

BACK FROM TRIP THROUGH NORTH

JAMES THOMPSON MADE INTERESTING TOUR

Hudson Bay Company Officer Visited Many Posts in Province.

James Thomson, manager of the Hudson Bay Company's business at Victoria, and superintendent of the fur-trading posts and steamers, has just returned from a trip to the interior of the province extending over three months.

Mr. Thomson first went up the Stikine on the steamer Port Simpson as far as Telegraph Creek and over the trail to Dease lake. Then across the lake in a canoe and the Skeena river to McDune, better known as Sylvester's Landing. This was the most northerly limit of the trip.

Returning to Prince Rupert, Mr. Thomson went up the Skeena to Hazelton and overland to Ashcroft by way of Babine and Stewart Lake, Fort George was one of the points visited, and there the first man met was John Houston, the veteran journalist formerly of Nelson and Prince Rupert, who went to Mexico but did not like the prospects there. He is now getting a printing press into Fort George and very soon will issue a newspaper from that centre, a place which he thinks is destined to become a good city.

Babine lake, Mr. Thomson describes as a fine sheet of water over 100 miles in length and four or five miles wide, probably the largest sheet of fresh water in British Columbia. This lake flows into the Skeena river, while the overflow of Stewart lake, but a few miles away, eventually finds its way into the Fraser.

Mr. Thomson had not time to visit the two hatcheries which were built by the Dominion government a couple of years ago at those lakes, but from information gathered in the neighborhood they have had a very good year. The run of fish has been large in both lakes.

Speaking of the fur trade, Mr. Thomson said that there had been a steady decline in the number of pelts taken, and very soon the province of British Columbia will be of minor importance as a fur producing country.

"There is a very marked change in the interior of British Columbia since I last visited it," said Mr. Thomson. "Many people are flocking into the valleys of the Skeena, Nechaco and Bulkley. Certain phases of agriculture are very successful in those valleys. The Skeena valley is one of the finest places of the world for growing potatoes. The Hudson's Bay farms at Port St. James and Fraser lake have been very successful, oats and barley ripening well on ordinary occasions. The company has used the grain grown there for the animals for years past. I am convinced of the future success of agriculture in those districts. The mines in the district will provide a market for all that can be raised. Everyone is hopeful and they have reason to be so."

PACKERS WILL PAY.

Leavenworth, Ky., Oct. 12.—The case against the Cudahy Packing Company for the violation of internal revenue laws by failing to place stamps of the proper denomination on packages of oleomargarine, came to an end in the federal court here yesterday by a compromise, when the packing company was fined \$5,000, and agreed to pay back stamp taxes of \$2,777.50 and a special tax of \$10,000 for agencies, making the total \$9,777.50 to be paid by the packing company to the government.

RAILWAY CASES.

Winnipeg, Oct. 12.—D'Arcy Scott, chairman, and S. J. McLean were the members present when the railway commission opened for business yesterday. Several cases of a local character were disposed of, and three were held over until the next sitting of the court in November.

FOG DELAYED PRINCESS MAY

Many Passengers From North, Including Big Game Hunters.

Early on Tuesday the steamer Princess May arrived in port from Skagway and other northern points. She brought south a full list of passengers, the larger number of whom left the steamer at Vancouver. Among those who came to this city were Sir William Armstrong and party who were returning from a big game hunt in the north and who brought with them a fine lot of trophies. Mrs. Day, of this city, also arrived from the Yukon.

The trip north of the steamer was a disagreeable one, but coming south there were no storms and little rain. Fog, however, delayed the steamer a good deal. She had to lie up for ten hours in Johnson Strait and when she proceeded south it had to be done with the greatest caution. Every two hours she reported her progress by wireless so that there was no anxiety felt on her account.

The steamer brought south \$15,000 worth of gold from Skagway. She leaves again to-night.

BRANDED SEAL FOUND AT FALKLAND

Herd Said to Be Leaving Pribilof Islands.

