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### GOAL MEASURES OF THE TELKWA

REPORT BY EXPERT OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

W. W. Leach Urges Systematic and Careful Prospecting in Advance of Regular Mining.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

During the last year or two mining men have directed their attention to a considerable degree to the mineral discoveries in what is known as the Telkwa country, a region in the north coast section of British Columbia, which is believed to share with many other districts an abundant measure of rich resources. This is particularly true of the coal exposures upon the development of which a considerable amount of money is being expended. Readers of the Times, therefore, will be interested in the following extract from a preliminary report by W. W. Leach of the geological survey: He says:—

The problem of delimiting the coal areas in this district is one of extreme difficulty. The exceedingly soft nature of the coal-bearing rocks and their consequent failure to resist erosion has resulted in their removal everywhere from the higher ridges, only a few isolated patches remaining in the valleys. The total thickness of the coal formation being small, probably not in excess of 300 feet, and the folding and faulting being considerable, it is probable that even in the lower valleys the volcanic rocks occupy a large extent of the area, the coal beds having been removed by denudation; this is proved to a certain extent by the colonic outcropping in various places in the valleys of Goat creek, Mud creek and the Telkwa river, usually brought out by the action of faulting, but in several instances cropping along the axis of a denuded anticline.

The only natural exposures are to be found in the creek bottoms in the few places where the outbanking has cut through the heavy covering of drift of the wide terraced valleys. Away from the creeks no exposures need be looked for until the higher ridges are reached, and these are in all cases composed of the Telkwa, the contact being invariably marked by drift covering. It will, therefore, require very close prospecting before the extent of the coal areas is proved.

There are, at present, four companies prospecting in this region, and in the neighborhood, all of which have done some prospecting of a desultory nature.

The Cassiar Coal Company, whose property lies in part on Goat creek, a large number of the Telkwa seams have been stripped several seams about six miles up that stream.

This coal should make an excellent fuel as it is fairly hard and well able to stand considerable handling with only a small loss in slack; it is, however, apparently not suited for the manufacture of coke.

The strata here are dipping irregularly at low angles and show several small faults.

A short distance above these openings, in a high cut bank, what are probably the same beds are seen but, in this case, it appears that the two upper seams have been buried leaving their place thin beds of ash and slaty material—and coloring the neighboring shales a brick red.

A fourth seam overlying the others crops at the top of the cut bank; it shows about two feet of coal, but no regular roof was seen, the present overlying material being the gravel wash of the terrace. It does not seem probable that the burning extends any larger area here as there is no further sign of it higher up the creek, although a couple of miles down Goat Creek a similar occurrence was noted.

The coal seams near its mouth and those of the Cassiar Company, but in all cases are subject to faulting as elsewhere in the field.

The coal lands of the Transcontinental Development Syndicate are situated on Goat creek above those of the Cassiar Coal Company. During the past season two prospecting tunnels have been driven and a shaft sunk with a view of proving the number, size and continuity of the seams at this point. At the time of the writer's visit No. 1 tunnel had been driven a distance of eighty-five feet across the upper of the measures, the strata here dipping at about thirty degrees. Three

seams had been cut in ascending order four feet, three feet three inches and four feet respectively in thickness.

No. 2 tunnel, seventy-six feet in length, also cross-cutting, had passed through two seams, the lower six feet at the upper four feet level. The roof of the six foot seam is missing, a fault having cut through the seam here, but it is probable that this is the same bed which has been shown up in a natural creek where about ten feet of coal is in sight.

No. 2 tunnel cuts the strata at a slightly higher horizon than No. 1, and it is possible that other seams exist between the end of No. 1 and the entrance to No. 2.

Near the entry to No. 1 tunnel a shaft had been sunk to a depth of twenty-three feet to prospect the strata at a lower horizon than could be reached by the tunnels, but no coal had been found.

The coal measures at this point being nearer to the later eruptive areas are more highly flexed than those farther down Goat creek, evidences of faulting are abundant and the basin has been removed to a great extent. Although in all probability the same seams are represented here as those mentioned before on the Cassiar Company's land the character of the coal is entirely different.

This coal is firm and bright and may be classed as a semi-anthracite and should make most excellent fuel of its class.

