

New Foreman at Silver Cup Machines Start

Thos. Morris of Vancouver and an expert miner who was formerly with the Consolidated, arrived last Wednesday night to take charge of the Silver Cup mine on Nine Mile mountain for W. B. Dornberg. A new program of development has been undertaken. A further two hundred feet will be driven on the lower tunnel before a definite decision will be made in regard to installing the mill referred to last week. The air was turned on last Saturday and found to work satisfactorily so that machines are now being used. Mr. Dornberg went to Vancouver last Saturday night for a few days on another deal, but will be back in New Hazelton by the time the new tunnel work has been completed.

BOUGHT AND SOLD GOAT HIDE

Indian Agent Ed. Hyde and Cons Wynman were in Smithers last week in connection with the cases against an Indian who was charged with selling goat skin to Mr. Stoyhoff of Dorreen. The case was first brought before the local magistrate, Wm. Grant, who dismissed it. The police appealed the decision and it came before His Honor Judge Young. It appears that the Indian stopped over night at Stoyhoff's and as they would not take any pay he gave them the goat skin. The judge explained that this was contrary to the Big Game laws and, while he might himself have been guilty of the same offence as the Stoyhoffs, he had to find both parties guilty under the law. The Indian and Mr. Stoyhoff were each fined ten dollars.

Brady Got Bill Passed House Wants a Farm

Special to the Herald

Ottawa, Feb. 22—British Columbia, and particularly northern and central British Columbia, comprising Skeena constituency, was very much in evidence in the House of Commons during the past week. Mr. J. C. Brady, M. P., Skeena, had a bill before the House, No. 38, to amend the bankruptcy act, which act has been unoperative in many parts of central and northern British Columbia. The bill has passed its second reading and has gone to the committee for final adjustment.

Mr. Brady's plea for an experimental farm for Skeena received the full endorsement of the House. All parties supported the member's splendid presentation of his claim for the extension of experimental farms in western Canada. The member for Skeena has done much already to make the government and the Canadian people realize the great possibilities of this portion of the province, and its great need for better and more transportation and for agricultural assistance.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Hunter Corner wishes to thank his old friends in the district for their expressions of sympathy and for their assistance during his recent bereavement, and to thank those who sent floral tributes.

Mrs. R. S. Sargent entertained several tables at bridge last Monday night in honor of her guest, Mrs. Leel. The prizes were won by Mrs. Sharpe and Mrs. Chappell, and for the men the honors went to Mrs. Peel and Wm. Gow.

Obituary

LATE JOHN CUTHBERT

John Cuthbert passed away last Thursday in Prince Rupert general hospital where he had been a patient for the past month and where he underwent a serious operation. Mrs. Cuthbert was with him in Prince Rupert, and the funeral was held there on Saturday last. The late John Cuthbert was a native of Scotland and had been in this northern district for some years, having taken up a farm in the Bulkley Valley. He was for a time on the provincial police force and a few years ago he took over the Station Hotel at South Hazelton which he had conducted with a degree of success until his sickness compelled him to go to Prince Rupert for medical attention. Mrs. Cuthbert has the sympathy of the community in her loss.

LATE MRS. MARION GREGORY

On Thursday morning last the remains of the late Mrs. Marion Gregory, wife of A. Gregory, were brought to Hazelton for interment in the Hazelton cemetery. The services were conducted at the graveside by Rev. T. D. Proctor. The remains were accompanied by the husband and two elder sons. Besides these three there are three younger children left to mourn the loss of a mother. The late Mrs. Gregory had been ill for a long time.

LATE DONALD S. MacINNIS

Donald S. MacInnes passed away at his home in Vankleek Hill suddenly on Friday last. He was for thirty-five years manager of the Banque Canadienne Nationale at his home town. He is survived by his parents who reside in Vancouver, two brothers, barristers, Vancouver, one brother official administrator, Vancouver, a sister, Miss Isabelle MacInnes of the B. C. University staff, one brother on the Princeton University staff, two sons and three daughters besides his widow. Mrs. MacInnes is a sister of C. H. Sawle.

