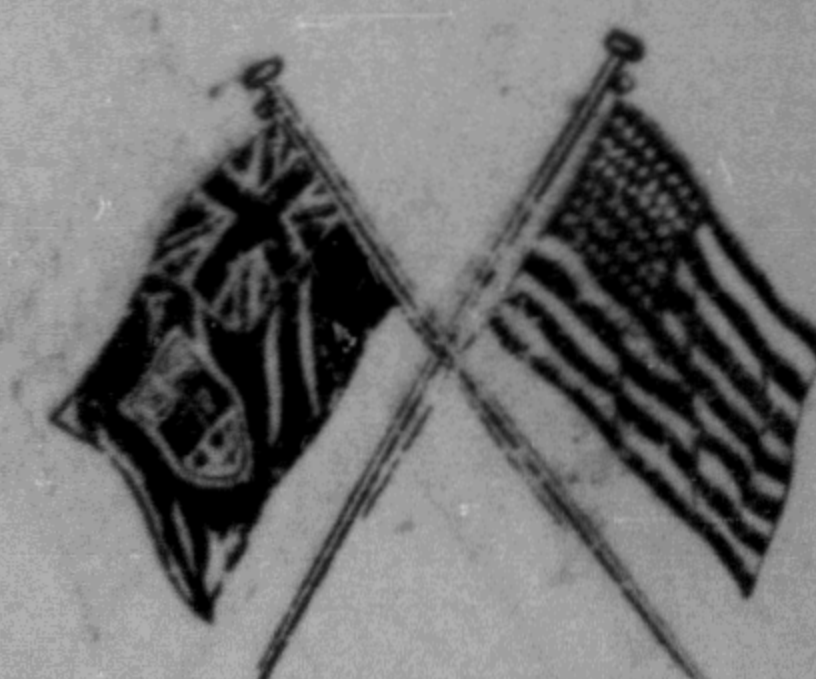


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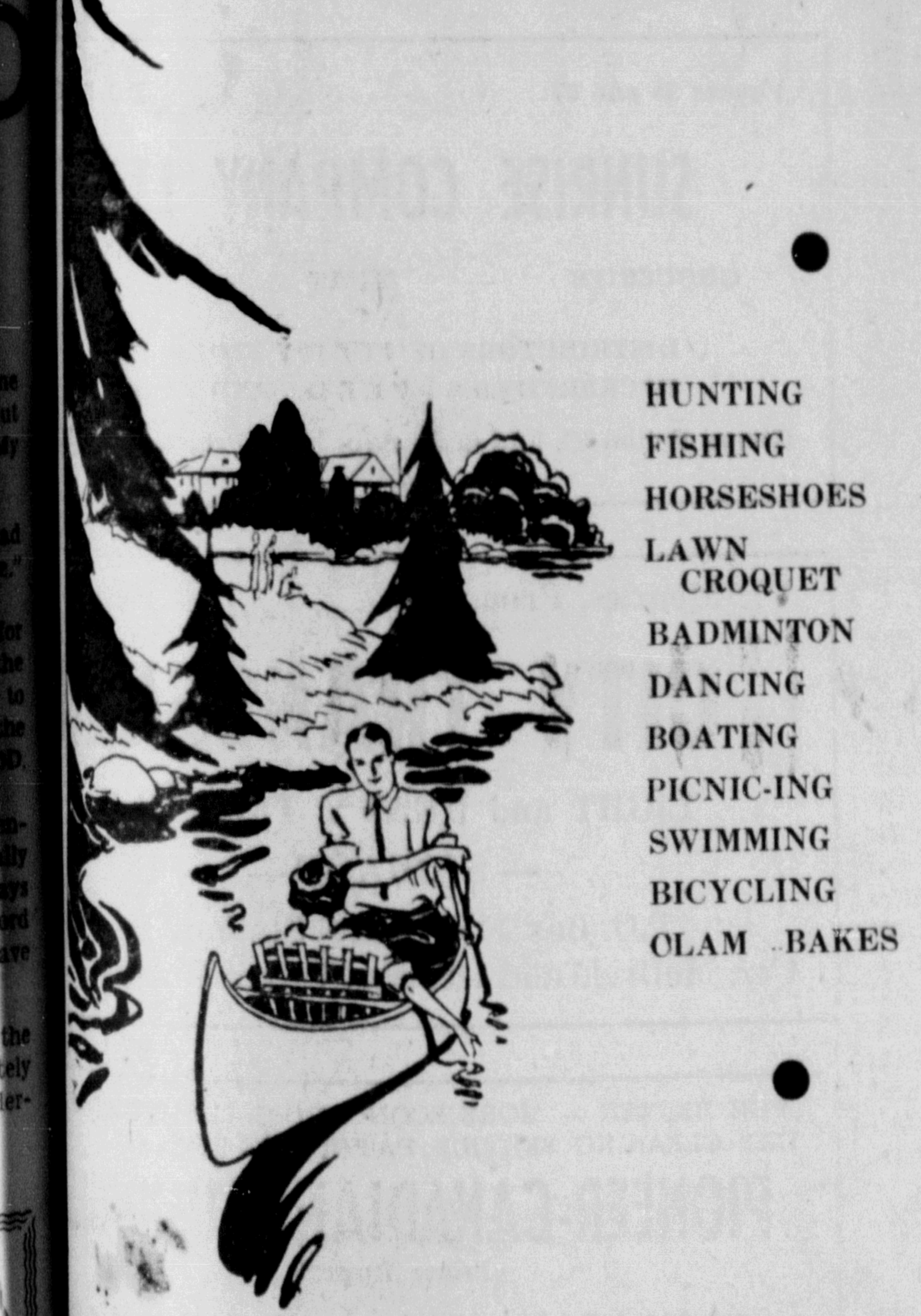
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The BERMUDAS of the North

