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GRAND FORKS ITEMS.

R. F. Green and H. Wright, M. P. P., Pay a Visit.

and Forks, May 26.—A phenomenal

of high grade copper ore has just

made on the Maple Leaf prop-

er on Franklin mountain. About

feet of the ore body has been

stripped, and width has already

proved to be more than fifteen feet,

claims, the other four being the

samples assayed showed re-

sults of 16 per cent. in copper alone.

Maple Leaf is one of a group of

properties owned by the late

W. W. Young, of Vancouver, and

his brothers, of Grand Forks.

On R. F. Green, chief commissioner,

lands and works, has just paid

a visit to Grand Forks. He was

accompanied by Harry Wright, M. P.,

Advertisement for Dr. Kennedy & Kergan's SINFUL HABITS IN YOUTH. Text: MAKE NERVOUS, WEAK, DISEASED MEN. THE RESULT of ignorance and folly in youth, overaction of mind and body...

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Advertisement for TRAIN ROBBERS ON TRIAL AT KAMLOOPS. Text: "Bill" Miner Positively Identified as One of the Accused Bandits.

Advertisement for THE SHANGHAI CASE. Text: Attention Called to Government Abuses Regarding Shipping.

Advertisement for Kidney Disease. Text: On the Increase. Recent reports of the New York Board of Health prove that the mortality from kidney disease is greatly on the increase.

Advertisement for TEXAS TOWN DESTROYED. Text: Fort Worth, Texas, May 29.—The town of Stamford, Texas, is reported to have been destroyed by fire.

SEAMAN DROWNED OFF HARBOR ENTRANCE

Decorated Skiff Capsized Throwing Crew of Three Into The Water.

ONE DROWNED BEFORE RESCUE CAME

Two Others Were Picked Up by Dallas Road Residents With Small Boat.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Buttery, an able seaman of H. M. S. Shearwater, was drowned on Sunday night off the entrance to the harbor as a result of the upsetting of a decorated skiff, rigged as a miniature brig. Gall and Braunton, two other seamen of the Shearwater, were rescued after being in the water for about 40 minutes.

About 9 p. m. Mr. Best, clerk of the Dallas hotel, and others, heard shouting. At first they were unable to locate the direction, but it soon dawned upon them that the shouting was for assistance, obviously from the water. Mr. Ben Phillips, who lives on Dallas road, put out in a small boat with Messrs. Gall and Braunton, and they proceeded to take the boat to Esquimalt.

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LOST THEIR PELTS. Queen Charlotte Indians Take Their Sealskins to Foreign Port.

Some Indian sealers of Masset, intended to take their catch of sealskins, valued at \$750 to Ketchikan instead of Port Simpson as usual, being told that they could get a higher price at the American port, have had their pelts seized according to advices from the North. News of the occurrence was received by the government steamer Kestrel—now painted a dull grey like a whale—when it arrived at Vancouver from northern ports.

In the North, where the case has attracted a great deal of attention, it is generally believed that the whole affair was a plan put up on the unsuspecting sealers. That it was successful means a loss of \$500 to the natives, and a profit of probably double that amount to whoever gets the skins and markets them.

Masset Indians had spent many weeks sealing off the Queen Charlotte island and had secured over forty skins, valued at \$750 to Ketchikan instead of Port Simpson. The Indians are reported to have been on their way across the strait to the mainland when they fell in with a man who told them that they were foolish to sell the pelts on the coast, and that they could get \$23 apiece for them at Ketchikan.

The Indians are vowing revenge and any person knowing the nature of this trick will understand that the corner of the net is being pulled. The man who played the trick played but a few days ago.

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B. C. FRUIT INDUSTRY. Impressions of Recent Visitor—Splendid Market Facilities.

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RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT STILL DETERMINED

Lower House Refuses to Accept Proffered Compromise With Minister.

THE CABINET MAY BE DISMISSED

Rumors That a Former Minister Has Been Asked to Form Government.

St. Petersburg, May 29.—Rumors of shift in the ministry everywhere are apparent tonight. It persistently is reported here and at Moscow that Former Finance Minister Shiloff had received an earnest summons to Petrohof to confer with Emperor Nicholas, presumably with regard to the formation of a new cabinet, although he frequently has expressed his unwillingness to take over the premiership. A despatch from Moscow to the Associated Press reports that M. Shiloff left the city late today for St. Petersburg, but that it was impossible to ascertain whether his coming is in response to imperial command. It is possible that M. Shiloff's only errand is to attend the session of the council of the empire tomorrow, but the present situation is so plainly impossible that a shift is not improbable. It also is rumored that Prince Urusoff has been summoned to an audience with the Emperor.

