

Christmas and New Year in England



Upper Left—Piccadilly Circus, London. Upper Right—Bank of Ireland, Dublin. Lower Left—Sir Walter Scott's Monument, Edinburgh. Lower Right—Place de la Bastille, Paris. Centre—Canadian Pacific liner Montcalm.

Just about this time of year when the ad's and the weather man begin to talk about the approach of Christmas, which isn't so far away now, sons and daughters of the Mother Country scattered throughout the length and breadth of Canada feel once more the call of home. It is at Christmas time that the ties of family and friends are strongest and Christmas can only be Christmas for you in one place in all the world.

In the Western Provinces of Canada particularly, where the last few years have brought many new settlers there are happy plans being formulated this month. The heaviest of the year's work has just been completed, successful crops have been harvested, and many families are able to make the trip to the old country to spend the holiday season with relatives.

In order to meet the heavy traffic, which is indicated by the number of early bookings, the Canadian Pacific Railway will run special trains from western Canada for the Christmas sailings for Great Britain and Europe. The first of these sailings will be by the C.P. liner Melita, and tourists from all points in the West will be assembled at Edmonton, Calgary, Moose Jaw and Winnipeg where through tourist cars will be operated to the ship's side. This trip is run sufficiently early to enable travellers to have considerable time in Great Britain before Christmas.

mas, and indications are that it will be heavily patronized.

But the real rush to the Old Country for Christmas will commence with the sailing of the C.P. liner Montroyal on December 7 for which a special train will be run to ship side at Saint John. It will be equipped with through tourist cars from Edmonton, Calgary, Moose Jaw and Winnipeg and passengers will travel on the ship to Liverpool via Belfast. This will be followed by the sailings of C.P. liners Metagama, December 11 and by Minnedosa and Montcalm, December 15 from Saint John. The first will go to Liverpool via Greenock; the second to Cherbourg, Southampton and Antwerp; and the third to Liverpool via Belfast. The sailing of the Metagama on December 11 will also be augmented by that of the S.S. Letitia on the same day. Special C.P.R. trains from western points to both of these ships will carry passengers direct to the dock at Saint John.

Special accommodation for the Montroyal, December 7 will provide tourist third cabins for travellers, a concession that has in the past been much appreciated and of which full advantage has been taken.

For those who are unable to make the trip in time to spend Christmas in Great Britain or the Continent, there is scheduled a sailing by C.P. liner Montnairn, December 23 from Saint John to Liverpool via Greenock. This ship will also offer special tourist cabin accommodation and will arrive about in time for the New Year celebrations.

COAL AND GYPSUM ARE THE CHIEF N. B. MINERAL PRODUCTS; OTHER MINERALS ARE REVIEWED

(Financial Post.)

While the total revenues from all forms of mineral production in the province of New Brunswick are relatively insignificant, yet the general feeling in the province is one of surprise that the total production is as large as it is, for to date no real survey of the mineral resources has been made. Perhaps in days to come, therefore, this province may play a more prominent role in the Canadian mineral drama.

What has been accomplished to date has been well reviewed in The Financial Post Survey of Mines where W. E. McMullen says:

The following mineral substances are to be found in New Brunswick: coal, oil shale, oil, albertite, gypsum, salt, diatomaceous earth of tripolite, iron, copper, antimony, tungsten, galena.

Of these only coal, oil and gypsum are now being produced. Natural gas, which also comes under the mining law of the province, is produced in quantity south of the city of Moncton.

Bituminous coal is found in several widely separated localities in the Minto district in the vicinity of Grand Lake and in the counties of Queens and Sunbury. Here two thin seams are worked. They lie almost horizontal and are very close together being generally parted by a clay band of four to six inches, but in some cases this parting practically disappears. The larger of the two seams would have a thickness of eighteen to twenty inches and the smaller about six inches. These seams are found at distances of about six feet to about a hundred and twenty feet below the surface of the ground. A considerable amount of coal lying close to the surface has been mined by stripping off the over burden with a steam shovel, but most of the coal now produced is taken from depths varying between thirty and eighty feet. The Minto Coal Company, the largest operating company in the district, mines by the long wall method using electrically-driven, coal-cutting machines. The cutter arm works in the clay seam so that there is no coal wasted in the operation. The following day the coal seam undercut at night is dropped in place and carried by vibratory conveyor and low trucks to shaft, up which it is elevated and frequently loaded direct to waiting railway cars.

Crown Owns Mineral Rights.

In the other mines the room and pillar method is used and the coal taken out by hand. It will be realized that owing to the thinness of the coal seam, a considerable area is required to carry on a stable mining industry. Coal leases are issued for terms of twenty years renewable up to a period of eighty years. The Crown reserves mineral rights from all land grants so that mining rights are issued by the Crown on both Crown and privately owned land.

