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MODERN ELECTRIC LIGHTING PLANT FOR SOUTH FORT GEORGE

PEACE RIVER SETTLERS PETITION FOR HIGHWAY

Believe That Small Outlay
on Water Route via Crooked
River Would Solve the
Transportation Problem.

The Peace River settlers, located around the mouth of the Finlay river, are petitioning the government to improve the routes of access into the remote country in which they are pioneering. The Herald has shown, in previous issues, that a route into the Peace River country from this place is now as necessary to the commercial progress of British Columbia as a road from the south to Fort George was in the days when the future importance of this point first became apparent.

Bill Fox, for years in charge of the Fort Graham post of the Hudson's Bay Company, a point 361 miles north of this place, and 491 miles north of the Canadian Pacific Railway, arrived here this week from the Peace River. Mr. Fox is now a settler at the mouth of the Finlay river, together with a few other pioneers. Whilst here Mr. Fox mailed to Ottawa the following petition, the importance of which he drew to the attention of the local Board of Trade and Conservative Association, requesting their interest in the movement.

Janet Finlay and Parsnip Rivers,
25th August, 1913.

To The Honorable Martin Burrell,
Minister of Agriculture,
Ottawa, Ont.

Sir—We, the undersigned settlers on pre-emptions in the northern part of your constituency, viz., junction of the Finlay and Parsnip rivers, forming the Peace river, beg to call your attention to this part of the interior of Northern British Columbia—its possibilities and its needs.

This is a part of the interior country but little known to the outside world as yet, and is only beginning to attract the attention of homeseekers. This season seventeen pre-emptors have taken up land, and four have put up buildings and are clearing land. No doubt more buildings will be put up before winter sets in.

The soil and climate of these valleys compares favorably with, in fact, is better than the Nechaco or Bulkley valleys. It has vast mineral possibilities in the shape of dredging and quartz propositions.

Good road is also found on the Peace river which extends forty miles above Hudson's Hope. There is timber enough for local use.

It is the best and cheapest route for a railway from the Pacific Coast and the headwaters of the Yukon to the headwaters of the Mackenzie and the Hudson's Bay on the Atlantic.

For its agricultural possibilities we beg to refer you to the report of Mr. Harvey, Provincial Land Surveyor, who explored a part of these valleys in 1912. Also to Mr. Townsend who is doing some exploration work for the Provincial Government this season.

Now the first needs of a new colony are easy and safe transportation along with postal facilities and we beg of you to use your best endeavors to get as much help for us as possible at the present.

The navigation of the steamers from Summit Lake or Giscombe Portage to Hudson's Hope is not dangerous to people knowing the river, but to avoid the great loss of life and property, which happened to the intending settlers coming into the country this year by the Fraser river, it would be well for the Government to spend a few thousand dollars on the Crooked and Park rivers as early a date as possible. Several parties were swamped coming down the Crooked river this season owing to sweepers laying out into the river and drift wood accumulating on the banks.

On the Park river some work would be required just below McLeod's Lake Past and about seven miles below there is a small rapid called Cross Rapid with

the current running strong into a reef of boulders to wreck any small boat coming down. About twenty pounds of powder and a week's work by two men would clear out this obstruction and make a straight and safe channel for anybody coming down.

A postoffice established at the junction of the Finlay and Parsnip, Peace River, would be of great service, not only to the settlers but also to the prospectors and people generally traveling through the country.

At present our nearest postoffices are Fort George, 210 miles distant, Fort St. James on Stuart Lake, which is 90 miles off the water routes. The mail could be forwarded from Fort George and arrangements might be made with the Provincial Government's Forest Ranger or Fire Warden so that expense could be lessened during the summer months. In winter one or two mails would be thankfully accepted, or an easier or cheaper route could be had (via Edmonton) to Hudson's Hope and forwarded from there.

Hoping this will impress you favorably, we beg to remain,

Yours Respectfully,
(Signed by—Ten Residents.)

Mr. Fox spoke strongly of the importance of improving the Giscombe Portage road, a stretch of only twelve miles of wagon road which separates the Pacific from the Arctic watersheds, at a point thirty miles up the Fraser from this place. At Giscombe-Portage the traveller for the Peace river must portage his supplies from the Fraser river over a twelve mile road which ends on the shores of Summit Lake, the headwaters of the system of waterways which combines with the Finlay from the north and forms the Peace river near the intersection of latitude 56 and longitude 124. This road, in places, is now almost impassable, owing to the decay of the corduroy road over short stretches of muskeg. Mr. Fox states that over 180,000 pounds of freight have been hauled over the Giscombe Portage this summer. This freight could and should be delivered over the twelve mile haul for one-half cent per pound, but owing to the present state of the roads a sum of one and one-quarter cents per pound is being charged.

