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If there is one department of the McBride administration which can justly be complimented for its efficiency it is the drafting section of the engineer's department. When it comes to a question of development and production the pen and pencil artists at Victoria can quite outstep the architect and draftsman. In fact the draftsman are the biggest asset in the administration. It is their skill that has kept the McBride Government in control of the richest province in the Dominion. It is by the particular art of the sketch artists that McBride has been enabled to "sell" the electors while Macdonnell & Mann and other favored ones have been privileged to eat up the capital and credit of the province.

If a community or a city demands a piece of public work the provincial government needs the demand with a genuine and an appreciation. The drafting department can be depended upon — a plan, complete in detail and of many colors, is promptly produced and the obligations of the government ceases. The plan is supposed to suffice. The man who asks for more is a danger and a menace to the party. He is politically taken. McBride will promise liberally and fluently, but no good citizen must ask him to perform.

Prince Rupert has had a generous allotment of McBride

plans. There were originally plans for roads, for streets, for sewers; a set or two for Kamloops Hill reservoir which the city paid for and then did the work at home; there are plans for a bridge over Morse Creek; plans for a road around the island; plans for an approach to the government wharf; to say nothing of a magnificent portfolio of scenic pictures of Prince Rupert's new court house. There was also in the early days a fine set of plans for the wharf but these were so aged before the wharf was built that they can hardly be included in the art gallery of the great things McBride has done for Prince Rupert.

When you are boozing for Rupert and the things that made it do not overlook the provincial draftsman whose splendid efforts keeps hope alive in the breasts of the building trade.

Heritage Hon. W. J. Bowser is trying to put the parliamentary system out of business for fear the machine will lay odds against him at the next provincial elections.

The Bella Coola Courier is using the fact that the Indians of the Interior have to re-build trails through the valley without recompense as a means to shame the McBride Government for its lack of enterprise and competency.



MRS. WILLIAM WALDORF ASTOR

According to a report—a remark by Mrs. Astor, making a disparaging allusion to "money bags" has led to Mr. Astor abandoning his efforts to obtain an English title. Mr. Astor went to London to enter society and into journalism to advance his son's political ambitions.

News Notes from Smithers

Smithers Tribune:
Mr. A. W. Tod is planning to build a residence on his property at the upper end of Mann Street.

The road crew building the Chockoma Lake road are now working in the vicinity of Evelyn station.

The rain of the past week has seriously interfered with hay operations throughout the valley.

H. W. Kraus came down from Rose Lake on Monday evening on business.

Joe Sexton came down from his claims on Hudson Bay Northwest Wednesday, reporting things favorably in his locality.

A trial shipment of ore from the Silver Island property on Babine Lake passed through Smithers yesterday en route to Tacoma.

R. G. McConnell, Dominion Geologist, and party are still working on the Copper River coal measures.

Harry Winfield, packer for the geological survey party now in the vicinity of Copper River was in town this week. He stated that the party lost a horse lately when the animal ran its leg through its halter and strangled itself.

While in Telkwa a few days ago T. Y. Dunlop laid out the race track on the fair grounds. Great

interest is being shown in the races to be held at the time of the fall fair, which will be far ahead of anything of that kind ever held in the valley.

W. A. Carr, road superintendent, was a visitor in Smithers this week. He states that a slough road will be completed within a few days between the bridge and Gowan for winter use.

R. F. Toland, deputy minister of mines, arrived in Smithers on Monday's train, proceeding on to Telkwa and the upper valley next morning. He is looking over local conditions that come under his department.

The formation of a Masonic Club is projected by the Masons in this locality.

Donald Simpson was down from the Victory group, on the south slope of Hudson Bay Mountain, early this week for supplies, and stated that it was his intention to start shipping ore as soon as conditions are such as to make it possible.

Wood was received this week that the coal measures of the Copper River Coal Syndicate, about thirty miles from here on the Copper River, have been sold to a German syndicate, who will start work on them in the near future. The terms of the deal have not yet been learned.

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Wood has been convinced from a reliable source that Mr. W. J. O'Neill and Miss Wood were married in Vancouver.

We learned through Mr. Beck, who has been authorized to take an order for a sash and sash-drawing device by the department of agriculture, that Mr. Rosenthal, of Riverside Ranch near Smithers, has taken advantage of the offer and will start the construction of same immediately.

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