E. LORING LAID AT REST

The funeral of the late Ernest Loring took place last Wednesday afternoon from St. Peter's church, Rev. T. D. Proctor conducting the services, and Mrs. Myros presiding at the organ. At the conclusion of the service the Dead March in Saul was played as the casket was born out of the church. The pall bearers were Al. Laloner, J. A. Hodder, Steve Hill, W. H. Larmer, Ben Peterson and Howard Gust.

Floral tributes were sent by the following:—E. R. and Mrs. Cox and family, Dr. and Mrs. Wrinch and family, Mr. and Mrs. Myros, Mrs. C. V. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Newick and Mrs. Langlands, Mr. and Mrs. J. White, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. K. Sealy, Mr. and Mrs. A. Chappell and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wyman, Rev. T. D. and Mrs. Proctor and Jus. Proctor, Yukon Telegraph boys, S. J. and Mrs. Winsby, Mr. and Mrs. Dugate, Mr. and Mrs. Sargent and family, F. S. Bailey.

DR. WRINCH ENTERTAINED

Members of Legislature to Cheese of B. C. Production

Victoria—While members of the Legislature with evident enjoyment, nibbled at specimens of the wares he lauded, Dr. H. C. Wrinch, Skeena, told the House that British Columbia, was now producing cheese comparable with any made on the continent, especially the better grades of cheese.

The Omineca Herald is \$2.00 a year.

Threatening to Close Bridge Eight Months

Dr. Wrinch, member for Skeena in the provincial legislature writes the Herald that the Department of Public Works expects to be ready to start on the construction of the new Hagwilget bridge about the first of May and that for the next eight months the bridge will be closed to traffic. He suggests that all operators who are, or who expect to use the bridge prepare for the closing for that period.

Needless to say this is going to work a great hardship on the district, and especially as there are such bright prospects for much heavier traffic over the bridge than at any time since it was built. Not only will there be timber and ore coming to the railway, but we have information that there will be several carloads of mining machinery to go across the bridge to the mines on Nine, Four and Glen mountains.

When Deputy Minister Patrick Philip was here some time ago part of his argument against building at Hagwilget was that it would close the bridge to traffic for eight months. At that time practically everyone considered that Mr. Philip was bluffing. There has been no change in public opinion since. To tear down one small bridge before another can be built does not reflect very favorably upon the engineering ability of those in charge of the provincial department of public works. The bridge contractors might have a little to say about the matter, unless of course the engineers stipulate in the specifications that the present bridge must be demolished before anything is done on the new one. But one thing is sure, the people of the district are not going to be stampeded into changing their minds in favor of Mr. Philip's middle site bridge.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE DEPOT Are Being Advocated by Local Live Wires—IT Looks Bad now

What to do about the depot grounds is a question that is attracting considerable attention from a number of the progressive people in Terrace. There is a desire that the depot be moved a few hundred feet west of the present site and that it be enlarged very materially. Were it moved to the new location the railway company could then easily make a small park with a public driveway around it, thus making this a very attractive spot. The company would then have a good big yard on both sides of the station to provide facilities for the increasing freight traffic. There would be room east of the station and on the station side of the track for a house track, a convenience not now enjoyed by the town business men. The new house track would also do away with crossing the main line with every load of freight. These improvements, if they met the approval of the railway might entail moving the level crossing at the west end of the station yard, one block further west to allow for ample train room. Moving the crossing would not be a serious matter.

Rev. J. H. Young and A. A. Burnett attended the meeting of Presbytery in Prince Rupert last week. This was the last meeting before the general conference is called in May. Rev. Mr. Young does not expect to return to the local charge after conference and a new man will have to be chosen. Mr. and Mrs. Young have been on the northern fields for more than a dozen years and will likely be located in the south.

Dr. Wrinch is Advocating a Health Insur.

Victoria—The proposal by Dr. H. C. Wrinch, member for Skeena, that B. C. should introduce a system of health insurance was re-submitted by the northern member in his address in replying to the speech from the throne. He stated that since he brought the statement forward last year, he found general approval expressed toward it. He asked that it be considered insurance and not as a health tax.

