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FERTILE COUNTRY.

Peace River District to be Opened by G. T. Pacific.

RICHES AWAITING ADVENT OF PIONEERS.

Edmonton, N. W. T. Bulletin.—George W. Eton is in Edmonton from Fort Vermillion, in the famous Peace River valley. He has spent one year at that Northern post, and is enthusiastic regarding the immense natural resources and possibilities. Fort Vermillion is 30 miles down the peace river from Peace River Landing. It is the centre of fertile country which is destined to be a thickly populated in the not far distant future. Mr. Eton has travelled over a great portion of that fertile valley and cannot say too much for it. He has taken up a section of land near Fort Vermillion and intends returning next spring with stock and machinery.

There are two distinct Peace River valleys—the upper and the lower. Going down the Peace river from the Landing, Wolverine Point is passed. This is the commencement of the lower Peace River valley. It lies within a small range of mountains, and is in the shape of a huge horse-shoe, almost 250 miles square. The climate of this district is splendid; warm chinook winds are experienced and spring opens up as early, and summer lingers as late as in Edmonton district. It is timbered and well watered—an ideal mixed farming and dairying country, in which wheat, oats, barley, potatoes and all kinds of garden truck have not been known to fail in 18 years. Potatoes, carrots, onions and parsnips grow luxuriantly. The rainfall is sufficient and never excessive, and the country is blessed with a great deal of sunshine. The rivers team with fish of the choicest varieties.

In the heart of this splendid country is Fort Vermillion. The Hudson's Bay Company, and Breden and Cornwall have trading posts here, and a large business is carried on. Trade has been good in the North the past year, and the Indians are in first class condition. Besides the trading post, the Hudson's Bay Company have a roller process flour mill with a capacity of 40 barrels a day. They have also a good sawmill. The best grade of flour sells at \$6 per hundredweight, and \$5 and \$4 for the poorer grades. The Roman Catholic mission also have a flour mill and a sawmill. Besides the Roman Catholic, in connection with which there is an English church mission, a school is also connected with it. There is a white population at Fort Vermillion of from 40 to 50. Many farmers from the Edmonton district and elsewhere have gone into that country during the past year, and selected lands.

The Hudson Bay Company are building a first-class steamer at Fort Vermillion for Peace river work. She will be 120 feet long, built entirely of native timber and with all the most modern equipment. The builders of the steamer were taken from Edmonton some time ago.

The Hudson Bay Company have opened a splendid road from Vermillion to the end of the chutes on the Peace river, a distance of six miles. These rapids are the only obstructions to the continuous navigation of the Peace river.

Mr. Eton would advise against farmers going into the Peace River country at once. He states that there is ample work for a considerable number of men. They should take in their own supplies except flour, which can be purchased more economically at Fort Vermillion than what it can be brought in for. Horses, cattle and hogs do splendidly on the natural grasses.

No hail has ever been known to fall in this district, and during the entire winter spent in the North, Mr. Eton never experienced anything like the cold to which he was accustomed in McPherson county, South Dakota, where he lived for eleven years.

While at Fort Vermillion Mr. Eton worked with Sheridan Lawrence, a prosperous rancher. He has, besides horses, one hundred head of cattle, and one hundred hogs. He has steam threshing and chopping outfit. This year his crop exceeded 6,000 bushels almost one-third of crop grown in the district. This year

new land has been broken up for crop, and the yield next year will be larger from the increased acreage.

A HOT LIBERAL FIGHT.

Rainville and Langlois in St. Louis Division of Montreal.

Montreal, Nov. 22.—Interest in the Quebec Provincial election campaign centres in the St. Louis division of Montreal where ex-Speaker Rainville, the Liberal government candidate, and Mr. Godfroi Langlois, Liberal convention nominee, are waging a fierce contest.

Mr. Langlois is against Premier Parent, and has the support of Senators Dandurand, Beique and Cloran, as well as other prominent local Liberals.

Mr. Rainville, on the other hand has the prestige of the government in his favor, and at a meeting in his behalf, held on Saturday night, Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, in the capacity of a private citizen, upheld his candidature.

