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### NEW TIMBER ROYALTIES WILL NOT BECOME OPERATIVE IN PROVINCE FOR THREE YEARS

#### TIMBER ROYALTIES NOT IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE

AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN TIMBER MEN AND MINISTER THAT NEW SCALE WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE FOR THREE YEARS.

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Victoria, Feb. 20.—With respect to the new Forestry Act, Hon. W. R. Ross, chief commissioner of lands and forests, and leading men representing the timber industry of British Columbia have reached an amicable agreement under which the new C. scale will not become operative until three years hence.

While in the meantime interior lumbermen will have the advantage of the Doyle scale, after 1915 for a complete decade there will be a general royalty of \$1 per thousand on the coast and 75 cents in the interior. From 1926 to 1931 each will pay an additional 25 cents royalty, bringing them up to \$1.25 and \$1 per thousand, respectively.

#### COAL SITUATION SERIOUS; NO RELIEF IN SIGHT

ONE DEALER HAS NOT A POUND; ANOTHER ORDERS FOR 75 TONS MORE THAN HE CAN FILL—NO INFORMATION AS TO FURTHER SUPPLY.

The average householder in Prince Rupert probably does not fully realize the seriousness of the present coal situation. That is, indeed, serious was the statement made to The News today by Mr. J. H. Rogers, of the firm of Rogers & Black, local agents for the popular Wellington coal. In fact, Mr. Rogers said that it was even more serious than during the cold spell a few weeks ago. The moderate weather that has been prevailing for some time of course reduces the consumption of coal to a certain extent but has a tendency to minimize the real seriousness of the situation. Mr. Rogers stated today that he has orders entered for over 75 tons that it is absolutely impossible to fill out of the supply now on hand. Mr. Rogers is in constant communication with the Western Fuel Company at Nanaimo, from whom he gets his domestic coal, but can get no information as to when they will be able to furnish him with a shipment. Mr. Rogers has ordered from the latter a shipment of 900 tons of steam coal, 500 tons of which are for the Canadian Fish Cold Storage Co., Ltd. This he expects will not arrive before February 26th or 27th.

He holds out absolutely no hope of being able to get a supply of domestic coal before the end of next week. Just as soon as he has any definite word as to its arrival he will notify the public through the press and will be prepared to accept local orders. People who have not a sufficient supply to tide them over for at least ten days will be acting judiciously in laying in a supply of wood. There seems to be little doubt that the present shortage of coal will cause much inconvenience if not some suffering before the situation is relieved. Mr. Rogers also informed The News that Vancouver is in even a worse plight than Prince Rupert, which has been receiving much more coal per capita than the larger city. As an evidence of the seriousness of the situation here, the captain of the William Joliffe, which went over to Lockport this week to get the injured miners absolutely refused to make the trip until Mr. Rogers had given him a written guarantee to supply him with twenty tons of coal on his return. The Union Transfer Co., on being communicated with, said they haven't a pound of coal on hand and do not expect any for ten days or two weeks.

#### PRINCE RUPERT'S FUTURE IN THE FISHING INDUSTRY

R. LORD, WELL KNOWN CANNERY MAN, HAS GREAT HOPE FOUNDED ON SOUND REASONS—SAVING IN TIME A GREAT FACTOR.

That Prince Rupert is destined to become the most important fishing centre on the Pacific coast was the statement made in The News today by Mr. W. R. Lord, manager of the cannery department of the Canadian Fish Cold Storage Company, Ltd., and one of the best known cannery men along the coast. In support of the statement, Mr. Lord drew

attention to the fact that the chief halibut grounds are off the north shore of Graham Island, only eighty miles from Prince Rupert. Boats will thus be able to leave the fishing grounds in the evening, come to Prince Rupert, discharge their catch at the cold storage plant and be back on the grounds the following morning. The Sound fishermen

#### WIRELESS ACROSS BERING SEA

American and Russian Governments Making Arrangements for Establishment of Service.

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Washington, Feb. 20.—Arrangements are being made for the establishment of a wireless telegraph service across Bering Sea by the American and Russian governments.

#### WRIT HAS BEEN ISSUED AGAINST FISH COMPANY

Civil Suit Instituted by H. A. Philpott Against Prince Rupert Fish & Cold Storage Co.

As a sequel to the late exciting events in connection with the business affairs of the Prince Rupert Fish & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., this morning a writ was issued against the latter company by Hugh A. Philpott, the secretary-treasurer, in whose interests his solicitors, Messrs. Williams & Manson, lately have used such energy and zeal. The plaintiff's claim sets forth that he was induced to subscribe for shares in the company by fraudulent misrepresentations, fraud and non-disclosure of material facts. He further demands a rescission of the contract to take shares of the company and for his name to be taken off the register as a member of the company. Together with this there are several other claims, including financial loss through fraudulent misrepresentations as well as a demand for wages due from the defendant company to the plaintiff. Messrs. Frank S. Evans and Frank A. Ellis are named with the defendant company as defendants in the suit.

