exorbitant charges made by the railroad companies for freight. The Premier of the province to enforce the interest of the people of the west. The cases will probably come up at the full session of the supreme court.

H. SIEBENBAUM LOST IN CALIF. FOREST

Searching Parties Fail to Find Missing Man in Two Days Work

Port Townsend, Wn., Aug. 23.—Henry Siebenbaum, a prominent resident of Victoria, who has been sojourning for the past fortnight at Sol-duck hot springs, a summer resort in Clallam county has been missing for three days, and despite the fact that a force of twenty-five trained woodsmen have been scouring the vicinity for 48 hours without intermission, no trace had been found up to 3 o'clock this afternoon when communication was interrupted by forest fires.

At first it was believed the missing man had simply lost his way, and would turn up, but he has now had ample time to reach a place from where he could have reported his presence, no matter in what direction he travelled. Had he met with an accident only disabling himself, it is believed the searchers would have discovered him, so the conclusion is fast gaining ground that the unfortunate man has accidentally killed himself, and in this event his body may remain undiscovered for many months, particularly if he was off the beaten path when the accident occurred.

The missing man is a brother of John Siebenbaum, proprietor of the Delmonico hotel here, and if a favorable report is received will not exceed 35 per cent of that of last year. Scarcity of money, and the unsatisfactory state of the lumber market are given as reasons for the curtailment of operations.

RAILWAYS DO WELL ON TWO-CENT FARES

Increased Earnings Shown by Minnesota Railway Commission

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 23.—The two-cent passenger rate has actually resulted in increased earnings for Minnesota railroads, according to the companies' own figures for May and June, issued by the railroad commission.

The passenger revenue for those months in Minnesota exceeded one and one-half per cent. Figures of May and June of last year are not available, but the average for the two months since the two-cent fares have been in effect is actually higher than the average of the old rate, with no increase in services necessary.

HARVESTERS FOR PRAIRIES

Winnipeg, Aug. 23.—Three thousand farm laborers will arrive in the city tomorrow morning. The men come from all parts of the maritime provinces, and will leave the city on special trains for various points.

U.S. BATTLESHIP FLEET COMING TO PACIFIC

Arrangements Made at Conference Held at Oyster Bay

Oyster Bay, Aug. 23.—The Atlantic battleship fleet is to visit the Pacific next December, according to the official statement issued tonight by Secretary Loeb at the direction of the President. The statement was made following a conference this afternoon between the President and representatives of the Navy department.

A conference this afternoon between President Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Newberry, Rear Admiral Evans, commander of the Atlantic fleet, and other officials, some of the details in connection with the fleet's moving to the Pacific. The fleet will consist of 16 battleships, and will start some time in December, going through the Straits of Magellan and up to San Francisco, and will probably also visit Puget Sound. The question of the route by which the fleet will start has not yet been decided. The destroyer flotilla will leave for the Pacific about the same time as the fleet, but will not accompany it.

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Some two thousand hands will be required when the works are in full working order. It is expected that before the negotiations are completed several of the large mining and coal interests of British Columbia will be amalgamated with the North Pacific Iron & Steel Corporation. The works will embrace every phase of the iron and steel industry, from the manufacture of pig iron right through to boiler plate, ship plates and structural steel. The difficulty, it is claimed, which has hitherto stood in the way of the development of the ship-building industry on this coast has been the cost of ship plates. The ultimate establishment of this industry, it is claimed, will mean much for the province and will give employment to a large number of people. It is expected that the building of the first of the furnaces will be proceeded with by the first of next year, and while the promoters refuse to state, as yet, where the location of the plant will be, it is said that it will be located somewhere on the southern mainland.

Mr. Shadforth has examined fully into the nature and extent of the mineral deposits of the province and feels convinced that on account of the quality of the iron ore, and when the plans are fully matured he does not anticipate any difficulty in obtaining the required capital to push ahead the enterprise.

CHIEF JOE CAPILANO HOLDS UP VANCOUVER

Levies Tribute From City in Connection With All Waterworks Extensions

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 23.—The civic authorities have for years been doing everything in their power to improve the water supply of the city. The Indians on the north shore of the inlet, through whose reserve the Capilano water mains run. This has necessitated the meeting of bills from time to time, which have not been coming within the scope of actual obligations. Now, however, the matter has been carried so far by Chief Joe Capilano that it is probable the city will have to pay for the water supply. The latest hold-up on the part of Chief Joe has been a demand for \$55 from the city for putting some pipe to Hamilton, friendly relations with the Indians on the north shore of the inlet, through whose reserve the Capilano water mains run. This has necessitated the meeting of bills from time to time, which have not been coming within the scope of actual obligations. Now, however, the matter has been carried so far by Chief Joe Capilano that it is probable the city will have to pay for the water supply.