As has already been mentioned, on the nearer approach to the newer eruptive areas the older rocks, including the coal beds, have been highly disturbed and the resultant heat and pressure have had a marked effect on the coal, altering it from a bituminous to a semi-anthracite; it must be expected, however, that more difficulties will be met with in mining due to the probable greater frequency of faulting and increased intensity of the folding.

Similar conditions, probably if anything intensified, prevail at the property of the Telkwa Mining, Milling and Developing Company, situated on Coal creek, a small stream running into Goldstream, one of the headwaters of the Morrice river, and not far from the head of the south fork of the Telkwa river; here a number of seams have been exposed up the creek. The disconnected nature of the work done, with the disturbed condition of the strata, renders it almost impossible to be sure of the relative positions of the seams and whether several of the openings are on the same or different seams. It is fairly certain, however, that some of the coal seams have been uncovered; in descending order these have the following respective thickness: Four feet two inches, four and one-half feet, four feet and seven feet three inches. No analyses have as yet been obtained from this coal, but in general appearance it bears a strong resemblance to that from the Transcontinental syndicate's property; if anything even more anthracite in nature.

Where these seams have been uncovered the area of coal-bearing rocks is very narrow, probably not more than a few hundred feet in width. It appears to lie on the line and on the downthrow side of a great fault and represents a small remnant of a once great coal field now mostly removed by erosion; it is probable, however, that to the southeast in the main valley of Goldstream much wider belt of coal land will be found to exist.

With regard to this field as a whole it may be said that wherever the coal formation has been exposed faults were seen, not as a rule, of any great size but in such numbers as to be a serious obstacle to any future mining operations. The coal has also been cut by numerous dikes and nearly everywhere is somewhat severely flexed. These facts, taken in connection with the uncertain extent of the second area, seem to render it imperative that systematic and careful prospecting should be undertaken, well in advance of regular mining. Some method of boring could possibly be utilized to reveal the extension of the nature of the strata underlying the great gravel deposits of the terraces; until something of this sort is done it will be impossible to define the limits of the several coal areas. It is possible that in certain cases mining could be successfully carried on by stripping the overlying gravel and shales from the coal, where not of too great depth, a method that has been somewhat extensively utilized in the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania.

THREE-YEAR-OLD SMOKER. Boy Reported to Have Used Pipe Since He Was Eighteen Months Old.

New York, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Lowell, Mass., says officers of the Lowell Humane Society exist a 3-year-old child, who was a confirmed smoker, and has used daily a cornoc pipe since he was 18 months old. The child is Andre, the son of Albert Beaulieu, Mrs. Beaulieu who is 15 years old, said she did not know tobacco would hurt the child.

HOCKEY PLAYER HURT.

New York, Dec. 15.—Alexander Verner, a substitute forward in Princeton University hockey team, in a game last night between Princeton and the New York Athletic Club, fell during a scuffle when the tip of a stick of another player punctured his left eye. He was removed to a hospital. Doctors said that he was in grave danger of losing the eye. The score was 2 to 1 in favor of the New York Athletic Club.

### CIVIC ELECTION IS NEAR AT HAND

AND FEW CANDIDATES OFFER THEMSELVES

Mayor Morley Will Run Again and Mentions Some Things Requiring Immediate Attention.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Between now and the date of the municipal election, but one month remains. According to statute the nomination day is fixed as January 14th, and the election is three days later. Despite the comparatively short time before the contest no candidates have placed themselves on record as being aspirants for office. It is well known that Mayor Morley intends to seek a second term at the head of municipal affairs, but up to date no one has definitely announced himself as an opponent to his re-election. An impression prevails there will be opposition, but if this is the case the greatest secrecy has been maintained, and no name is mentioned.

Sometime ago it was stated that a petition was being signed to invite T. W. Paterson to run for the Mayoralty. That gentleman, however, has received no such request, and it is considered extremely doubtful if he would be found willing to acquiesce.