Prospectors and others going into the Peace River section now have to do a lot of work on the roads themselves before the haul can be made.

FISHERY INSPECTOR HERE

Leon Champion, Dominion Fishery Inspector, of the 150 Mile House, is a visitor here this week. Mr. Champion has to take care of the business of the Fishery Department in the huge Cariboo District, extending from Clinton to a point far north of the Peace River valley. He is now recommending the appointment of another inspector, to be located here, whose duties would be to look after the northern part of the district, comprised of the Stewart and Francis Lake sections. Untiring and energetic as Mr. Champion is, he has been unable to cover more than about one-half of his large territory in the year during which he has held office, although almost constantly traveling.

The Coast District representative, Inspector McKendrick, who covers the Skeena, Stikine, and other rivers, coming as far inland as Babine Lake, was recently in the interior on a tour.

Mr. Champion is an old-timer in the Cariboo district. He was connected for many years with the firm of Hames Reid, Ltd., of Quesnel, and was later manager of the Cariboo Trading Company, at the 150 Mile House. He ran for member of the Provincial House, on the Conservative ticket in 1909, when Cariboo was represented by Messrs. Joner and Yorston, both Liberals, and was only defeated by a narrow majority.

The baseball dance held in the Fort George Theater last night was well attended.

Northern Telephone & Electric Co. Will Soon be Ready to Deliver Light and Power.

The development and progress of South Fort George cannot be better chronicled than by the announcement which The Herald is privileged to make this week, of the enterprise which is now practically a completed undertaking, to light the city and the adjacent townsites with electric light generated in this town.

In these days, when large undertakings are going forward on every hand, for the supply of such commodities and services as become necessary with the steady development of this city, it is difficult to adequately set down in cold type the impression of activity and action which is slowly and surely driving the roots of the permanent city here deeper into the foundation upon which it grows.

For some months past the Northern Telephone and Power Company, an enterprise formed and carried out by Mr. Melville Brown, of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a brother of Mr. Charles M. Brown of a well known mercantile house of this city, has been busily installing a steam driven electrical plant on Lots 9 and 10, Block 15 on the river front near the Close & Brown Co. Ltd. The plant installed already will have a capacity sufficient to light all the townsite areas here, and a large direct-connected unit will be added to the capacity as soon as circumstances will justify.

The plant is driven by a high-speed heavily balanced "Ideal" engine fed by two large boilers. The generator and engines, bedded down in many tons of concrete, will supply light over the company's wires during the periods of darkness, and arrangement will also be made to supply power.

The streets are already lined with the poles of the company which will carry the transmission over the townsite. The company expects to be ready to deliver light within the next three weeks.

A subsidiary company has also been formed to supply complete systems of wiring and electrical fixtures, a large stock of which the company now has on hand. This concern will be known as the Northern Electrical Supply Company.

COUNTY COURT.

His Honor Judge Calder, of the County Court, arrived here on Thursday and held a session of his court. The principal cases were as follows: Criminal appeal; Rex vs. Mike Donnovan, theft of \$30, sentenced \$50 or 30 days.

Rex vs. Eugene Fraser, theft of pocketbook and \$90, four months.

In the civil cases Evankow vs. the Natural Resources Security Company Ltd., and the Fort George and Fraser Valley Land Co., judgment was obtained against the latter firm. In the case of Montan vs. Kelly for shooting a horse \$150 damages was awarded, and in that of Dobson and Poole vs. Schmidt et al, \$130 damages.

His Honor Judge Calder is a judge who does not permit trivial technicalities of the law to interfere with his duties towards society. At the session now ended he stated that his court was "a court of justice, and not a court of technicality," when a counsel endeavored to press a minor legal point.

NEW BUSINESS HOUSE.

Amongst the new business houses which came into being here this week, must be mentioned the commencement of a building for a ladies' and children's ready-to-wear establishment on Fourth street. The business has been established by Mrs. Walters, a recent arrival here, who has brought in with her a staff of milliners and saleswomen. Miss Patterson accompanied Mrs. Walters to Fort George.

INDIANS ARE MOVING TO THEIR NEW HOMES

SOUTH FORT GEORGE RETAINS CARNEY CUP

Quesnel Ball Tossers No Match
for Local Aggregation—Visitors Good Sports.

Last Thursday's boat brought up the Quesnel baseball team to play a series of three games for the Carney Cup, against South Fort George, the victorious team which has held the trophy since its presentation a year ago.