The school tax, he said, was the nearest approach to health insurance, but it differed from it in that it was utilized for one purpose, but assessed upon all the people within any specified area, regardless of whether they received direct benefit or not. Health insurance was not a compensation, and must not be collected from the employer, as in the case of workman's compensation, because the sickness was not in any way related to the service a man renders his employer. Neither should the insured be expected to pay all the cost of the public health service which should be a charge on the general revenue.

Dr. Wrinch said that he found the scheme was endorsed by labor organizations, the advisory board of agriculture, and the B. C. Hospitals Association. Maternity benefit was payable, said the doctor, under the health insurance scheme.

TO DEVELOP KALLUM LAKE

Tourist Resort and Attract Fishermen and Tourists to District

Everett Dix of Detroit expects to close a deal this week with Mr. Cobb for his property at Kallum Lake. If the deal goes through Mr. Dix intends to make many improvements and to provide more accommodation for tourists and campers. He has a good connection in the east and believes that the fishing, boating, motoring, etc., to be had in this vicinity will be a big attraction to those people. He intends to make a try at it anyway. He is also a taxidermist and in the winter months will make his headquarters in Terrace where he will carry on that work.

SIX MONTHS FOR NON-SUPPORT

Another chapter to which the community appended the word finis was written in the life of an old timer around Terrace when he was charged with failing to provide the necessities of life for his wife and family, and was sentenced to serve six months in Okalla in which to consider his delinquency along this line. This is not the 1st time this offender has been charged with neglecting his family. His case has been a hardy perennial for many years. Last year he was before His Honor Judge Young and was dismissed with a reprimand. Sargt. McNeill of Prince Rupert prosecuted the case and the defendant appeared in his own behalf and did very well. Several witnesses were examined by the prosecution and it was shown that the defendant had been actively begging throughout the winter and when the police visited his home about three miles from town found but one single loaf of bread for two adults and five children. Cons. Service took his man south on Thursday.

Miss Hazel Cunningham, a graduate of the Prince Rupert general hospital, and well known in this district, has joined the staff of the Bulkley Valley hospital at Smithers.

Gold Ore Over \$260 per Ton Usk Property

The Columario Gold Mines Ltd., is starting to drift on a fourth tunnel. This tunnel is on vein No. 4 and at an elevation of 1500 feet. The vein has previously been exposed by open cuts and pits for a distance of about 800 feet up the hill. A sample recently assayed runs:—gold 12.12 ozs., silver 44.8 ozs., totalling \$268.00 per ton, besides some copper values. The vein is 3 to 5 feet wide.

Mr. Finnie of Prince Rupert was in town on business on Saturday.

Fire broke out on the roof of the Richmond residence on Sunday afternoon, but was quickly put out by Mr. Richmond with aid of neighbors before much damage was done.

The whist drive put on by the W. A. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Skinner last Saturday evening resulted in a profit of \$7.50.

On Monday night Revs. T. J. Marsh, W. A. Robinson and Wm. Allen of Terrace arrived to take part in the annual meeting of the community church.

Short Stories Close to Home

The Felix Club met at Mrs. Sharpe's last week and the prizes were won by Mrs. Chappell and Mrs. Turnbull. This week the Club will meet at Mrs. Winsby's.

The Anglican W. A. will meet at Mrs. Sharpe's on March 8th.

D. B. Boden, for many years a resident of Hazelton, is leaving about the middle of March for Vancouver where he intends to locate. He and Mrs. Boden will be much missed, especially in church circles where they have been particularly active.

Wm. Muever will leave Thursday for his home in Bellingham, Wash., where he has business interests demanding his attention. Mr. Dornberg will send another man up immediately to take Mr. Meurer's place. Mr. Meurer has made many friends in New Hazelton and the district who will be sorry to have him leave.

D. Hawes of the Silver Cup mine, left Saturday night for the Flin Flon.

Peter Spooner spent a couple of days last week in Smithers.

Mrs. D. Pratt of Skeena Crossing spent last Saturday night here with her daughter Helen.

Mr. Finnie of Prince Rupert was a visitor at different points along the line during the past week.

Rev. Father Cocola returned from the coast on Monday night to resume his work at Fort Fraser.