The warmth of the contest may be judged from what Mr. Rainville had to say when he addressed the meeting. He referred personally to the senators mentioned, and said their opposition showed ingratitude in view of all that he had done for the Liberal party. Referring to the late Honore Mercier, he credited that gentleman with having turned sentiment in the Province of Quebec, paving the way for Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. Rainville also declared that those who were opposing him now had offered him a senatorship, but he had declined, because he had not wanted to go to the capital and sit with a hypocrite like Beique, a gall-singer like Dandurand, and a rattle-brain like Cloran.

Said "Good-bye" to His Family.

Dying of Weakness—Given up by Doctors as an Incurable and Hopeless Wreck.

FERROZONE

SAVED HIS LIFE!

After reading the following letter from Mr. H. A. Thurston, of 228 Vermont street, east, Indianapolis, Ind., no one will ever doubt the merit of Ferrozone.

"A year ago I took the grippe. I was as weak as a child. I was no longer able to eat. My blood was thin. My cheeks were white and hollow.

"Doctors gave me all kinds of medicine, but none of them brought me strength.

"My friends said I was wasting away with some slow disease, and I bid them good-bye.

"Then I heard of the wonderful Ferrozone.

"After three days it gave me an appetite. I gained strength and became cheerful. Under Ferrozone I improved steadily. I am well today. I weigh fifteen pounds heavier than ever before, and feel like a new man.

(Signed) "H. A. Thurston."

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A TEN PER CENT. REWARD.

What Scotland Yard Expects on Recovering Goods.

New York, Nov. 22.—A special cable despatch to the Sun from London says that Mrs. R. A. Smith, a wealthy Canadian who is residing at the Carlton, is in a state of much discontent, though she recovered £20,000 worth of jewels the day after she left them in a cab.

When the caddy discovered the jewels he took them to Scotland Yard. Mrs. Smith was delighted to hear that she only had to go and identify her property in order to recover it. When she found out that she had to pay 10 per cent. of the value of the jewels, which goes to the caddy, her joy was tempered with regret.

She wants to know why the cabman when he discovered the jewels did not bring them back to the Carlton from which he took her. The caddy naturally preferred the sure 10 per cent. of the jewels which he would receive from Scotland Yard to a chance appreciation of his honesty.

ARTHABASKAVILLE.

The Home of Canada's Greatest Statesman,

AND SIR WILFRID'S CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Montreal Herald: To attempt to make a trip to Arthabasca, better known as Victoriaville, and the little town of Arthabaskaville, some two miles drive away, is to realize most keenly the fact that Quebec, in some parts, is decidedly "Canadien," and full of "Johnny Baptists," and his kind. When you leave the train at Arthabasca station you step into a country which speaks, writes, thinks and typifies the French. There is but one nationality, one religion and one political party, for the people are, almost without exception, French, Catholic and Liberal.

If one has not, at least, a friendly conversational acquaintance with the French language, he will find himself often at a loss as to what to do, for the girls in the hotel dining-rooms can understand no other tongue and the man on the street will shake his head and answer your query "Sais pas," for information must be sought and given by this silver tongue alone.

It is in such a town as this that one can see and feel the difference which is undeniably felt between the two races, a distinction which, however, in such a town as this rather increases than diminishes the kindness and hospitality of the one race to the other.

An old French "habitant," talking in his own tongue between puffs on his white clay pipe, said inquiringly: "Many 'Canadiens' at Montreal?"

"Canadiens" is the way they have of designating the French alone, and when I told him we were all "Canadien," both English and French, he looked at me inquiringly and doubtfully, for to the "habitant" we are English; they are "Canadiens."

As they are in race, so in religion, for they are all Catholics, and in Arthabasca, Victoriaville and Arthabaskaville there are but two churches, the finest churches I have ever yet seen in the township, both French Catholic. Arthabaskaville has a boys' college and its girls' convent, both Catholic institutions, and Victoriaville is entirely Catholic in its educational institutions.

In politics they are all Liberal, and I understand now as never before why Sir Wilfrid Laurier is so solidly supported by the French parishes. He stands for all that is dear to them. He is of their nationality and they know little of any other. He is of their faith and they do not know even the church spire of another; in short, he is one of them.