The first game was played on the local diamond on Thursday afternoon resulting in the first victory to the home team with a score of 16 to 2, and the Friday's game score showed Quesnel under with a score of 23 to 5 in favor of the home team.

The Quesnel boys had no chance against the local team, but they played a good game considering the fact that some of their best men were unable to attend the game.

GOOD BOXING CONTEST.

A boxing exhibition, arranged yesterday between the Vancouver boxer, Gil Martin, heavyweight champion of British Columbia, and H. Sorensen, of Magoffin Bergh & Company, drew a good house in the Fort George Theatre last night. The affair was arranged on the spur of the moment, in order that the local fight fans might have an opportunity of seeing the Vancouver champion in action.

A preliminary event between Geo. Allen and Jack Cronin, two local men did not create much excitement.

The match between Martin and Sorensen was an event which showed two clever and well matched men in action. Martin had the advantage of being in the better condition, having boxed recently and had opportunity for keeping in condition, whilst Sorensen, on the other hand, came right out of a construction camp without any recent training. The bout lasted for six fast rounds, the advantage being in Martin's favor for aggressiveness. As boxers, the two men were evenly matched. Gill forced the fighting throughout, but was unable to land any effective blows through Sorensen's guard. In the third round Sorensen forced the fighting and did some effective work, but throughout the fight it was apparent that his wind was not in good condition, and he lacked the punch. Martin is the crack boxer of the Vancouver Athletic club. He is a cool, strong fighter, having a good punch and a long reach. He was fighting rather wild in the ring last night. If both men were in the pink of condition they would put up a great bout. The fight was called by chief of police Dunwoody in the sixth round just 30 seconds before time. Sorensen was covered in a crouch, stalling for an opening, and Gill was landing heavily on his kidneys and guard, without any serious effect when the chief stepped in and stopped the fight. Neither of the men showed any sign of blood in the ring.

Two car-loads of supplies have arrived in Ashcroft for the P. G. E. construction camp that is to be established at Kelly's Lake. This camp will commence right-of-way work and grading as soon as the material now in Ashcroft has reached the ground.

A Pacific Great Eastern survey party, under Engineer Archer, arrived here on the steamer B. X. last Thursday night. The party have been working between this point and White's Landing. The B. X. picked them up at the mouth of Canyon Creek, a short distance below the Fort George canyon. They will work on the location survey in this section.

Demolition of Old Village Is Now Under Way—Indians Still Owners of Much Valuable Land Hereabouts.

The old Indian village, a few hundred yards up the Fraser river from this town, will soon be a mass of smoldering ruins. Already the houses at the north end of the village have been burned to the ground to give way to the utilization of the land upon which they have stood for years gone by, for the purposes of the dominant race which has purchased their reserve for the future site of a great city.

Most of the Indians have already evacuated their houses and have gone to their new, bright, ready-made village erected for them on the Goose country reservation fifteen miles up the Fraser from this point. The remaining Indians will move as soon as the steamer Quesnel can be secured to take their chattels to the new locations. Some are going to reserve No. 3, at Duck Lake, about 12 miles up the Nechaco river.

With the departure of the last of the tribe from their old haunts here, the torch of the white men will be thrust into the remaining houses and the village will disappear quietly in a cloud of smoke and a shower of sparks. Even the churches of the Indians will be burned, the sacred ornaments and the bell dedicated to their missionary priests being removed to the beautiful church on reserve No. 2.

When the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway purchased the rights of the reservation here, through the Dominion government, they agreed to build a new Indian village on the two reservations closest to this point. There are three reserves in a close radius of this place, situated as follows: Reserve No. 2, where the large village has been built, containing 1310 acres, 16 miles up the Fraser. Reserve No. 3, comprising 305 acres, 12 miles up the Nechaco, where the smaller village has been built, and reserve No. 4, at the mouth of the Mud river, comprising 115 acres.

The Indians have been located here since time immemorial. The tribe to which they belong, known as the carrier or Dene Indians, are supposed to have originated from Mongolian extraction. Father Morice, the well known missionary priest, whose book, the "History of the Northern Interior of British Columbia," deals exhaustively with the strange tribes of Indians of these parts, and the great pioneers who founded the fur-trade business of the old Northwest Company, and the later business of the Hudson Bay Company, which in turn was followed by the free traders and merchants of today, has written the only exhaustive treatise upon the subject of the lives and traditions of these very interesting aborigines. Years ago, in the days when only "the company" held sway in the Fort George district, the Indians were a wild tribe. Then they hunted and trapped. Every man was allotted his country, and no trespassing was permitted. The Hudson's Bay men of those days were often in danger of their lives, and Father Morice's work tells graphically of the massacres which took place from time to time when the dreaded tribes of the Chilcotin plains would invade this country.