During the past ten years the minimum quantity of coal mined in any one year was in 1916 when 122,394 long tons were sold. The maximum occurred in 1923 with 251,091 tons. The tonnage for 1925 was 184,102.

There are occurrences of gypsum in at least two places in this province, Hillsborough in Albert County and Plaster Rock in Victoria County. The mining and manufacturing of gypsum is, however confined altogether to Hillsborough. At this place the Albert Manufacturing Company have for many years been quarrying and mining gypsum and passing the rock through their Plaster Mill. This mill, said to be one of the best of its kind in the Dominion, turns out various products of gypsum including principally, plaster of paris and hard wall plaster. On account of its proximity to the seaboard, shipments go abroad as well as to Canadian points.

The Canadian Gypsum Company, a subsidiary of the United States Gypsum Company, has carried on quarrying operations here but does no manufacturing.

The Plaster Rock gypsum deposit has never been thoroughly developed and although from surface indications the quality of the gypsum would not be equal to that of Albert County, it may be better than surface samples would indicate. Borings for a more thorough examination are to be made this year.

Oil and Gas Field Small.

For about twenty years natural gas has been produced in quantity sufficient to supply the city of Moncton and vicinity. This gas comes from a comparatively small field known as the Stoney Creek field a few miles south of Moncton and a short distance to the west of the Petitcodiac River. In addition to the natural gas, oil is obtained from the wells in the same locality and while no very great

quantity has as yet been produced the quality is of high grade.

As already noted there is a variety of other minerals in the province, some of which are at present being mined. Among these may be included the iron of the Bathurst mines, copper in various localities, the antimony mine at Lake George, tungsten on the South West Miramichi River above Boissetown, the oil shales of Albert County, infusorial earth from Pollet Lake and salt deposits in Westmorland and Kings Counties.

Rights to Prospect and Mine.

The system under which rights to prospect and mine are obtained in the Province of New Brunswick, follows somewhat that in vogue in Nova Scotia. Applications for the right to prospect or search are classified first as to whether the prospector intends to look for gold and silver or for other minerals. If for the former a license called a prospecting license may be issued. This license is confined in his prospecting to a comparatively small area. The site is laid out in what is called "areas," each area consisting of a rectangle 150 feet by 250 feet, the minimum tract being 10 areas and the maximum for one license 100 areas. The charge is \$5 for the first ten areas and twenty-five cents each for all above that number.

If minerals other than gold and silver are to be prospected, a license to search is restricted to a rectangular block two miles by two and one-half miles, the sides running magnetically north and east. A license to search is good for eighteen months and costs the applicant \$20. Other rights known as second, third, fourth and fifth may be applied for at the same time or subsequently either by the applicant or others and these rights come into effect as licenses to search automatically on the expiration of the right preceding them. The license to search carries with it the right to select one square mile for a working license within the tract taken up for a license to search. This license to work costs \$50, is good for two years and may be renewed for a further year at a cost of \$25. Should the prospector in the course of his operations open up a mine and carry on his operation on a commercial basis he may apply for and receive a lease good for twenty years. This lease is subject to a rental of \$50 per year unless, as in the case with coal mines, the lessee pay royalty exceeding the amount of the rental. In that case no rental is demanded.

SAYS LAWS OF ONTARIO ARE NOT ENFORCED

Port Perry, Ont., Nov. 22—In his address at a meeting here tonight, W. E. Sinclair, provincial Liberal leader, mentioned the statement reported to have been made Saturday in Prescott by Premier Ferguson that the latter knew of some of the evidence to be brought before the Federal Customs Commission which Mr. Ferguson charged was removed to British Columbia so that revelations to be made before it would not affect the Liberal interests in the present campaign.

"Mr. Ferguson makes believe to the people of Ontario," the Liberal leader said, "that he had a fund of information which will show grave irregularities. If he has such information it is an admission on his part that he had not been enforcing the laws of Ontario, but in order to make political capital himself and divert the people's attention from the main issue, he makes reference to the shifting of this commission to British Columbia. Surely the commission knows where it is to sit and what work it has to do, and if Ferguson had this knowledge he has been derelict in his duty to the people and he has no right to say to the people of Ontario now that the O. T. A. cannot be enforced."

TOO MUCH OF A TASK.

"I think a lot of Charles," said Flo "But this fact makes me blue; If we should wed I'd have to start in thinking for him, too."

Sir Douglas Hazen is a guest at the Queen.

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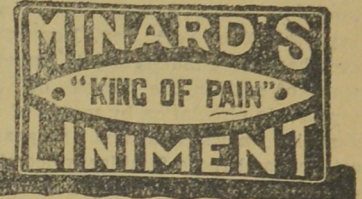
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