When Sir Wilfrid was but an "avocat," he used to practice his profession at the town of Arthabaskaville. To reach Arthabaskaville one must drive two miles or so from the railway station at Victoriaville. It is a typical prosperous French town, and his residence, a solid but unpretentious brick house, on occasions is even now visited by him. Naturally it is pointed out to all strangers as the thing of principal interest in the town. Everyone has seen him, and heard him talk, and for unanimous Liberal feeling you have only to find yourself in these towns.

What impresses one very much were the neatness, prosperity and thrift that evidenced themselves on every hand. The homes, though many were small and plain, were neat and well cared for. The boys and girls, for there are plenty of children in these French parishes, were rosy and healthy-looking; staunch little French-Catholic Liberals already.

You will find no race, nor party, nor religious factions here, for there is but one of each. The commercial traveller who speaks English is a great boon to the bewildered travellers who know only two phrases in the silver tongue, "sais pas" and "Comprend pas."

In speaking of the people one must except the professional men, who of course, are familiar with both languages, and one must note the evidence of loyalty that is found on every hand by pictures

of the King, the crest the crown, etc. They are more apparent than in many English towns I have visited.

WHOLE CREW MISSING.

Loss of the Lumber Barkentine Makaweli.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 22.—When the steamer Queen City returned from the west coast points last evening she brought news of the first wreck which has occurred on the coast of this island since the winter storms set in. The vessel lost is the San Francisco barkentine Makaweli, Capt. Nelson, which loaded lumber at Tacoma last month and sailed for Mazatlan on October 31.

The crew of the Queen City learned of quantities of lumber having been recently washed ashore, especially at Hesquoit, also of the stern of a vessel having drifted in from sea on one of the islands, which bore evidence of having lately met destruction.

The Queen City's mail furthermore contained a private message from The Times' correspondent at Clayoquot, which reports that Masso, a Clayoquot Indian, in searching for wreckage off the island ranch near Lennard Island, came across a lifebuoy marked "Makaweli, H. R. & Co., San Francisco." The message further states that it is presumed that the buoy belonged to a lumber-laden vessel, as great quantities of lumber are strewn along the beach.

Reference to shipping papers shows the barkentine to belong to Hind, Ralph & Co. of San Francisco. She is a four-masted wooden vessel, and was built by W. A. Boole & Son, Oakland, in 1902. Her dimensions are given as follows:—Gross tonnage, 1,000 tons; net, 889 tons; length, 184 1 feet; beam, 39 5 feet; and depth of hold 17 5 feet. A vessel of this description should be capable of carrying about a million feet of lumber.

In the present instance further information may be forthcoming, but with a continuance of bad weather the probabilities are that all that will ever be heard of the Makaweli has been published in the reports above.

As for Capt. Nelson and his crew, which would be comprised of not less than a dozen men, they could hardly escape alive. Probably where the lifebuoy was discovered is the place where they made a brave but futile fight for life.

The weather which has prevailed this month has been characterized by a succession of strong easterly and westerly winds, and, according to meteorological reports, the centre of one or two of the severest storms of the month has been on the west coast of this island.

A WORD TO WOMEN.

Any sick woman is invited to consult by letter with Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. on an active practice of more than thirty years, assisted by a staff of nearly a score of associate physicians. Dr. Pierce has treated and cured over half a million women. All diseases peculiar to women are treated with success. This consultation by letter is absolutely free. Every letter is treated as strictly private and sacredly confidential. Answers are mailed promptly giving the best of medical advice. All answers are sent in plain envelopes bearing on them no printing of any kind. Write without fear and without fee to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

It is a great affliction for a woman to be blind about the time spring millinery is placed on display.

A DEAD TIRED FEELING.

And utter weariness are due to the blood being weakened through faulty action of the kidneys and liver. It's a surplus of energy, lots of red vitalizing blood you need and it can be acquired by using Ferrozone, the greatest strengthening tonic made. "No tonic equals Ferrozone," writes H. E. Jennings of Westport. "Last spring I was tired and depressed, had headache and lacer strength. Ferrozone soon brought me to good health and made me well." Price 50c. at all druggists.

Bradstreet has made the statistical discovery that 80 per cent. of the merchants who fail, failed to advertise.