Interest High in Northern Mines Despite Difficulties of Gold

The search for minerals in central and northern British Columbia, bedevilled in past years by a depression, a war, and finally labor trouble, is, nevertheless, making a comeback that may restore it to its crest of the roaring '20's. This is particularly applicable to base metals which are enjoying the fruits of a more or less free market.

Gold, however, caught between searing production costs and the inexorable pressure of a controlled price, has taken a body blow that in the last 10 months has caused two producing mines to barricade their portals. What the future holds for gold mining in the north only time can unfold.

But silver is a different story. With that metal buoyed pleasingly at about 70 cents an ounce two mines are in production in the central part of the province, with exploration and development work going on in several more.

Twice within the last year, producing gold properties have halted their operations when demands for higher miners' wages threatened to tilt profit margins into a red ink bottle. In the case of Silbak-Premier, a venerable, and for many years, the only producing mine in the Portland Canal district, low

grade ore had already been causing losses which made the need for richer veins inevitable. Then, last June came demands for higher miners' wages and on July 15, the mine closed.

Polaris-Taku, situated in an isolated, high-cost location in the northwestern part of the province, was a 300-ton a day producer until April 15 when a strike vote by its 150 miners closed it up.

There are, however, innumerable placer gold operations in the area between the 54th parallel and the Yukon boundary and while only a few of these are producing during the summer, a considerable increase in activity is expected this year. Last year, most of the work on placer properties was on the upper Stikine.

PLACER MINING IN ATLIN DISTRICT

In the Atlin district, there was considerable small scale operation last season. Work was limited

to placer mining, with about 50 men employed on the creeks. Some 10 claims were active, two of them using monitors, one on Boulder and the other on McKee Creek.

In the Cassiar placer field, Moccasin Mines Ltd. has probably the biggest operation on McDames Creek, not far from Lower Post. The company holds some 30 miles of placer ground on the creek, but large scale operations are hampered by lack of a road connection with the Alaska Highway. Seventy miles of new road are needed to complete the connection.

In the northwestern part of the province, near Polaris-Taku are two properties, Tulsequah Chief and Big Bull, both owned by Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. The former has been employing 35 men and the latter 30 men and both are in pre-production stages.

In the Portland Canal district, nine properties are creating interest, not counting the now-dormant Premier mine. Most remote of these is the Unuk River mine of Kalport Mines Ltd., which was discovered in 1946. So far, this is still in the diamond drilling stage.

Probably the most advanced is the Morris Summit property on Summit Lake, eight miles from Big Missouri. Other properties in this area are Tide Lake, Silver Tip, Unicorn, Indian, Big Four, Stewart Gold Mines Ltd. and the Hansa Group. Some of these have gold content, notably Stewart Gold Mines Ltd., while others are composite ores with silver, lead and zinc.