When asked this afternoon if he intended to stand for re-election Mayor Morley said: "Certainly, I intend running, but I do not know whether any one is going to oppose me." Asked with regard to his policy for another year's municipal work, his Worship said that he was now preparing a report, which would embrace this, but he intended making it public as near to the end of the year as possible. The Mayor also stated that the most momentous question before the council was considered by the incoming council will be that of the water supply. What his ideas are along this line, however, he did not wish to discuss, at least until the decision has been made by the court with respect to the city's rights at Goldstream. There was one thing that was necessary, he said, and that was the securing of a temporary water supply to meet the demands of another summer. For this he would immediately move if elected. It would be a difficult matter to arrange, and he was not prepared to state how it should be done. Another matter which should receive the early consideration of the incoming council was that of improving the redistribution system in the city. This should be taken up before any plan looking to the permanent improvement of the water supply is considered so that it can be gotten out of the way, or nearly so, before a main is laid. In this way outside labor will not have to be secured in carrying out the different undertakings. A second question of great importance for the incoming council will be the adoption of some plan for the improvement of the city's streets.

His Worship said that one of the things to which the council has now to devote some attention is the laying out of some of the new sections of the city, which have lately been placed on the market, and which are being subdivided into lots. To bring order out of a very chaotic condition of things, he will call for a meeting of the council just prior to the regular weekly session on Monday evening, when this matter can be taken up and something done by the council when it sits later on.

IN CONNECTION WITH ELECTION RUMORS the name of Ald. Hall has been mentioned, but the doctor says he has not determined what he will do.

GERMANY AND COLONIES.

The Kaiser and Chancellor Are in Complete Accord.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—Emperor William lunched with Chancellor Von Buelow at the chancellery palace to-day, and the two ministers discussed the political situation brought about by the dissolution of parliament.

The emperor and chancellor have been in complete accord throughout in the treatment of colonial questions, and desire to relieve the government from depending on clerical party. This, it appears, will be as much an issue at the coming elections as the question of the retention of the German colonies. The imperial government and the Vatican have got along fairly well since the beginning of the late Prince von Schoenli's chancellorship, but the Radical attitude of the counter-party clerical party of recent years has been of annoyance to ministerial and court circles. It is not intended to completely break with the members of the counter party, but only to show the senate that they are not indispensable.

GOLD FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Canadian Bank Will Ship a Quarter of a Million.

New York, Dec. 14.—The Sovereign Bank of Canada, through its New York branch, to-day withdrew \$500,000 gold coin from the sub-treasury for shipment to South America.

### EXTENDING THE WHALING INDUSTRY

FOUR NEW STATIONS WILL BE ERRECT

Licenses Have Just Been Secured For This Number by Captain Balcom.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Capt. Spratt Balcom, manager of the Pacific Steam Whaling Company, returned yesterday from Ottawa, where he interviewed government officials in regard to the additional whaling stations projected by the company. Licenses for four additional stations were secured, and these will be put into operation as soon as possible. Two will be situated on Vancouver Island, one at a point not yet determined on and the other at Esperanza Inlet. The other two stations will be located, one on the Gulf and the other near Rivers Inlet. No license was granted the company for a station on Queen Charlotte Island.

The new whaling stations will be similar to the one at Sechart, and to operate them four new steamers of the Orion type will be necessary. No arrangements, however, have yet been made in connection with the building of the steamers, and it is not known whether they will be built or purchased. This is one of the many details to which the company will now devote attention and on which the captain is not yet prepared to give any information. The stations, he says, will be immediately built and in the operation of them some new methods are to be employed.

The agreement which the captain entered into with the Dominion government, whereby the steamer Orion is to be available for life-saving purposes, is only tentative, but has yet been confirmed by the time a telegraph line has been constructed to the Sechart station, as outlined in a dispatch from Ottawa a few days ago, a formal contract will be signed. The Orion, however, would be at the disposal of the government at any time she might be needed for life-saving work, thus much having been agreed upon pending the subsequent arrangements to be entered into.

### CONTRACT AWARDED FOR MOTOR BOAT

LOCAL SHIPBUILDER WILL CONSTRUCT IT

Craft is Intended for Life-Saving Work and Will Have Big Power.

Following up the several important steps already taken for the better protection to be offered mariners against the dangers of this coast, the Dominion government has awarded a contract to R. F. Stephens, the well known ship-builder of this city, for the construction of an up-to-date motor boat. This craft will be of the cruiser type, built after one of Mr. Stephens' own design, and will be suitable for surf work. Her dimensions will be: Thirty-five feet long, 6 feet beam, 2.5 feet depth of hold. She will be supplied with one of Fay & Bowen's 15 horse power combination motors, and will have a speed of 14 miles an hour.

