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ALASKA'S WEALTH

\$1,500,000,000,000

Official Says Only Twenty Per Cent of the Territory Has Ever Been Surveyed

"A table of statistics shows Alaska's wealth to be anywhere from fifteen billion dollars to a trillion and a half," says Hampton's Magazine.

"If the results came from several tables of guesses instead of statistics, but the figures are big any way you take them."

"An Alaskan said recently that the only two persons who really know anything about Alaska are the Alighting and Alfred H. Brooks," says the writer.

"The latter is a member of the United States Geological Survey, and we have what he says about Alaska."

"Mr. Brooks says that only twenty per cent of Alaska has been surveyed at all. That is, only this much has been passed over even reconnaissance surveys, which barely divide vast stretches according to their geological character. Survey in detail has covered less than one per cent of the territory."

"This affords at least some basis for an estimate. What is known of that one per cent, added to what is known of a patch here and there, suggests the possibilities for the rest."

"There is sound reason to believe there is \$200,000,000 worth of placer gold in Alaska. There may be a hundred or a thousand times this amount."

"As for the lode gold mining, there is practically only one deep gold mine being worked in Alaska, the Treadwell—the Rothschilds are said to control that—and it has produced so far \$20,000,000. There may be at least \$250,000,000 lode gold in Alaska."

"As for copper, this one item alone will some day make a big crop of Alaskan millionaires. The government survey experts say, 'It is impossible to estimate the copper reserves.' Others say there is another Montana there—another Arizona."

"In coal the official government figures can be definitely obtained. The coal areas

known at this time aggregate 1,238 square miles, three times the area of Pennsylvania's coal bearing fields—and much of Alaska's coal equals or better Pennsylvania's in quality. In unmined areas there are some 50,000 square miles of coal bearing lands. Mr. Brooks' lowest estimate of Alaska's coal reserves is the stupendous total of 15,000,000,000 tons, and he adds, 'it would conserve to multiply this figure by ten or even 100.'"

"There are thousands of tons of other minerals, silver, quicksilver, tin, lead and iron."

"There is also petroleum. There may be vast quantities of oil under large areas. Of silver, 1,875,000 ounces have been taken out. Iron abounds."

"One great source of wealth—salmon—has been exhausted already. The total on this single item reaches the amazing figure of \$125,000,000. The salmon industry produces a value of \$10,000,000 every year. It is estimated that there are 37,000,000 salmon in the waters of Alaska, probably there is twice that much. There are agricultural and grazing lands that may some day support a population of 10,000,000."

Fashion in Beards

In ancient times the beard was the badge of manhood, the insignia of dignity and authority. This remains true in the Jewish race, and the strongest oath of the devout Mohammedan is "by the beard of the prophet." Sculptured images of the kings of Assyria and Babylon show long and unusual beards. In those days slaves were compelled to go smooth-shaven, and the beardless youth was an object of scorn.

In Greece and Rome the custom varied with the periods. Most of the great Romans of later times went without beards. In the middle ages and in the Elizabethan era beards were generally worn, although occasionally a beardless monarch started a fad that made the barbers happy.

In Great Britain and this country in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the beard was almost unknown. In the nineteenth century it again came in favor. Most of the young men of 50 years ago wore beards. The mustache is far less common today than beards were 50 years ago.

The French Army has been divided into factions on the mere question of whiskers. A bitter campaign has been waged for several months by the supporters of a petty officer in the Moroccan naval division, who insisted on wearing a beard 14 inches in length in spite of all the official threats and entreaties. For eight months the man has not left his ship, and means "his beard has grown steadily. Now a decree has been prepared by the ministry of the marine which will limit all beards to two and one-half inches in length."

NEW WEAPONS

"Western" had much no longer made notches on their six-cylinders to keep a record of men they've killed.

"No. Now they keep the notches on their six-cylinders."—Brooklyn.