MISS HARRIET FRASER PASSES TO HER REST

Daughter of Famous Explorer Enjoyed Honor From Province But Short Time

Toronto, Aug. 23.—The funeral of the late Miss Harriet Fraser, daughter of Simon Fraser, the explorer of the great British Columbia river, which bears his name, took place yesterday from the House of Providence to St. Andrew's, where the body was buried beside those of her father and mother. Deceased was 90 years of age. She retained consciousness until she died, her last hours being attended by her two nieces, Misses Catherine and Margaret Fraser of 323 King street, Hamilton, daughters of Simon Fraser, who are the sole surviving granddaughters of Simon Fraser. They have three brothers, however, settled in the United States.

YUKON RIVER LOWEST KNOWN TO NAVIGATORS

As Result Much Dawson Freight May Not Get Through

Dawson, Aug. 22.—The Yukon river is lower here than it has ever before been known to be at this time of year, owing to an exceptionally dry summer. The water is now lower than when the Yukon navigation closed last year. Steamers from Whitehorse are carrying only two-thirds of an average cargo, having much trouble with sandbars between Whitehorse and Dawson.

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BRITISH JOURNALISTS DEPRT FOR HOME

Have Many Kind Things to Say of Canada—Present for George Ham

Montreal, Aug. 23.—The visiting British journalists last night would up their trip through Canada by holding a dinner at the Place Viger hotel with George Ham as their guest of honor and also their chairman, a combination which worked out most happily for the evening's entertainment. Many speeches were made, in which the visiting newspapermen expressed their delight at all they had seen and their intention to see more in years to come. The feature of the evening, however, was the presentation of a handsome travelling case to Mr. Ham as a token of the appreciation by the visitors of the way in which he had taken care of them during their tour of the country.

Outside of the British newspapermen there were few visitors besides Mr. Ham, Geo. McL. Brown and Wm. Stitt of the C. P. R., Smeaton White, representing the Canadian Press Association, and J. P. Knight, representing the Canadian Bankers' Association. The British newspapermen were entertained by the Mount Royal Club by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. There were a few other guests present including D. McNeill, vice-president of the C. P. R. and George Ham. The dinner was a very successful one. The British pressmen who were guests of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy sailed on the Empress of Britain today and were given a hearty cheer as the large ship started on its way. The day they visited different points of interest. To your correspondent they said that their journey through Canada had been the most interesting of their experience, and that the vastness and grandeur of the country was shown to them in a way which was the strength of the strong right arm of the empire.

SONOMA ARRIVES ON HER LAST TRIP HERE

Will Be Replaced on the Run From San Francisco

The steamer Sonoma, the Oceanic liner under charter to the Pacific Steamship company, which reached port yesterday from San Francisco, after a delayed passage, encountering strong head winds, is making her last trip under the Pacific Coast company's flag. The work done consists of 218 bales of wool, 171 bales of hides, and 1,020 tons of cargo. The steamer was chartered for three months with the option of being taken for another three months, but she has not proved altogether satisfactory. She is not a good freight boat, the difficulty of handling cargo causing much delay. The Sonoma will be returned to her owners, the Oceanic Steamship company, at San Francisco, on Saturday, Aug. 31, a week from today. She will leave the outer dock on Wednesday and is due at San Francisco next Saturday.

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To Architects and Contractors We take pleasure in announcing that we have been appointed sole agents for YALE & TOWNE For Victoria and vicinity. Will be pleased to submit prices and show samples upon arrival.

MANY ARE INTERESTED IN ALBERNI DISTRICT Activity In Many Lines—Forest Fire at Sproat Lake—Big Salmon Run Alberni, Aug. 22.—Since the announcement that construction of the Alberni extension of the E. & N. line would be commenced immediately and made by R. M. Marpole last week, the arrival of investment seekers has been largely increased. Automobiles and private carriages are being driven to the stage and boat passengers. Hotel accommodation is taxed to the limit, and every effort is being made to provide extra rooms.

Weak Kidneys Weak Kidneys, surely point to weak kidney nerves. The kidneys, like the heart, are the seat of life, and if they become weak, the whole system is affected. Dr. Shoop's Restorative is a medicine which is prepared to reach these controlling nerves. To doctor the kidneys is to control life. It is a waste of time, and of money as well.

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TIMBER LANDS FOR SALE 1280 acres crown grants in Rupert District; stream runs through property which is also close to salt water; coal outcrops on land. Price per acre \$15.00

A. G. SARGISON P. O. Box 495 Victoria B. C. Real estate in the two towns is not very active at present, the cause of the lull being indications that the C. P. R. is soon to put its townsite on the market. Everybody is guessing on the future of the townsite, but no one is in possession of any reliable information.

WILSON'S FLY PADS Kill them all. No dead flies lying about your house as directed. The Sproull-Shaw BUSINESS UNIVERSITY VANCOUVER, B. C. 336 HASTINGS ST. W Offers a Choice of 2 to 4 Positions To every graduate. Students always in demand.

VICTORIA TIDE TABLE (Issued by the Tidal Survey Branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Table with columns: Date, Time, Ht, Time, Ht, Time, Ht. Rows show tide data for various dates in August 1907.