In the meanwhile the present ministry, among whom there is no Daniel to read the handwriting on the wall in the attitude of the lower house, is going ahead with its agrarian programme, which it hopes to submit to the lower house with a fortnight's delay in expectation to provide for the distribution of millions of acres of crown lands in European Russia. At this time the present temper of parliament, which has taken the bit in its teeth. No proposition from the government, however liberal, as shown by its reception today of the speech of the minister of justice, is apt to receive the slightest consideration. The government's policy, which the Associated Press is authorized to announce is founded on the expectation that land can be obtained by the division of the crown lands, the clearing of a portion of the imperial forests, and the voluntary sale of estates to meet the land-hunger of the peasants without the necessity of forced expropriations. The programme, in addition to the Colonization of Siberia and central Asia, contemplates the improvement of the agricultural methods of the peasantry, which are primitive and unproductive in consequence of bringing the peasants, whose gregariousness leads to their gathering in towns of populations as high as 30,000, near their lands.

The optional abolishment of the communal system by authorizing peasants who desire to do so to distribute their land among themselves, was not contemplated. This, with the abolishment of all further payments for the land under which the peasants have been groaning since 1861, will make possible the reasonable prosperity of the peasantry. With regard to the resolution of lack of confidence, M. Stiechkin said the cabinet stands on a firm basis. The cabinet would take no notice of the vote. It must not be forgotten, however, that the government is actually in opposition, the cabinet being one head and the emperor the other.

There was much excitement in the corridor before the lower house met today. An officer, identified as a colonel on the general staff created a stir by openly declaring in the presence of a score of peasant members that the list had come when the army should support parliament, which represented the will of the people and the Emperor.

At the opening of the session a communication was read outlining a plan to grant general authority to open private schools. A petition signed by 78 members proposed the appointment of a parliamentary commission to investigate the abuse of power on the part of the administration.

When the debate on the personal liberty bill was resumed, M. Chicholovitch, minister of justice, in an exceedingly liberal tone made a speech in which he pointed out the necessity for supplementing the proposed laws which he endorsed, with bills providing for the reorganization of courts procedure and orders to enable officials guilty of abuse of power to be prosecuted civilly.

The speech created much comment. Especially as the government distinctly repudiated all responsibility for the minister's conciliatory remarks yesterday and in view of the fact that it was rumored that he would be dismissed. The outcome of the minister's remarks was almost how great is the gulf between parliament and ministry, the speakers who followed him scolding his advances and declaring amid applause that parliament wanted, instead of the responsibility of the judges, the responsibility of the ministry.

SALT SPRING NOTES. Premier McBride and Hon. R. F. Green to Address Public Meeting. A Ganges harbor correspondent writing under date of May 31st says: Hon. R. McBride and Hon. R. F. Green have announced that they will address a meeting of the residents at the Public Hall at about 10 p. m. Foot racing and fireworks will be the chief attractions. The picnic will be held under the auspices of the Anglican school, Rev. E. J. Wilson is endeavoring to make it a success, and it can be safely predicted that his hopes will be realized.

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Premier McBride and Hon. R. F. Green Give an Account of Their Stewardship.

Golden, B. C., May 29.—(Special)—Advantage was taken of the visit of Premier McBride and Hon. R. F. Green who are now making a trip through this part of the province to have the ministers deliver addresses here tonight. Capt. Armstrong, president of the Golden Conservative association was in the chair and Columbia hall was filled, there being many ladies in the audience. Both ministers got very cordial receptions and spoke in an open, straightforward way on the attitude of the government in its conduct of the business in a manner that evoked frequent applause.

The premier outlined frankly what the government had done since it came into power, pointing out how the credit of the province had been re-established and showed that the improved conditions were largely due to the policy of the government. He instanced how the establishment of sound financial conditions had resulted in the restoring of confidence and inducing investment of capital.

The Kaizen Island Grant. Taking up the leading questions he dealt with the school act which has the effect of making the people take more interest in education by giving them greater local control. He reviewed the situation with regard to the railway and explained the Kaizen island matter lucidly, saying that when the full evidence now being published was before the people it would justify the government fully.

The chief commissioner in his remarks said the visit was in line with the policy established by the government to personally visit as much of the province as possible, to personally gather information of the needs of the various localities. He mentioned the growth of the lumber industry and pointed out that his department was doing the best possible for the various districts in distributing the means at its control. He spoke briefly on Kaizen island as one of the best bargains ever made by the province and being honest and straightforward.

After the meeting there was an informal reception and at midnight the party left for Windermere by steamer.

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