That the days of the sealing industry in the Pribilof island are numbered, and that the scene of the sealing fleet operations will centre in the Falkland islands, is the opinion of Capt. Nicholas Brown, well known in Seattle, who left for the Falklands almost one year ago.

Capt. Brown, in a letter, dated August 23rd, to Capt. John Hickey, of the Seattle halibut fleet, stated that seals were plentiful during the past summer months, and that indications point to a visible increase in the herds for the season now approaching.

While sealing off the Falklands during February and March, Capt. Brown found a seal which had the mark branded upon it by one of the government agents at St. Paul island, showing that the animal had travelled all the way from the Pribilof group to the Falklands, off the east coast of South America.

Reports of the government agents on St. Paul and St. George islands during the past two years bear out the statement of Capt. Brown, for the herds have decreased in that period of time to an alarming degree.

Officers of the revenue cutter Tahoma, which recently arrived from the sealing grounds in Behring sea, also state that this year the reports as gained from the sealing schooners show that the year will be a poor one in the north. Many of the schooners had less than 100 skins when the season was almost half over in July.

The significance of the news from Capt. Brown according to statements of the revenue officers lies in the fact that with the decrease of the seals the fleet of schooners will cease to ravage the seas in the vicinity of the Pribilofs and the United States government will not be placed to the expense of maintaining a large fleet of cutters in the Behring sea.

ARRESTED IN EAST.

St. John, N. B., Oct. 12.—Harry Finn, son of the late M. Finn, one of the wealthiest liquor men in the lower provinces, was arrested here yesterday on receipt of a wire from the chief constable of Edmonton, charging Finn with obtaining money under false pretences at Edmonton. Finn had been in real estate business and sold lands for which he could not give clear titles.

CONNECT PIPES BY DAY LABOR

OAK BAY COUNCIL DISCUSS QUESTION

Shooting Permits in Municipality Have All Been Cancelled.

The engineer of the Oak Bay municipality reported to the Oak Bay council Tuesday that the water pipes for the new distribution system had arrived and were being delivered on the ground. Councillor Newton moved that the laying of the pipes be done by contract as that would be the quicker method, and they would then know how much they were to pay for the work. He had that morning met with W. E. Oliver, another member of the water committee, and it was Mr. Oliver's opinion as well as his own that the contract system would be the better. There was a good deal of work for their own men to do, so that it would be difficult for them to undertake the work. In this municipality there were no poor whom it was necessary to employ, so that could not be used as an argument in favor of day work.

Councillor Noble advocated doing the excavating by contract and having the pipes laid by their own men. He said that he spoke from experience, and was not talking "through his hat" when he advocated this system. He had done a good deal of this sort of work, and had always found that mains laid by contract were not satisfactory. In discussing this matter with Mr. Prece, of the city staff, that gentleman had said: "Whatever you do, Bill, don't ever lay water pipes by contract." There was a proposal to appoint a pipe layer and of this he approved.

Councillor Colbert supported the plan of laying the pipe by day work, as he said there were many ways in which the work of making the joints could be skipped. On being put to a vote Councillors Noble and Colbert voted for the amendment, which was to lay the pipes by day work, and Councillor Noble opposed it. Thus the amendment carried.

J. Gullbert was appointed to do the work of laying and connecting the pipes, but not until Councillor Noble had made a vigorous protest in favor of a local man.

The engineer reported on a petition from the owners of the Linklake Park subdivision showing that the cost of clearing the right of way, grading the streets, putting down sidewalks, gutters, boulevards, sewers and water mains would amount in all to \$17,823. As the property was assessed at only \$40,250 they could not under their present municipal law proceed with the work, they being allowed to spend only 15 per cent of the assessed value in making such improvements. The petitioners will be informed of the decision in order that they may change their petition to bring the request within the bounds of possibility.