#### Brotherhood Box Social

Box social given by the Brotherhood, McIntyre Hall, Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. Ladies bring boxes with good things for two. Gentlemen bid in boxes, no bid accepted over \$3.00. Good time guaranteed. Everyone welcome.

#### Demers'

Unique styles in Gage's hats, spring 1913.

#### Southbound Passenger List

The Prince Rupert left at 9 o'clock this morning with the following passengers, for the south:

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McMaster, L. Schmidt, D. M. Moore, J. McNulty, W. Spencer, R. W. M. Hunter, D. Lyons, F. A. Ellis, Mr. Nadeau, James Girling, K. Teraro, H. McDaniels, E. Carver Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Humphreys, J. J. Sloan, A. W. Carter, J. W. McAfee, G. M. Kridler, C. S. Taylor, C. Van-Rennselaer, E. Cabaline, J. Gentolini, Glen Hyde, G. Tooker, F. R. Frazier, Ella Ford, H. C. Travers, J. F. Ritchie and wife, Al. Schmidt, Mrs. Eidelrock.

#### THE WEATHER.

The weather report at 5 o'clock this morning read: Barometer, 30.14; maximum temperature, 46; minimum temperature, 34.

to the south, he said, all have their eyes on Prince Rupert and there is a wonderful future in store for the fishing industry of this district. The fishermen to the south lose six days every time they go into port to discharge their cargo. With a crew of from ten to twenty men for each boat the loss of time means a great deal of money. In the fishing grounds around Prince Rupert no time will be lost.

#### PIRATES WALLOP THEIR OPPONENTS

Men's Own Defeated Last Night by Score of 19-6—Pirates' Second Victory

There was a spirited and lively crowd of spectators at the Skating Rink last evening to witness the second match of the season of the Indoor Baseball league. A large number of ladies were present who cheered on the efforts of the boys in a most eager and enthusiastic fashion if not quite as loudly as the ever necessary rooters, without which a baseball game would be a tame affair indeed. The Pirates, the victors in the opening game last Tuesday, added more laurels to their brow by defeating their opponents, the Men's Own, by a score of 19 to 6. Fred Henning for the Pirates at 3rd base is evidently one of the stars of the league and was noticeable for his cool and accurate play. The line up was as follows: Pirates—Ramsey, Embleton, Henning, Evans, Hardy, Lees and Gray.

Men's Own—Smith, Sherman, Weston, Garde, Morgan, Kuhn Weisfloek. The results of the two games played so far are Pirates vs. Brotherhood, score 13 to 6 in favor of the former; Pirates vs. Men's Own, score 19 to 6, in favor of the Pirates.

#### CONTRACT IS LET FOR NEW STORE

F. W. Hart Will Extend His Present Block to the Corner of Fifth Street.

Mr. F. W. Hart let a contract yesterday for the erection of a store building on the east end of the lots upon which he has a long term lease, next to the Bank of Montreal. It is Mr. Hart's intention as soon as this building is completed to let a further contract for another store on the end adjoining the Union Bank. By doing this the whole area of his leased property will be revenue producing. Mr. Hart is meeting with great success in his big clearance sale, and at the rate that things are going expects to be closed out in a month's time. He is most anxious to get to Victoria, where Mrs. Hart, who has been in ill health lately, expects permanently to reside in the future.

The Prince Rupert Amateur Dramatic Society held a business meeting yesterday afternoon in the offices of the president, Mr. Frank A. Ellis. It was decided to put on a well known comedy within the next few weeks.

The annual church service of Skeena Lodge, No. 45, Knights of Pythias, will be held on Sunday evening at the Baptist church. All Knights will meet at the lodge room at 6.30 p.m. 45

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TOMORROW AFTERNOON

#### RUSSIAN CATHEDRAL DESTROYED BY FIRE

Valuable Collection of Pictures and Paintings Was Saved—Erected in 1703 by Peter the Great.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—The Troitsky Cathedral was destroyed by fire today. The great collection of pictures, engravings and precious relics which had been gathered in the building since its erection in 1703 by Peter the Great was saved.

#### WEDDING PARTY ATTEND BALL GAME

Victorious Team Entertain Them to Automobile Trip Around the City—Groom Is Well Known Here.

Mr. Frazier Snider and Miss Evelyn Eckenrode were united in marriage last evening at 7:30 by Rev. Warren H. McLeod of the Baptist Church. The ceremony was performed at the pastor's home. Mr. Snider is head foreman for Messrs. Bates & Rogers, the well known railroad contractors operating at Mile 103. The bride comes from Spokane, Wash., arriving last Wednesday on the Prince Rupert. At the marriage ceremony she was attended by Mrs. May Graham, wife of Mr. R. J. Graham, general superintendent for Messrs. Bates & Rogers, the groom being supported by Mr. Carl J. Weber of this city.