JOHNSON ONCE MORE IN COURT

Negro Fighter Gets a Knockout Blow — Jeffries Hammers His Sparring Partners—Local Baseball, Bowling and General Sport

San Francisco, May 20—Champion Jack Johnson varied the monotony of training today by appearing in one of the superior courts to answer to a motion brought by Sam Fitzpatrick, his former manager, for a balance of \$187 said to be due for services. Johnson received a knock-out blow from the court, which awarded Fitzpatrick a judgment for \$187 and costs. It was announced that the training quarters would not take place because Johnson intended to rest and do some extra work on Sunday.

"Johnson does not want to go stale," it was said. "He has forty-five days yet in which to get into shape for the match and why should he rush. Before he gets ready for the fight, he will be boxing every afternoon." The work today consisted of twelve miles of jogging, and some exhibition juggling with his sparring partners this morning, tossing them about much as the hero in a melodrama handles the villain. Bob Armstrong, who was the first to go with the former champion, landed the first two rounds escaped without damage as the morning air was chilly and Jeffries was slow to warm up. In the third round, however, Bob carefully stepped in front of several heavy ones. One left him gasping on the floor and the other would have gone to the floor had he not hit the wall.

Choy's turn came. Jeffries was becoming interested in his work and Joe was tossed about recklessly for several rounds. He emerged from the scuffle with a bruised ear and blackened eye.

Jack Jeffries made his boxing debut in the final two rounds. Jeff did not think his brother was in condition and handled him gently. Jeff warned his sparring partners today that there would be plenty of work for them in the future, and they could expect no rest until after Corbett's arrival.

The bout between Toni Caponi and Fred McLagan in Winnipeg was stopped in the seventh round at the request of the police, and the decision was given to Caponi by Referee Coleman. The Winnipeg man who stripped half a hundred pounds and weighed above the Italian, was out matched all the way and obliged to seek refuge in footwork and clinches and was knocked out, but for the fight being stopped. The decision was popular with the big crowd.

The correspondence which resulted from the inquiry initiated by London boxing authorities into the question of an international box of control for boxing, has just been completed and published in full by the referee, Steps are now being taken, it is stated by Sporting Life, to establish the board, and instructions are being sent for the athletic commission.

Longboat and His Money.

The Toronto News says: "Where and how is Longboat?"

And if reports are true, it wouldn't be long before he would be back in the ring. Steps are now being taken, it is stated by Sporting Life, to establish the board, and instructions are being sent for the athletic commission.

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Philadelphia 17 3 792

New York 17 3 690

Detroit 17 3 519

Cleveland 17 3 500

Chicago 17 3 375

St. Louis 17 3 290

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Pittsburgh 15 9 625

New York 15 9 577

Cincinnati 15 9 529

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Inter-Society Base Ball League

The first afternoon game of the Inter-Society Base Ball League will be played today on the Shamrock grounds. It will be St. Peter's vs. St. John's Baptist.

An evening game will be played as well. St. Joseph's and A. O. H. participating. Each team of the league has now played one or more games. The standing is:

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St. J. B. 0 2 500

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The South End League

The opening game of the South End League, composed of the Clippers and the St. John's, will be played this afternoon on the Every Day Club grounds, starting at 3 o'clock. Both teams have been playing in some good practice of late, and a fast game is expected. The teams will line up as follows:

St. John's. Catcher. H. Sproul

Rootes First Base. H. Howe

Nesbitt Second Base. H. Chase

Crosby Third Base. T. Howe

Roberts Short Stop. McNutt

Copeland Left Field. Graves

Totten Centre Field. Cooper

Bovard Right Field. Ewing

Cribbs Pitcher. Ewing

Pete McAllister will umpire.

President John I. Taylor, of the Red Sox, has sold Charlie French the utility infielder to the Chicago White Sox.

The baseball instinct was so strong in Harry Becker, a 14-year-old boy, in a game at New York Thursday, that although he was knocked down and plainly badly injured when struck in the abdomen by a batted ball during a "scrub" game, he managed to throw the ball to first base in time to catch the runner.

That same was the last that will be credited to him. As the umpire cried "out" Becker collapsed, and was dead when a physician summoned by his frightened companions reached his side.