For a boat of this size it will be seen that the power to be given the little vessel will be very great, and should serve to good purpose against tide and wind when these conditions beset the steamer on duty.

Radical attitude of the counter-party, but the doctor says he has not determined what he will do.

Situation Will Be Desperate If Coal Does Not Reach City Within Few Days.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 13.—The fuel situation in Brandon is more serious than ever, and to-day there is not a pound of coal to be had from any dealer in the city. A few odd cars have been arriving during the last two weeks, which the dealers have distributed to those most in need, in lots not larger than 500 pounds. This, and what wood has arrived, has kept the fires burning in homes, but to-day the supply is exhausted, and the only fuel to be secured is slabs. One dealer said to-night that there are at least 1,000 tons of coal on the way to Brandon, but no particulars can be learned as to where the fuel is or when it will be here. The fuel dealers are besieged by the people who are very badly in need of fuel. Many have absolutely nothing to burn, save the old boards and wood they can collect about their neighborhood, and within a day or two the situation will be a desperate one, unless relief comes.

KING OSCAR IMPROVING.

Stockholm, Sweden, Dec. 15.—King Oscar passed a good night, and his condition this morning showed considerable improvement.

### LARGE SHIPS FOR MEXICAN ROUTE

WARRANTED BY THE PROSPECTS OF TRADE

Conditions for Inauguration of New Service Very Favorable—First Steamers on the Line.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

"There will probably be steamers of seven or eight thousand tons on the Canadian-Mexican line," said J. H. Greer, local agent of the line, this morning. "There may be two freight steamers and a passenger steamer." Capt. T. H. Worsnop, the promoter of the line, is on his way West, and will arrive Mr. Greer said he was not in a position to state definitely what will be done or quote rates. But the large steamships, to which he referred, were necessary, he explained, to carry the big amount of freight offering. For instance, the company had one contract calling for the delivery in Mexico of 1,000,000 railway ties, to be cut by the Fraser river sawmill at Mill Bay. The steamer Thamis, of Vancouver, has taken one load of these south, but the balance will be forwarded on the steamers of the new line. In addition to this cargo Mr. Greer says that there will be considerable merchandise and coal and coke if the latter commodities are available. At present, however, they are in great demand, and the Vancouver Island mines are running at their full capacity.

Mr. Greer also announces that many inquiries are being received from merchants in the East, and also from a number of business men in this city as to the possibilities for trade. This it will be seen that the inauguration of the new line gives promise of conditions better than the most sanguine at first supposed. The company's contract with the governments, upon which they were granted Canadian and Mexican subsidies, only calls for the operation of a monthly service by steamers of not less than 3,000 tons. As against this the company feel warranted in placing on the route as early date vessels of more than double this capacity, and if three are run a more frequent service than agreed upon will be possible.

Yesterday Mr. Greer was notified that the G. T. Symons Company, of London, and South Africa, which is the name of the concern which will supply the service, will place the Crusader and Apollo on the route. These vessels are not of the size mentioned, but being convenient can start operations, making one or more trips until such time as they can be replaced. The Crusader was in the Royal Roads recently, having passed up to the head of the Gulf, and on a voyage from Muoran, in northern Japan, to Guaymas with a load of hard wood railway ties. She is at the latter port now discharging this cargo, and in March will initiate the service.

The Crusader is a modern steamer, built five years ago by the Sunderland Shipbuilding Company for the Eskdale Steam Shipping Company (C. Smales & Son) from whom the vessel was purchased by her present owners. She is a steel screw vessel of 4,210 tons gross, with one steel deck, a steel spar deck and deep framing, 360 feet long, 48.2 feet beam and 20.5 feet deep, rated 100 A.I. at Lloyd's.

The Apollo is en route to China with a cargo of lumber, shipped from Portland, Oregon, but will be here in good time for the commencement of the service. If original plans are fulfilled she will leave British Columbia about the same time as the Crusader sails north. She is a steel screw steamer of 3,751 tons built in 1896 at Furness for the Venus Steamship Company, and is 340 feet long, 47 feet beam and 27 feet deep.

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MY GO TO WASHINGTON.

Rumor of James Bryce's Appointment as Ambassador Creates Interest.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 14.—Parliamentary circles here show much interest in the prospect of James Bryce's appointment to the ambassadorship at Washington, and some of the Irish members asked the chief secretary to relate the story. A profusion of wreaths and flowers bore silent but effective testimony to the popularity of the deceased and the esteem in which he was held by his many friends. The Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows attended the funeral.