F. A. Goddard leaves Thursday for Phelan where he will join the provincial survey party on the provincial highway survey work.

Mrs. Moore and her daughter left last Thursday for Vancouver where they intend to locate. They have spent the past few months with Mrs. F. A. Goddard and Mrs. A. D. Falconer.

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For five years, 1911-1915	142,072,603
For five years, 1916-1920	189,922,725
For five years 1921 to 1925	214,726,650
For 1926	67,188,842

PRODUCTION DURING LAST TEN YEARS, \$429,547,755

Lode mining has only been in progress about 25 years, and only about one-half of the Province has been prospected; 200,000 square miles of unexplored mineral bearing lands are open for prospecting.

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QUICK NEWS

The school examinations are no doubt highly important at this date. Our suggestions are futile. However, we are of the opinion that the old fashioned spelling match was a good institution and one that could be taken up at this date with interest and benefit to many. It has a kick and thrills and is still useful.

Carl is busy with the feed grinder these days.

The new institute mill will arrive on Wednesday.

Everyone is now rushing to get the heavy hauling done as the prospects for an early spring are good.

A. R. Hawkins has disposed of his stock and chattels and will leave for

Alberta next week. He plans on taking up some of the P. R. Irrigation lands. Mr. Hawkins was in 1912, but those who came in at that time are now reduced to a very few and those who have remained should be fairly well set for the future.



TIMBER SALE X9546

Sealed tenders will be received by the District Forester, Prince Rupert, not later than noon on the 20th day of February, 1928, for the purchase of License X9546 in North Klappox Valley, Cassiar, to cut 55,000 lineal feet of cedar poles and pilings.

Two (2) years will be allowed for the removal of timber.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, the District Forester, Prince Rupert, B. C.

Men Marooned

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the cache of caribou hanging in a tree for the return trip, they found that wolverines had destroyed the meat. To feed seven dogs it was necessary to hunt, for Saul had come with a light sled.

The next morning as the east greyed the men started for the neighboring muskeg in search of the early feeding caribou. With Shot, whose rigid war training to absolute silence and obedience made it possible to take him on a still hunt, which was out of the question with the yelping and uncontrollable huskies. Garth waited on the edge of a barren for a light.

"Smell something?" he asked the dog, who stood beside him in the spruce scrub, dilating his nostrils as he sniffed the keen air. As yet the dusk hung over the white barren in gray blur. If the blue-coated deer of the north were out there scraping with round-toed hoofs, the snow from the moss, the light would soon betray them Trembling with excitement, for the great airdale had served his novitiate the winter previous on the Raff, and knew for what they waited, Shot tested the air. The man, whose mittened hand rested on the shaggy back beside him, wondered, as the two crouched waiting for the day light, if to the memory of his dog returned the ghosts of similar watches in Flemish shell-holes and listening posts. As his eyes strained to pierce the gray blanket which shrouded the muskeg, Guthrie found himself tracing the puppets of imagined trenches—listening for suspicious sounds. Then the first light filtered over the barren, and he searched for the grey-blue shapes against the snow.

Suddenly the dog at his side stiffened on his toes, his iron dorsal muscles set, and the tremor which shook the shaggy body with the suppressed whine signaled the taint in the air.

Steady. Sh. . .

Continued Next Week

BUT MANSON WAS ONLY YOUNG MAN THEN

Victoria—A considerable portion of the speech of W. A. McKenzie, Similkameen, was given to twitting the Attorney-General on his election manifesto of 1916, when Mr. Manson had advocated a policy of smelters, mining mills, purchasing stations and other advantages for the miners of Omineca, and had outlined a policy of block settlement for the lands, and had taken a firm and determined stand against political patronage. The whole house laughed at the humorous references to patronage, and to the Attorney-General's speeches, as read from the files of the Omineca Herald by Mr. McKenzie.

"I note that he was going to do away with political patronage on road work and have the roads built by non-partisan road commissioners," explained Mr. McKenzie. "I would like to ask how the non-partisan road commissioner is getting on in Omineca."

"Oh, he was a young man then," laughed Premier McLeann, and both sides, with the exception of the Attorney-General—laughed.