After the happy event was consummated, the young couple attended the indoor baseball match at the skating rink. The Pirates, the victorious team, took upon themselves the pleasing duty of doing the honors, taking the blushing young couple for a tour of the city in an automobile. Much laughter and amusement was caused by the high spirited lads insisting upon taking the reluctant bridegroom with them in the front seat, whilst his newly made better half was given the place of honor behind, surrounded by a veritable bevy of doughty knights. In this fashion an hour and a half was spent dashing around the city at top speed, the trip being greatly enjoyed by all.

After spending a few days with friends in the city the happy pair will leave for Mile 103 next Wednesday, where they will make their home for the time being.

#### LOCAL JOTTINGS

Hjalmar Swanson gave himself a nasty cut on the instep yesterday whilst employed at clearing brush at Port Edward. He was brought into the city last night and the wound promptly dressed at the hospital. It will be a few days before he will be around again.

Word has been received from the hospital that the two men, Joseph Dunn and Ronald McDonald who were brought in yesterday from Lockport suffering from severe injuries through a blasting accident in a mine, spent a fairly good night and are progressing as well as could be expected.

#### Will Talk on London

At the Catholic Hall tonight at 8.30, Mr. J. A. Brady, principal of the High School, will deliver an address on "London." Everybody is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Ritchie were amongst the southbound passengers on the Prince Rupert this morning, upon a visit to Victoria.

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

#### UNCONFIRMED RUMORS SAY THAT 3,500 WERE KILLED

SITUATION AT ADRIANOPLE REMAINS UNCHANGED—BULGARIA AND ROUMANIA AGREE ON MEDIATION OF POWERS.

(Special to The Daily News.)  
London, Feb. 20.—The story of a three days' battle at Bulair, in which 3,500 were killed on both sides, received in a despatch today is believed to be a revival of the old report of fighting in that district.

The rumors that Enver Bey landed a large force at Rodosto,

current February 16th, have since been denied.

The situation at Adrianople remains unchanged. The Serbians have brought up heavy guns to assist the Montenegrins in a renewed attack on Scutari.

A statement issued tonight at St. Petersburg says that Bulgaria and Roumania have agreed to accept mediation by the powers.

#### JUDGMENT IS REVERSED IN THE ASSAULT CASE

HIS HONOR JUDGE YOUNG SUSTAINS APPEAL OF W. E. WILLIAMS IN RECENT ASSAULT CASE ON A MORE COMPLETE PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE

The last scene in the pretty little comedy that has been occupying the attention of the courts for the last few days was enacted in Judge Young's court yesterday afternoon, when the appeal in the police court case against the finding of Magistrate McMullin, in the charge of assault brought by Mr. Frank A. Ellis against Mr. W. E. Williams was sustained by His Honor Judge Young. The case which arose out of the now famous Prince Rupert Fish and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., dispute as to the possession of the company's minute book and records has been pretty well aired in the local press. Mr. Williams, who was adjudged guilty of assault upon the evidence taken by Magistrate McMullin yesterday morning and fined the nominal sum of \$5.00 and costs, immediately appealed from the decision of the magistrate. This was granted, security of \$50.00 being put up for his appearance in the higher court.

Upon coming up for hearing before His Honor Judge Young in the afternoon, Messrs. Ellis and Bacon as complainants, again told their story of the alleged assault, being subjected to a lengthy and searching cross-examination by Mr. A. M. Manson.

Mr. Williams, the defendant, in

a concise and straightforward fashion gave his version of the affair, absolutely denying any attempt at assault. He merely, he said resisted an attempt made by the complainants to forcibly take the minute book from his possession. Mr. A. M. Manson, who was acting as counsel for his partner, threw off his legal gown and took the stand in the witness box, corroborating his partner's evidence as to the attempt made by the complainants to get possession again of the elusive book that has occasioned so much perturbation. Following Mr. Manson, Mr. H. A. Philpott, the secretary-treasurer of the company, was called and gave evidence along practically the same lines as that of the two previous witnesses. Before the close of the latter's cross-examination by Mr. W. E. Fisher, His Honor pointed out to the prosecuting counsel the exact status of the case. Without calling upon counsel for either side for argument, His Honor announced that from the case presented before him he had no choice but to reverse the decision of Magistrate McMullin. In doing this he wished to state that had the case been presented as fully and clear-

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CLAIMS HE PAID LARGE SUM TO GET BUSINESS FROM THE GOVERNMENT, BUT REFUSES TO TELL TO WHOM IT WAS PAID.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—R. C. Miller, one of the heads of the Diamond Light and Power Company of Montreal, whose business with the late government was probed in the closing days of last session, was today ordered by the Speaker incarcerated in Carleton county jail until the end of the present session for again refusing to answer a question put to

him in the public accounts committee.

At the last session several witnesses gave evidence, but Miller could not be located before prorogation.

The case arose out of a statement made by Miller in the course

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