A question of co-operating with the city in the grading of a portion of Foul Bay road on the boundary line between the city and the municipality was discussed and referred to the engineer for further report. There was a question of laying a wooden sidewalk, and also of the amount chargeable against the owners of the property which was not wholly satisfactory to some of the councillors.

Percy D. Hillis asked to be allowed to purchase some black soil, which was granted.

A change was asked in the improvements to be made on York Place. This will be referred back to the petitioners to give the proper undertakings.

Official notices will be served on the tramway company to put in proper condition the piece of road at the terminus of the line.

Councillor Noble stated that the company had been granted the privilege of putting in a loop and they had left the road in bad condition. Their attention had been called to the matter on several occasions, but they had taken no notice. The old waiting shed is also asked to be removed, as it is proving to be a nuisance where it is. This was done on the suggestion of Councillor

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FINANCES OF CITY SHOWN

STATEMENT FROM CITY TREASURER KENT

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North park account	3,000 00
Tax sale surplus, refunded	509 65
Tax sale redemption	246 80
Taxes refunded	215 80
Plant account	13,389 21
Balance Bank B. N. A.	8,040 30
Balance Bank E. N. A. deposit	1,100 00
Account	10,482 99
Cash on hand	10,482 99
Total	\$53,403 32

Miscellaneous Expenditure Analysis	
Election expenses	\$ 2,841 45
Advertisements	5,298 80
Stationery	720 00
Postage	228 65
Messenger service	38 35
Telegrams	178 05
Telephone	1,258 55
Fuel and light	812 90
Hacks and express	276 25
Fire insurance	443 11
Legal charges	1,300 70
Refund	2 00
Charitable aid	1,236 00
Aged and infirm women	1,300 00
Secret service	270 00
Victoria Day	2,000 00
Tax sale certis.	328 63
Special grants	1,375 00
Vancouver Island Dev. League	3,191 20
Band concerts	50 00
Agricultural association	5,000 00
Exchange	34 20
Miscellaneous	3,192 37
Total	\$31,818 64

LUMBER CARRYING RATES ARE FIRM

Many Steamers Are Offering for Wheat Shipping This Fall.

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COUNCIL OF WOMEN DISCUSS BUSINESS

Annual Meeting Will Be Held on Nov. 8-9—Important Matters

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Do You Realise the Danger of a POISONED FINGER?



DEATH OFTEN LURKS IN A CUT.

YOU see this danger illustrated in the case of Mr. W. C. Edwards, a well-known Friendly Society leader, of Peter Street, Toronto. He cut one of his fingers with a piece of glass, and instead of applying Zam-Buk to prevent blood poison and to heal it, he neglected the cut, and blood poison followed. He says:—"The blood-poison from the finger spread up my hand and arm and caused me terrible agony. After two months' treatment the doctor said there was no cure, and amputation would have to take place if I intended to save my arm. I left that doctor and consulted another. After a few weeks' treatment, he also told me that operation would be necessary. He said the bone had become diseased and the finger would have to be opened so that the bone could be scraped. I went away to consider when I would have the operation performed and met a friend who advised me to try Zam-Buk. "That night I bathed the wound and put on some Zam-Buk. I got a little sleep for the first time for many nights. In the morning the wound began to bleed instead of the foul discharging as in the past. This was a healthy sign so I went on with the Zam-Buk. Well, to cut a long story short, in a few days I put away the knife, and in a few weeks the finger was healed completely. To-day that finger is as sound as a bell and I owe it to Zam-Buk. I spent over \$20 in doctors fees and when I think how Zam-Buk at such a trifling cost saved me from amputation I am very grateful for the help I can tell you."

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Zam-Buk cures cuts, burns, sprains, festering sores, ulcers, scalds, blood-poisoning, eczema, bad leg, diseased ankles, running sores, ringworm, cold-cracks, chapped hands, chibbains, and all other skin diseases and injuries. All druggists and stores sell at 50c. box, 3 for \$1.25 or post free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, or price. Refuse anything offered "just as good."

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