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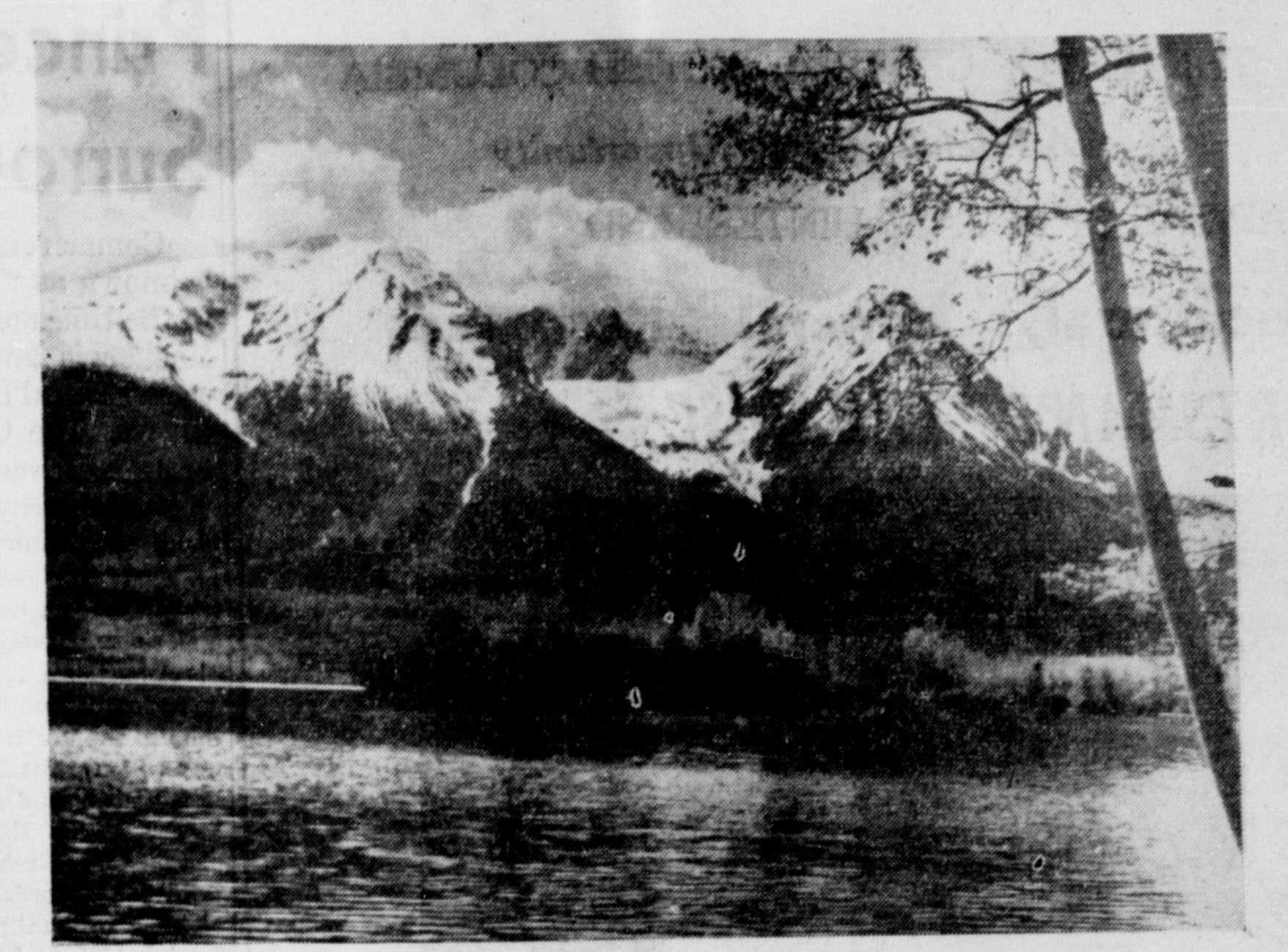
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Beautiful Hudson Bay Mountain and Lake Kathlyn near Smithers.

SMITHERS and TELKWA are Two Hub Towns of Administration and Industrial Activity

Is Thriving District and Pleasant Country In Which To Live

(By HARRY SEAMAN) A fur trader was probably the first white man to look upon the popular and evergreen expanse of the Bulkley Valley. A thrill of discovery must have been his as he noted the winding river, the numerous lakes and the white-topped mountain ranges that form the glistening borders of the valley.

Fast in the wake of the furmen came another frontiersman, the" ating in the district. Most of gold prospector. He found little of the gold stuff in the Bulkley but, in passing, he and his companions left a trail that later became a thoroughfare for hundreds of gold rushers and their packtrains on their way northward to the Klondike.

By word of mouth and by leter, news of the soil rich Bulkley Valley reached the outside and stirred another pioneer, the settler, to action. By pack train and by wagon they trekked in, of land and planted their seeds. ving agricultural district that is the Bulkley Valley today.

Just prior to the First Great War, the Grand Trunk Pacific shoved its rails into the Bulkley undertaken. Valley where they laid out the townsite of Smithers and made it a divisional point on their system. The town rapidly became the administration centre for the entire valley, and supply centre for many of the residents, while Telkwa, eleven miles east, became distribution point for the large eastern farming area.

GREAT AGRICULTURAL COUNTRY IS THIS

seed they produce, still the farm- town. Fall is the hunters season ers of the Bulkley Valley don't and if he wants to stay close to put all their seeds ir one basket. the main roads he can go after Oats, barley and wheat are also moose, deer or black bear. If he important crops mostly grown prefers birds there are plenty of for feed. Alfalfa and clover do grouse. Grizzly, caribou and very well in the district, a fact mountain goat are available too that has aided in the develop- but a hunter needs a guide and ment of dairy herds. For the a packtrain if he wants to go over most part, especially around the mountains after them. Smithers, mixed farming has proved to be the type best suited

to the district. the lumber industry in the Val- bia is one of the finest hunting ley boomed to unexpected grounds on the continent. Prince heights and today there are be- Rupert is a port of entry to this tween 20 and 25 small mills oper- | wild life paradise.

their production runs to ties and rough spruce lumber. Ties and poles and piling have long composed important production.

The (Dockrill) Bulkley Valley Collieries of Telkwa are in operation—the only coal producers in Northern British Columbia although there are vast other coal areas in the area. In the Hudson Bay Mountains the old Duthie silver mine is stirring to activity built log cabins, cleared patches as a crew works to establish the amount of ore available. If the It was they, the Heels, the Inn- quantity is sufficient, the old eses, the Charlestons, the Bar- mill will be rebuilt and the mine retts, the Sealys and others—who put into production. As well as laid the foundations for the thri- silver the Duthie ore carries zinc. lead, copper and gold. Prospectors have been busy in the Babine Mountains but so far no large scale developments have been

GREAT COUNTRY OF OUTDOORS

For the outdoor man or woman the Bulkley Valley provides a variety of recreation. In the winter the chief sports are skiing, skating and curling, and in summer there is mountain climbing, swimming, boating or fishing. There is trout in practically every little stream and lake and in the fall, salmon fishing can Noted for the excellent timothy be had at the falls near Morice-

Its huge area relatively un-During the Second World War touched central British ColumSMITHERS EDIFICE:



Bulkley Valley District Hospital.

Telkwa is the headquarters of | Smithers was established in the central interior's most im- 1912 when the original populaportant coal producing operation tion moved over from Telkwa Bulkley Valley Collieries Ltd. to the new railway divisional It is also the centre for an important mixed farming area.

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