BRADY AND TOLMIE TOGETHER

Urge Dominion Government to Establish Experimental Farm in Northern B. C.

Ottawa—A plea for the establishment of an experimental farm in the Skeena district was made by Jas. C. Brady, Conservative, Skeena, when the House of Commons gave further consideration to estimates of the Department of Agriculture.

An appropriation of \$1,000,000 for experimental farms, included necessary new buildings, was before the House Mr. Brady pointed out that Skeena constituency covered a very large area of farming land. Mr. Brady was supported in his request by Hon. S. F. Tolmie, Conservative, Victoria, who said that such a farm would encourage agriculturists to Central and Northern British Columbia.

Mrs. A. M. Ruddy is now making good progress at the Vancouver General hospital. She left Burns Lake some weeks ago and her many friends will be glad to learn of her improved condition.

The Hazelton Hospital

The Hazelton Hospital issues tickets for any period at \$1.50 per month in advance. This rate includes office consultations, medicines, as well as all costs while in the hospital. Tickets are obtainable in Hazelton at the drug store or by mail from the medical superintendent at the hospital

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SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENTS

PRE-EMPTIONS

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Full information concerning regulations regarding pre-emptions is given in Bulletin No. 1, Land Series, "How to Pre-empt Land," copies of which can be obtained free of charge by addressing the Department of Lands, Victoria, B.C., or to any Government Agent.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes, and which is not timberland, i.e., carrying over 5,000 board feet per acre west of the Const Range and 8,000 feet per acre east of that Range.

Applications for pre-emptions are to be addressed to the Land Commissioner of the Land Recording Division in which the land applied for is situated, and are made on printed forms, copies of which can be obtained from the Land Commissioner.

Pre-emptions must be occupied for five years and improvements made to the value of \$10 per acre, including clearing and cultivating at least five acres, before a Crown Grant can be received.

For more detailed information see the Bulletin, How Pre-empt Land."

PURCHASE

Applications are received for purchase of vacant and unreserved Crown lands, not being timberland, for agricultural purposes; minimum price of first-class (arable) land is \$5 per acre, and second-class (grazing) land \$2.50 per acre. Further information regarding purchase or lease of Crown lands is given in Bulletin No. 10, Land Series, "Purchase and Lease of Crown Lands."

Mill, factory, or industrial sites on timber land, not exceeding 40 acres, may be purchased or leased, the conditions including payment of stampage.

HOMESITE LEASES

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesites, conditional upon a dwelling being erected in the first year, title being obtainable after residence and improvement conditions are fulfilled and the land has been surveyed.

LEASES

For grazing and industrial purposes areas not exceeding 640 acres may be leased by any one person or company.

GRAZING

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LAND ACT

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Dated, January 23, 1928

George Ralph Hodgins



Skeena Electoral District

NOTICE RE

EXTRAORDINARY TRAFFIC

As provided for in Section 32 of the "Highway Act", Chapter 108, R. S. B. C., 1924, it will probably be found necessary for their protection to close during the spring thaw all Highways in the Skeena Electoral District to Motor Vehicle and all Heavy Horse Drawn Traffic. Due notice of any general closing will be given, but in the meantime vehicle owners and operators will please govern themselves accordingly.

Signed,
G. C. MacKAY
District Engineer

District Engineers' Office,
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Men Marooned

BY GEORGE MARSH

The trained warrior had muffled muffle—a thrill with the scent of gun in his nostrils. Grating the exploring eye of the hunter made a shape, a long, life shod the snow with his dog at his heels, Garth circled the barren up-wind under cover of the scrub, until he had an easy shot at two cows and a bull.

"Steady, Shot!" he whispered and took steady aim. At the flash of the Ross the bullet leaped forward, ran a few feet into the wind and crumpled on the snow. As the bewildered cows circled up-wind, Guthrie fired again. A hurt cow plunged forward, seeking the scrub edging the barren, and reaching it disappeared.

"Go get 'em, Shot!" Like a wraith, the airedale crossed the barren in pursuit, as Guthrie followed, upbraiding himself for his poor shooting. A hundred yards inside the scrub he found the caribou pulled down and dispatched by the dog.

