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**EXHIBITION OF OUR TRIBUTARY WEALTH.**

That is what the Prince Rupert fair really is, and it is really very wonderful. Of course we have talked of the great tributary wealth along the Bulkley and Skeena valleys that must flow into this port, and we have believed yet. Yet we never realized its greatness, and how near its fruition is to us, until we held this fair. From the display made of vegetables there is no reason to doubt but that the growing production will more than keep pace with the growing city and provide all that our citizens may need. It will be of a finer quality and variety than we are getting from Vancouver and Seattle, and it will be fresher.

Then comes the lessons taught by the mineral exhibition. This is exceedingly comprehensive for a first year and gives promise of great wealth. Great interest was taken in the samples from the Silver Standard, which was the first shipper from Hazelton. Of 282 tons of this ore shipped to the Consolidated Mining & Smelt-Company's smelting works at Trail, B.C., that company gives the following metal recoveries: "Gold, 62,323 ozs.; silver, 40,883.28 oz.; lead, 149,525 lbs. The net value of the whole was \$30,000.61, or \$106.42 a ton after payment of freight and treatment charges."

Some idea of the profit of mining such ores may be found by contrasting these figures with those of the great

Treadwell gold mine, near Juneau, where millions have been made on ore averaging \$3 to the ton. The Silver Standard is quoted to show what one mine has done while still in its infancy. There are other mines in that district shipping small quantities, and there would be more but that owing to the lack of facilities for transporting ores from mines to railway only development work can be done. By next year the temporary freight rate will have been replaced by a regular, and it is expected a lower tariff, after which production and shipment of ore will be undertaken by a number of mine owners, some of whom are exhibitors at this Fair, who are not yet ready to make an output. It will be a great mineral exhibition next year, worth coming many miles to see.

**MERE POLITICAL COINCIDENCE**

Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, crossed the broad Atlantic with Sir William Mackenzie in the Canadian Northern Liner, "Royal Edward." Of course Hon. Mr. White and Sir William's trips may have merely "synchronized." Again it may happen that next session, after many denials and contradictions, another bill will be put through parliament by the Minister of Finance handing out to MacKenzie & Mann another edition of their \$15,000,000 subsidy of last session. Hon Mr. White is worth watching.



**PROFESSOR MILTON DOUGLAS**

Who is here from Seattle as Judge in the Indian Band Contests

**SOURCES OF OUR WEALTH TO BE SEEN IN MINERAL EXHIBITION**

**GREAT MINING DISTRICTS OF PORTLAND CANAL AND NEW HAZELTON VIE WITH EACH OTHER AS HIGH GRADERS—IMPORTANCE OF COAL.**

In the centre of the space devoted to the exhibition of minerals there is a large lump of coal from Nanaimo, shown by Rogers & Black, which is useful in its present position as a means of comparison with the samples of coal exhibited from discoveries made in this immediate district. On the left as you enter, for instance, is a collection of specimens from the Kitzeukla Mines, some twelve miles inland from Skeena Crossing, mines which are today mere prospects and barely sufficiently developed to show to an expert. This is a good bituminous coal and is from a six foot vein. Mr. Vaughn-Rhys, who has staged the mineral specimens and acts as the lecturer upon them, said of this coal this morning:

"This coal is of a nature that will make it highly valuable to the industrial development of Northern British Columbia. An exhibition of this class of coal at the present time, in itself justifies the efforts that have been put forward by the citizens of Prince Rupert in getting up our Northern British Columbia fair."

Coal is also shown from discoveries on the Copper River, eight miles from the Kitzeukla, but in another divide. This is also a good bituminous.

This part of the country is also well represented in its copper ores, the claims represented by veins with that of Hazelton. The former begins with an extensive and extremely interesting collecting the Continental, Wells, Emma and Fearless groups of Kitseles, and from the Copper River country are also shown specimens of clay, gravel and building stone.

For magnificent displays of ore the Portland Canal district is one of ore gathered by an individual prospector, George Bruggy, and is undoubtedly the most comprehensive showing of the ores of that district that has ever been made.

Another of unusual interest is that of the Portland Canal Mining Company, which shows the run of the mine and samples representing the result of concentration at the company's mill. To mining men these results are of great technical interest because of the excellent character of the concentrates produced from the Overstrom and Wilfley tables, better than which

could not be found in any part of the world.

The Salmon-Bear River Mining Company has an exhibit showing lead carbonates and lead sulphurates. The Indian Mines, Limited, exhibits a very fine quality of silver-lead ores, and among other companies representing that district are the Stewart Mines, the Glacier Creek, the Red Cliff and the Big Missouri. Sir Donald Mann shows samples of ore from the Ben Bolt and Northern Terminus mines.

Among the high grade ores from there are samples from the Columbia Evening Star running \$300 the ton; the Montana group, running \$950, and the Pontiac, to the value of \$1,047 the ton. Nesbitt & Archie have a good collection of antimonial lead ore which give silver values averaging \$60 per ton.

The Stewart Citizens' Association has shown considerable enterprise in gathering such a splendidly representative collection of the mineral resources of their district.

Alice Arm is represented by copper ores from the Red Point and Dan Patch, and high grade silver ore from the Mohawk and Dolly Varden and a nice collection of silver-lead ores.

The Central Skeena district is represented by samples of high grade copper ores already referred to.

Queen Charlotte Islands show only a few samples from the Ikeda mines, and samples of sand and gravel.

The New Hazelton Board of Trade submits a splendid exhibit of silver-lead ores from mines that are already growing famous although only just beginning to ship. Fine samples are shown from the Silver Standard, the first shipper; the Harris Mines, Brian Boru, Silver Cup, Sunrise and Erie mines.

Hudson Bay Mountain makes a good showing of copper-gold ores, and has a rather remarkable exhibit of fine bituminous coal.

For a first mineralogical exhibition it is simply a wonder, nearly every well known mine being represented. Its influence as a stimulus to mining activity cannot be too highly rated.

Don't fail to visit Rogers & Black's exhibit and guess the weight of the coal. Free to everyone. 224-26

**Acting Mayor Appointed.**

At a special meeting of the council called last night Alderman G. R. Naden was appointed acting mayor during the absence of Mayor Pattullo, who left this morning for Vancouver and Victoria on business for the city. Mayor Pattullo expects to return a week from tomorrow. The appointment was made on motion of Alderman McCaffery, seconded by Alderman Leck. This was the only business before the meeting.

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