The Turf

Want More Racing Meat

member of the winning team received suitably engraved gold lockets, and Arrow-smith and Law received watch fobs. The I. C. R. team rolled many good games, and for a while it looked as though they would win. The Brock & Peterson team, which finished third in the league standing, and second in the total pinfall, were considered dangerous at all times, and once or twice handed out some severe jolts to the league winners. This team also rolled the highest single string of the league, 47 and came within one pin of tying the leaders' total of 1332. The T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., team also played an important part in the league, finishing in fourth place after getting a very bad start. The other teams in the league did very good work, considering the fact that many of them were changing their line-ups from time to time. The following is the standing of the teams at the finish:

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
S. Hayward Co.	42	22	859
I. C. R.	40	24	825
Brock & Peterson	38	26	760
T. McAvity & Sons Ltd.	32	30	740
M. R. A. Ltd.	31	33	484
C. P. R.	31	33	484
M. Humphrey & Co.	29	33	453
Macaulay Bros. & Co.	24	40	373
Waterbury & Rising	21	43	328

The teams with their total pinfall and single string averages, in order, are as follows:

Team	Pinfall	Average
S. Hayward Co.	19,896	414.24
Brock & Peterson	19,793	411.35
I. C. R.	19,741	411.13
T. McAvity & Sons Ltd.	19,335	406.47
M. R. A. Ltd.	19,368	406.38
Macaulay Bros. & Co.	19,108	399.19
C. P. R.	19,102	399.10
Ben Leonard, Cal.	19,098	397.10
Waterbury & Rising	19,098	397.10
J. M. Humphrey Co.	19,082	397.06

Law, 90.43; Nugent, 86.40; Labbe, 85.47; Pooley, 83.14; McNichol, 83.11; Masters, 83.05; Gamble, 84.12; Johnston, 83.45; Bates, 83.10; E. Smith, 83.03; McKean, 82.47; V. Smith, 82.31; Cochane, 82.35; Nichols, 82.25; O'Brien, 82.22; Gillard, 82.13; Sullivan, 82.02; Howard, 81.36; Ryan, 81.23; Makony, 81.13; G. Smith, 80.25; N. Smith, 80.15; Brown, 80.13; Tapley, 80.07; Doherty, 79.45; McMann, 79.34; Burtham, 79.11; Henderson, 79.21; Cross, 79.06; Marshall, 79; McGrath, 78.47; McLean, 78.35; Harrison, 78.24; Stills, 78.10; McCann, 78.07; Griffith, 77.47; Crosby, 77.16; Featherstone, 77.10; Roberts, 77.06; McCann, 75.15; Thomas, 74.25.

This league will in all probability be formed again next fall.

National League

At Cincinnati—New York, 7; Cincinnati, 3.

At Chicago—Chicago-Brooklyn—rain.

At St. Louis—Philadelphia, 8; St. Louis, 12—inings.

American League

At Boston—Chicago, 2; Boston, 1.

At Washington—St. Louis, 5; Washington, 3.

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IF THE COMET STRIKES THE WORLD
WHAT WILL YOU DO?

SHED TEARS MAKE PENANCE
ACKNOWLEDGE PAST ERRORS
OR ADMIT AS EVERY ONE DOES
THAT
RED CROSS GIN

IS BETTER, PURER
Surer
IN ITS STRENGTHENING
QUALITIES
THAN ANY
OTHER

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HALLEY'S COMET WILL BE VISIBLE FROM MAY 20th TO JULY 18th

AUGURS WELL FOR BIG FALL FAIR

(Continued from page 1).

On the northern side of the grounds the old grandstand is being torn down and it is expected that the old one and the building on this side will be removed before long by the militia department in preparation for the new drill hall, and the space there will be available this year for the fireworks display.

The poultry house is to be remodelled and will be used as a horse barn for hackney horses. Accommodation will be provided for fifty animals.

The heavy timbers from the old grandstand will be used for repairing the floors of agricultural hall and this building will be utilized for the amusements, in the two halls upstairs, and for poultry and dogs below. The floor will be made as near noise-proof as possible.