Replacing his rifle in its skin case and placing it against a tree, Garth was hastily dressing out the meat before the hide froze, while Shot explored the game trails of the vicinity, then a low laugh sounded behind him. On looking up he saw, watching him, the Ojibwa, Joe Mokoman, who called himself the father of Ninda.

Guthrie casually rose to his feet, skinning knife in hand, as he measured the sinister face of the man who faced him, fingering the action of his gun. It was clear from the glint in the small eyes that the Ojibwa still nursed the memory of his expulsion from the trade house. How far would he dare go? Garth asked himself.

"Bo-jo!" The caribou are fat this year," he said coolly, moving toward the Indian. But the Indian pointed the muzzle of his gun at Garth's chest as he stepped forward.

"You move, I shoot!" The threat of the despised Indian deeply flicked the pride of the Canadian veteran, but he was helpless. It was inconceivable that Mokoman meant to wreak personal vengeance of such a nature on a company factor—shoot him in cold blood. Yet, what was he after then?

With a great show of rage and surprise, Garth broke out with: "What d'you mean by throwing a gun on me? You know what you'll get for this? What d'you want?"

The Ojibwa leered. "You tak' de woman. You kick Joe Mokoman. Wa't you do wid de woman?"

"She is dead," said Garth quietly. "You tak' de woman to Albanee. You geeve Joe Mokoman mooch debt?"

The face of the speaker knotted with hate of the man who was measuring the distance which separated them and wondering.

"What do you want? How much trade goods?" temporized the white man as he covertly edged a foot forward in the snow.

"You geeve sleigh-load: flour, tea, blanket gun?" The face of the Indian lighted with the thought of the spoil which awaited him at the post.

"You want a four-dog sleigh load? Garth scratched his knotted forehead, as if debating the value of the goods. It was twenty feet—he couldn't make it. He must get nearer somehow, he thought.

The Indian nodded. "Four dog team—flour, blanket, all de—" With a quick movement he brought the gun to his shoulder as the white man slid a moccasin nearer. "Beka! Stop!" he cried, his swart face purple with rage. "You move, I keel you."

It was no use. There was no chance of getting close enough for a lunge, Garth changed his tactics as the evil eyes of the other narrowly watched him. Turning his back, Guthrie calmly proceeded to finish dressing the

caribou.

For a space the Ojibwa stood holding the gun on the back of the white and doubt. Then he said: "You geeve me dis stuff?"

"Sure," replied the man, busy with his knife, as he mentally groped for a way out of his predicament—puzzled as to whether the Indian would shoot if he rushed him.

"You lie—I teex you," warned Mokoman.

For a space there was no answer from the man using the skinning knife then suddenly getting to his feet and facing the Indian who warily covered him with his rifle, Garth said, good-naturedly, "You'll get the sled-load," but the eyes of the man who smiled had seen something which had started his heart pounding in his throat. His fingers, blue with cold, shut on the handle of his knife, turning the knuckles white. "Oh, yes, I give you the stuff," said Garth jerkily, his muscles stiffening as he waited. "You come to Elkwan—and I'll give you—all the stuff—you can—"

"Get him 'Shot!" roared Guthrie as he lunged forward and to one side, as a blur of black and tan catapulted into the Indian's back, carrying him head-long to the snow, as the rifle exploded. With a snap of powerful jaws the hood of the Ojibwa was torn from his head—a lunge and the long fangs met in the flesh of the shoulder; then Guthrie dragged the maddened dog from the shrieking man who writhed in the snow, arms shielding his face.

With a grip on the collar of the struggling dog, Garth picked up the rifle on the snow and regained his own, while the Indian whined over his lacerated shoulder.

"Well, how about it now?" rasped Guthrie with a hard laugh, stroking the neck of the excited airedale.

"Hold dat dog," cried the Ojibwa, getting to his feet and backing away from the black and tan fury who was straining toward him, hot with the lust of battle.

"I'll hold the dog. He wont bother you. And you stay where you are. Your going to tell your story to Saul Souci."

The evil eyes of the Ojibwa widened in surprise. "Souci!" he muttered.