Please bear in mind that what is called a skin disease may be but a symptom of bad blood. In that case, Weaver's Cerate, externally applied, should be supplemented with Weaver's Syrup, taken daily.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder dusted in the bath softens the water at the same time that it disinfects.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Items Culled from Exchanges and Elsewhere.

Mr. Harwood, ex-M. P. for Vaudreuil, has been appointed postmaster of Montreal, vice Beausoleil, deceased.

Rev. T. A. Corbett, Baptist pastor at Canning, N. S., has resigned, and will take charge of the Baptist church at Woodstock, N. B.

Mrs. Travers, wife of Dr. Boyle Travers of St. John, died quite suddenly Monday night from apoplexy. She was a sister of the late Bishop Sweeney of St. John, and is mourned by her husband and five children.

Matthew Wells, a sailor, hailing from Newfoundland, 30 years old, and unmarried, was killed at Sand Point, St. John, Monday afternoon by falling between the steamship Ionian, on which he was engaged, and the wharf where the ship was moored.

The Folautse Islands, northeast of Celebes, Malay Archipelago, have been visited by a disastrous hurricane, causing the sea to rise to such an extent that it flooded the islands and left 30,000 persons destitute, their homes, boats and plantations being destroyed.

Bandon and Sutherland, of Kingston have been awarded the contract for erecting the Canadian mint in Ottawa. The price is \$262,000. The contract for the Royal Victoria museum also at Ottawa has been awarded to Goe. Goodwin, of Ottawa, for about \$950,000.

Sir Elzear Taschereau, chief justice of Canada, was sworn in Monday afternoon at Ottawa, administrator of the Dominion. He will act in that capacity until the arrival of Earl Grey. The half of the salary goes to administrator and the other half to Lord Minto until such time as his successor has been sworn in.

The British srt. Aros Castle, Captain Day, 57 days out from Java, with a cargo of sugar, reports at Philadelphia, the probable foundering on Nov. 15 of the Spanish bark Tafalla, with her crew of 15 men during the recent southern storm. The steamer stood by the sinking bark for two days, and on the second night the Spanish vessel disappeared.

By Judge Snider's decision in the Wentworth election recount, Smith, Conservative, is elected by ten majority. The judge threw out the ballots in Beverly township polling subdivision, where Adam Velens, deputy returning officer, illegally numbered ballots. Had ballots been counted W. O. Sealy, Liberal, would have been elected by 15, his majority having been reduced from 20 by recount.

Rev. E. M. Nelson, Andrew and Charles Nelson, brothers, were married Monday at Chippewa Falls, to Jessie Johnson, Amanda Johnson and Clara Johnson, sisters. After the tripple ceremony, Rev. C. J. Erdman, who officiated asked Rev. Mr. Nelson, one of the newly married brothers, to marry him to one of the guests. All the bridegrooms and brides will spend their honeymoon at the World's Fair.

A peculiar fatality occurred as the Gulf ferry landed at the Vancouver wharf Thursday morning. Miss Lloyd, of Spokane, had been suffering from tonsillitis and had been in Victoria and had her throat operated upon. As she came on deck to leave the boat the thick fog affected her throat so much that it brought on a coughing spell. After vainly gasping for breath a few minutes she fell to the deck and expired.

TO PREVENT LUNG TROUBLE.

It's the dried sputum floating around in the air that gets into your lungs and causes consumption. A sure preventive is fragrant healing Catarrhazone, which is inhaled right into the lungs, kills every germ, heals the sore membranes and cures thoroughly every type of catarrh, bronchitis, asthma and lung trouble. "I caught a severe cold which developed into catarrh and finally settled on my lungs," writes Mr. A. Northrop of Bedford. Catarrhazone relieved quickly and cured me. I recommend Catarrhazone highly." Two months treatment \$1.00; trial size 25c.

Every year enough men are sent for flowers for the dead to save hundreds from starving to death.

WHEN ALL OTHERS FAIL.

To relieve constipated headache, just try Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Of Mandrake and Butternut. Wonderfully prompt, and never cause griping pains. For headache and biliousness use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 25c.

"A Little Cold, You Know" will become a great danger if it be allowed to reach down from the throat to the lungs. Nip the peril in the bud with Allen's Lung Balsam, a sure remedy containing no opium.