In the Alice Arm district, Torbrit Silver Mine is the brightest star on the horizon of the whole district. Indeed, it is the major producer of central and northern B.C., or very shortly will be. In 1947, this subsidiary of the Mining Corporation of Canada built a road 18 miles from the village of Alice Arm on Observatory Inlet in order to freight in supplies to the mine properties, 13 claims which formerly were the Toric mine of the Britannia Mining Co.

During 1948, a 300-ton concentrator was built, a main-haulage railroad constructed from the mine to the mill and a new cross-cut tunnel driven as the mine prepared for production.

The mill, which went into production early this year, has a capacity of 300 tons daily. A refining plant already has sent three shipments of refined silver to the United States. Its ore is primarily silver with some gold.

HAZELTON MINE SHOWS PROMISE

Near Hazelton is the Silver Standard mine, a silver-zinc-lead-gold property that is showing promise. The company owns 40 claims on Glen Mountain, six miles by road from Hazelton. First located in 1910, the mine has been operated intermittently since. It was re-opened in January, 1947, by the present company and brought into production in 1948 with construction of a 50-ton flotation mill. Development work produced 1,654 tons of ore last year, most of which was stockpiled. Last year, it employed 50 men.

Cronin-Babine mine, near Smithers, formerly the Cronin, is a silver-lead-zinc property on which work began last August. Sixteen men were employed in preliminary work until operations were suspended for the winter.

Other properties in the Omineca district are the Cascade group on the Copper River and Nicholson Creek mine, near Usk.

Two small limestone quarries are in operation along the coast south of Prince Rupert and a third may be developed in the near future. The Beal quarry in

DEVELOPMENT IN THIS AREA

Vancouver Editor Sees Big Things for Prince Rupert Area

Howard T. Mitchell, prominent Vancouver publisher and former Vancouver Board of Trade president, describing the industrial outlook in the north, forecasts that present day developments will affect northern and central British Columbia to a greater degree than hitherto. He asks the reader to consider Prince Rupert and its hinterland, picturing it as built on rock like St. John's, Newfoundland, and St. John, N.B., and with what he calls marvellously fresh air. He tells about the coming of the Celanese Corporation and the creation of a manufacturing payroll. Prince Rupert will find its water and rail transport situation improved by this acquisition of a first line industry so close to its own harbor and terminus.

If the projected new aluminum industry comes to B. C., he writes, and goes as far as Gardner Canal, it would have a stimulating effect on Prince Rupert, since it would give freighters a source of cargo north of the Gulf of Georgia. In that case, Prince Rupert's grain elevator might work again and mixed cargoes of forest products, fish, grain and aluminum might move from the north coastal ports of British Columbia.

POPULATION IS NEARING 10,000

Prince Rupert's population is nearing the 10,000 mark. Latest estimates put it at well over 9,000. In 1946, it was placed at 8,200 on the basis of ration cards. In 1941 the last decennial census showed the population as 6,714.

Only two natural harbors in the world excel that of Prince Rupert. One is Halifax, Nova Scotia. The other is Sydney, Australia.

Gunboat Pass, six miles east of Bella Bella, and the Koeve River Quarry, six miles south of Namu produce for Pacific Mills at Ocean Falls. The rock is used in paper production.

Columbia Cellulose Co. did some test drilling on the north side of Smith Island, at the Skeena River mouth last year. Three diamond drill holes, totaling 600 feet, were drilled in a limestone deposit and the cores sent out for analysis. If suitable, quarry will start sometime in 1950 and the rock will be stockpiled for use in the cellulose plant at Port Edward.

On the shore of Francois Lake, 20 miles south of the town of Burns Lake, a large deposit of perlite has been discovered and will be exploited by Western Gypsum Products Ltd., which is building a plant at Calgary. Perlite is a volcanic glass, similar to pumice, although its particles are spheroidal, while those of pumice are granular, and is ideal for use as insulation material.

MORE OPTIMISM IS PREVAILING

On the whole, while mining in the district cannot be said to be booming, it is enjoying a spirit of optimism which is aided by high prices in practically every field except gold. As the need for new mineral discoveries grows, this area cannot help but come into its own.

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