"Yes, Souci is going to Akimiski to watch you people. He'll put devils into some of you before the winter is over. Now what did you throw that gun on me for? I ought to give you a good hammering."

The Indian essayed a smile but his face showed his fear. "I not shoot—I—" Then he asked weakly. "You lie when you say you geeve de trade goods?"

"I lied," was the dry reply. "Now we start for the lake. Mush!"

When Etienne and Saul returned from the muskeg, Garth told his story. "By gar, dat good dog, Shot!" And Etienne rubbed the dog's ears.

"Yes," and Guthrie took the hairy head in his hands as he smiled into the dog's worshiping eyes. "He did the trick for Garth, didn't he?" he said as he bent and rested his face against the airedale's neck.

"Dis man, I tink, come up riviere for McDonald Ha! Ha!" said Saul.

"You think he is working to get the up-river trade away from us too?" Saul nodded. "He was here before de ice, some hunter tell me."

Garth turned to Etienne, "So McDonald is out to swamp us—hog all the fur this year? Well, we'll give him a fight for it, Etienne," he said savagely, smarting with stung pride at the cool attempt of the free-trader to steal the river trade from under his nose.

"W'at you do wid dis skunk?" And Etienne nodded toward the prisoner, sitting dejectedly on the opposite side

of the fire.

Saul looked hard at the white man, who did not answer, then said in Cree: "This wease lof an Ojibwa only makes trouble. It is better to send him back to McDonald Ha! Ha! under the ice," and the Cree drew a snowy hand suggestively across his throat.

At the words, and the gesture, Joe Mokoman slowly changed color. His hands shook with fear. Drops of sweat stood out on his forehead. The small eyes of Etienne smiled with the humor, as he repeated the remark to his chief.

"It would serve him right, Saul, but I want him to take a message to McDonald."

That morning, with sleds heavy with caribou meat, the three started for Elkwan with the agent of McDonald.

CHAPTER VI

When the last ice-cap which imprisoned the north, receded, leaving in its wake the great inland sea of Hudson bay with its long arm piercing the hinterland to the south, among the many islands scattered in its track, by far the largest was Akimiski. And thro the centuries Akimiski became to be known as a favorite haunt of the black the black-cross and the silver-grey fox. And each winter the company sent hunters there to seek the precious pelts. Then came Revillon Freres, and they also sent men to winter on the island, for the spoil of its wind-swept tundra, which paralleled the west coast for sixty miles was priceless.

And now to this little land of the foxes of the glossy black and silver pelts, for which fair women would pay fabulous prices in the markets of the world, had sailed the schooner of a stranger seeking the loot of the Akimiski barrens—a man of daring who had sailed straight to the course, and whose little schooner already laid in the ice of Seal Cove. Here, while the tides, freighted with broken ice, still patrolled the strait, baring the birch-barks of daring hunters, cutting off the shore posts from all trade, McDonald Ha! Ha! was prepared to welcome the trappers of Akimiski with flour, and sugar and tea and tobacco cloth and gew gaws.

Garth Guthrie sat in his trade room with old Saul and Etienne, in council of war. For days after their return from up river, the wind had made the strait impassible for the York boat, which had been left at its summer anchorage for this use. The tide had kept the lower river open and with the right wind the thing could be done. But the Indians had shook their heads. It was sure madness not to wait for the cold, which would set the ice far out from each shore. Then they might hazard it with the canoe and the sled.

As for Jos Mokoman, he had spent the days whimpering over the sudden death which awaited him in the attempted crossing. But Guthrie had a message for McDonald which Mokoman was to carry. It was the penalty Garth told him, with a twinkle of the eye, for throwing a gun on a Company factor.

But the severe frost might hang off for weeks, until after Christmas, in fact, and the hunters would take their fur to the schooner, Guthrie argued, and the man who had lived for four years with a risk in each breath he inhaled, in every measured minute, insisted that the attempt be made to cross the strait at once. So one morning they put out with a westerly wind and by much rowing and battering and dodging ice floes, landed Saul and his dogs, and Mokoman, on the shore of Akimiski point.