There are Indians here today who remember the execution of numbers of Indians who massacred the engineers who were building the road from Bella Coola inland from the coast. The Indians were hung at Quesnel. There are many of the hand here who worked on the C.P.R. survey through this section nearly thirty-five years

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LOCAL AND DISTRICT

A hospital dance was held here on Thursday night last. The dance was held in the new pool hall on Third Street. The proceeds were for the benefit of the South Fort George Hospital, now in process of formation.

Mr. Chas. M. Brown, Jr., accompanying his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Brown, who have been staying here for some weeks past, left this morning for California, where they will spend the winter months. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will return to their home in New York in the early spring.

Arrivals in the city yesterday state that the steamer Robert B. Hammond is on a rock about two miles above the mouth of the Willow River, at the foot of the Giscomb rapids, and large quantities of cargo in the river indicate that the cargo has been jettisoned to get the good ship about again.

Indian Agent McAllen and Inspector of Indian Agencies Commiskey returned from a tour of inspection of the Fort St. James Indian Agency this week. Inspector Commiskey visited the reserves at Stony Creek, Stella, Fort St. James and Fraser Lake, and also the new reserves in this vicinity. He announced himself very well satisfied with the affairs of his department in this district, and commended highly the work of Indian Agent McAllen, of the Fort St. James agency.

Joseph Wendle, a well known, mining man and big game hunter of Barkerville, is visiting this town, where he has a large acquaintance amongst the old-timers from Cariboo, now located here. Mr. Wendle predicts a large resumption of placer mining in the low grade ground at Barkerville when the G. T. P. rails get within reaching distance of a wagon road to that section. "The clean-up in the Barkerville mines promises well this year," remarked Mr. Wendle, to The Herald. Mr. John Hopp, in his several properties, is expected to take out a lot of gold, and the Laselle and Bonner mines should also do well, and conditions, generally have favored the mining operators.

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(Continued from page 1.) ago. The Yukon rush, the C. P. R. survey, and other strangely incomprehensible enterprises of the white men which have never borne fruit, had, until quite lately, rendered them skeptical of the undertakings of the strangers from the south. The survey of the Grand Trunk Pacific was regarded as another strange fantasy of the white man's mind, and not until recently, when members of the tribe had seen the steel leading out through the old "leather pass" as the Indians called the Yellowhead in Hudson's Bay days, did they believe in the coming of the strange iron monster which the white man uses to make his long portage. They still believe in the powers of their medicine men, although they claim that the present incumbent, one Zel-Marie does not possess such great gifts as his predecessors. An instance of this belief was related to the writer recently by an official of the Department of Indian Affairs, who was told by an Indian that his medicine man had stopped a gasoline boat on two occasions as it ran down the Fraser river.

The new Indian villages, on reserves 2 and 3 are now completed in every detail. Visited this week by Inspector of Indian Agencies Commiskey, he stated that they were a credit to the Indian Department, to the contractors, Messrs. Bronger & Flynn, and to Indian Agent W. J. McAllen.

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Arthur E. Parsons, ex-secretary of the Vancouver Conservative Association was a visitor here this week. Mr. Parsons, who is a friend of Gill Martin, the boxer, acted as his manager on his northern tour.

Edward Hays and John M. Anderson, recent arrivals from "the outside" purchased Mr. A. G. Hamilton's lots on the waterfront in block 15 this week, and will erect a large insulated warehouse on the property for the ice trade next summer.

The new sawmill of the Northern Lumber and Mercantile Company, Limited, located on their timber limits about one and a half miles from town, is rapidly approaching completion. The new mill will be equipped with two independent circular saws, two planers, shingle cutter, and two boilers. The mill is housed in a heavy timber frame covered with corrugated iron. The company expects to have the mill in operation in about two weeks.

The Fort George Electrical Construction & Supply Company are installing a complete electrical system in the Hotel Northern. The hotel is being wired throughout, and will be lighted entirely by a gasoline unit, pending the completion of the town lighting system now approaching completion.

The benefit dance given for the hospital was a most successful event, and would doubtless have been even better attended had the weather been more suitable for the occasion. The receipts amounted to \$30, and expenses for the music and accommodation totaled \$40.50, leaving a balance of \$9.50, which has been turned over to Miss Maschie, the capable nurse, who is manager of the hospital.

The Bank of British North America has opened a branch at the 150 Mile House. Mr. H. Smith, formerly of the Quesnel branch has been appointed manager of the new branch.

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