At the grave services were conducted by Rev. Mr. McCoy and by Bro. D. Dewar, noble grand of Columbia lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., assisted by Bro. Rev. E. G. Miller, acting chaplain. The pallbearers were: Dr. Redmond, E. A. Jacob, Dr. Garescha, George Russell, Dr. Fraser, J. A. Ribbet, Dr. Holden and Gordon Grant.

### SIX DAYS' BICYCLE RACE

Two Teams Drop Out—Races Nearly Four Hundred Miles Behind the Record.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 15.—There was no change during the night in the position of the racers in the bicycle race at Madison Square Gardens, the men did their work mechanically, seeming for the most part to be content with holding their place in the race. A few sprints were made, but they did not last long, and were without result. The lack of maintained speed in the race and the unusual delays that have occurred is indicated by the fact that the racers were nearly 400 miles behind the record early to-day. Ten teams remain in the race, and all will probably finish. Vanderstuyf and Stol, and Galvin and Wiley dropped out of the contest. Rutt and Macfarlane have shown fast work the last day or so, and many of the spectators pick them as the probable winners when the final sprint comes to-night.

### MORE FACILITIES FOR LUMBER TRADE

FIRM WILL ERECT MILL AT ESQUIMALT

Capacity of C. P. R. Ferry Is Being Utilized for Transport of Loaded Cars.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Within a very short period a Texas lumber firm will build a mill on the waterfront of Esquimalt harbor. Taking all the ramifications of such a project into consideration, the new mill will mean another impetus to the future prosperity of the Island.

The firm which intends opening up in Esquimalt is the Graham Lumber Company, of Texas. Already a site has been acquired. Arrangements have been made with the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company to run a siding to the loading yards of the new mill. The wood in its rough state will be carried by the E. & N. Railway Company to the yards of the new firm from different parts of the Island. The main material should be carried by the Graham Lumber Co. and shipped all over the world.

The facilities afforded by the railway siding will obviate many of the difficulties of transportation which beset other firms. To all parts of the world the wood will be sent directly from the mill harbor. At least, such is the present intention of the firm, although the E. & N. Railway Company suggests the lumber sent to the Island be maintained in its natural state, and if three are run a more frequent service than agreed upon will be possible.

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### FIRE RAGING IN COAL MINE

PIT MAY BE FLOODED TO EXTINGUISH FLAMES

Syndicate Offers Ontario Government \$1,200,000 For Mining Rights Under Lake Cobalt.

(Associated Press.)

Glace Bay, Dec. 15.—Fire broke out to-day in the Hub colliery of the Dominion Coal Co. The bankhead fan, boiler room and engine house were destroyed. The interior of the mine is still a seething volcano, out of the shaft a column of flame is towering high in the air, and the scene resembles volcanic eruption. It is impossible to approach it closely. The pump room, where the fire started, is just at the bottom of the shaft, 120 feet from the surface. The mouth of the pit had been boarded up and officials thought the blaze was fairly well under control, when suddenly the boards over the pit mouth caved in, and the flames shot high into the air. In an instant the bankhead was ablaze, and the flames quickly spread to the boiler room and engine house, but by hard work the other buildings were saved. It has not been decided as to whether the pit will be flooded or not. No estimate can yet be made of the losses.

New Hotel.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—John Leslie's furniture store on Main street has been sold to Jos. Bernhart for \$125,000. It will be turned into a hotel.

Changes Hands.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—The Canada Permanent Main and Pace corner has been sold for a quarter of a million dollars.

Winnipeg's Buildings.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—According to the assessment rolls of Winnipeg, there are 16,100 buildings in the city.

Liberal Candidate.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—Alex. Dunlop, editor of the Neepawa Press, has been nominated Liberal candidate in Beautiful Plains.

Seeks Mining Rights.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—A syndicate has offered the Ontario government \$1,200,000 for mining rights under Lake Cobalt. It is the intention of the company if it secures the privileges to capitalize for a million dollars.

Grain Merchant Dead.

Stratford, Ont., Dec. 15.—John Ross, aged 70, a grain merchant, known throughout Ontario, is dead.

Mayor of Brandon.

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