Saul set out with his dog team for the camp of his sons, while the Ojibwa started down the coast with Guthrie's letter to McDonald, which ran:

Etienne turned to the smiling Guthrie. "You see, he will go with us at once. Now we will mak' de trouble for McDonald Ha! Ha! to get all dose fox skin." And he repeated his conversation with Saul.

Through the stinging air of the blue dawn, two-dog teams hurried down river. On the second night, arriving at

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Local Items

M. Myros returned from a business trip to Vancouver last Wednesday.

The Oyster Bridge Club met at the home of Wm. Meurer last Saturday night and this week will meet at Mrs. Thornton's.

Rev. Father A. Vallieres, O.M.I., of St. Joseph's church, Smithers, on his return from Prince Rupert, where he assisted at an ecclesiastical meeting, held service in Hagwilget church last Sunday and on Monday morning in the midst of a big crowd of Indians, he buried the body of Georges Patsick, a Topley Indian who passed away at the Hazelton hospital.

The halibut fishing season opened on the Pacific last week and soon there should be fresh fish on the market.

A new bishop of Caledonia will be chosen at a meeting in Prince Rupert on June 6 and 7 next.

There was quite a flutter in Liberal circles here last Wednesday night upon the arrival in New Hazelton of Organizer Hartley and several officers of the Skeena District Liberal Association. The most important feature of the visit so far as the public is concerned was the organizers warning to the faithful to be ready for a general election this summer.

F. M. Dockrill of Telkwa, Conservative candidate, went to Vancouver last week on business.

Health Service

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HEALTH

No Child need Die of Diphtheria

In Canada during the year 1926, there occurred 922 deaths from diphtheria. This represents a tremendous amount of suffering, both bodily and mental, the loss of precious lives, and the physical damaging of many that recovered; in addition the resultant expense might be mentioned.

This is a dplorable condition when we realize that we know as much, if not more about diphtheria than we do of any other disease. The germ that caused it is known, its method of spread is understood, there is a specific cure for it and, best of all there is a satisfactory and effective means of prevention. The question that naturally arises is that if such be the case, why do so many cases and deaths continue to occur? The answer to this question is that whilst we have a cure and a preventative, they are not being used by everyone, and until they are, cases and deaths will continue to occur.

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Committees Appointed and Organization was Completed

The February meeting of the Woman's Institute was held in the G. W. V. A. hall on Tuesday afternoon. A large attendance of members was present. Pres. Mrs. G. Scaman presided and there was evidenced an interest in developing a real live institute that means success this year. H. L. Frank of the Farmers Institute was unable to be present to give his talk on co-operation, but that will come again.

A resolution was read from the Hospital Auxiliary agreeing to discontinue active work for the hospital on condition that the Institute takes it over Sewing, etc., will be carried on at the Institute meetings.

Committees were appointed as follows:—

Agriculture—Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. Finter, Mrs. Hipplesley.
Legislature—Mrs. E. T. Kenney, Mr. W. Allen.

Community Betterment—Mrs. Geo. Little, Mrs. A. C. Head, Mrs. T. F. Brooks.

Hospital—Mrs. C. R. Gilbert, Mrs. A. Thompson, Mrs. Geo. Dover.
Home Economics—Mrs. C. Phole, Mrs. Warne, Mrs. H. King.

Industries—Mrs. Souse, Mrs. C. W. Sparkes, Mrs. Sundal.

Music—Mrs. O. Von Hess.

Immigration—Mrs. R. W. Riley, Mrs. Geo. Keith, Miss Kerr.

At the close of the business meeting tea was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Barker.

Mrs. T. H. McCubbin is visiting Mrs. T. J. Marsh.

Liquor Inspector Austin of Victoria was a visitor to the local store last week end.

GOVERNMENT LIQUOR ACT

Notice of Application for Beer License

NOTICE is hereby given that, on the 20th day of March next, the undersigned intends to apply to the Liquor Control Board for a license in respect to premises known as Copper Tavern Hotel, situate at Skeena Crossing, in the Province of British Columbia, upon the lands described as Lot 2387, N. W. 20 acres, Group 1, Cassiar District according to a map or plan deposited in the Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert, in the Province of British Columbia, for the sale of beer by the glass or by the open bottle for consumption on the premises.

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