Good Place for the Cattle

A great change will be apparent in the space devoted to the live stock at the eastern end of the grounds. The big mound just back of the amusements hall has been levelled off and visitors will find the new cattle shed, which will provide room for nearly 300 head of cattle, will be one of the best buildings of its kind in Canada. There will be about 1,000 feet of space and the building will be 30 feet along the western side and taper to about 100 feet on the eastern side, running 204 feet from east to west. There will be a centre aisle, running east and west, with short aisles at either side. Below the cattle shed are the sheep pens, 80 by 20 feet, and the hogery, 74 by 30 feet. Both these buildings are finished. The horse and carriage sheds on the eastern side of these buildings are being repaired and will be in first class shape for a year's use. The old cattle sheds have been torn down.

The new horticultural building to be erected at the southern end of the grounds, the partitions at both sides of the building will be made of brick, and a new extra space is thus provided. A new kitchen is being built, 30 by 15 feet, and the dining room enlarged. This year there will be an entirely new system of arranging the exhibits. The walls which have formerly been down the centre of the gallery will be along the outer side of the building so that visitors can have an opportunity of looking out of the windows and seeing all over the harbor and grounds.

The big building will be painted all over outside and will also be painted and decorated inside. The drill hall, amusements hall and the former poultry shed will likewise receive a coat of paint.

New Building at Entrance

A new building is to be erected at the entrance in Sydney street for offices, press room, etc., and a new turnstile building will also be put up. A semi-circular driveway will be formed so that conveyances can drive in off the street. The front of the building will also be made especially attractive with large electric signs and other decorations.

With all this work well advanced at this time, there is no doubt that the Dominion Fair of 1910 will be the biggest event of its kind in the history of St. John and the probabilities are that there will be more visitors in the city from September 2 to 15, than in the same number of days on any previous occasion.

The Thumb

The thumb that bends back easily indicates great adaptability, extravagance, brilliancy and versatility. The owner of such a thumb is at home in changing circumstances, is generous, sympathetic, sentimental and, as a rule, impulsive.

The owner of a stiff thumb is practical, matter-of-fact, economical, exacting and weighs everything carefully. She is a possessor of a strong will power and is stubbornly determined.

LUMBER OUTLOOK NOT GOOD IS REPORT OF MR. HILYARD

H. M. Hilyard, manager of the Dalhousie Lumber Company, is in the city.

He says the outlook for this season's lumbering operations is very poor. "I just returned from Dalhousie last week," he said, "and though the mills up there have already been kept off the market about half their regular output. According to dispatches from Seattle, eighty per cent of the shingle mills in the state of Washington are idle, and as a consequence Nova Scotia have to import them in only load lots from Vancouver and other western ports."

Mr. Hilyard spoke in glowing terms of Dalhousie, the headquarters of the firm for which he is manager. "The reason for this," he said, "is that we will have another John up there. The I. C. R. contemplate connecting Dalhousie with their direct line by building a line right into the town. Mr. McKennie, of the I. C. R. engineering staff, was in Dalhousie looking over the route of the proposed road, which will likely be finished early in 1911. We have a fine harbor, which is open ahead of the Campbell harbor, and is also later in closing. A new company is also being formed to undertake the lighting of the town with electricity. Our new mayor, Mr. Stewart, is a very energetic man, and has associated with him a board of aldermen who have already done much to further the interests of the town."

Mr. Hilyard will remain in the city for some time.

"A LIFE SAVER FOR WEAK MEN"

Give me a man broken down from dis-ease, the doctors and medicine have failed, which has sapped his vitality. Let him follow my advice for three months, and I will give him vigorous in every respect, and he will be a new man.

I will not promise to cure a hopeless case, but I will give you a man who was never intended by Nature to be a weak man. Even if I can make better than he is, but I can make a man who has been strong and lost his strength. I can make a man who is a life saver.

I can give back to an man that he has lost by abuse of the laws of Nature.

You Run No Risk in Using My Belt. I Take All Chances

Do you doubt