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PROSPERITY FOR NORTH PREDICTED

Present Outlook for Alaska Better Than for Many Years in General Belief

Seattle.—In an advance report on mining in Alaska for 1922, the U. S. geological survey estimates the output for the past year at \$16,199,000, compared with \$22,188,757 for 1921. The decrease is due primarily, according to the report just received by the bureau, to the world-wide depression in industry which has resulted in a decline in all forms of mining, especially that of copper, in Alaska. The dominant feature of the year's mining was given as follows: (1) decrease of both copper production and development owing to the low price of the metal; (2) the closing of the Porcupine mine, one of the three auriferous lode mines at Iditarod; (3) continuation of activity in auriferous quartz prospecting in the Sitka, Juneau, Salmon River and Willow Creek districts; (4) a revival of placer mining; (5) continuation of systematic prospecting for coal in the Matanuska field by the Naval Coal Commission; (6) the many examinations made in Alaska petroleum fields by oil companies, with the purpose of drilling (7) discovery of a new locality of galena and other sulphide deposits in the Kaniatona district.

GOVERNOR BONE IS WASHINGTON BOUND

Chief Executive of Alaska Leaves Thursday Morning for National Capital

Gov. Scott C. Bone was a passenger on the Princess Mary leaving at eleven o'clock Thursday morning for the north, he being en route to Washington, where he will confer not only with President Harding but with the heads of the various departments having to do with the administration of Alaskan affairs—and they all have a hand in it. The major portion of them not knowing where their authority begins or leaves off, hence the mess.

Seattle will gain and San Francisco will lose millions of dollars' worth of trade with Alaska as a result of the formation of the Northern Commercial Company, which has purchased the Alaska business of the old Northern Commercial Company, which has had its office in San Francisco since the old north days. The business of the old Northern Commercial Company, the biggest individual mercantile concern in the territory, has been taken over by the Northern Commercial Company, which will move the headquarters of the concern to Seattle.

Alfred H. Brooks of the U. S. geological survey reports: The value of Alaska's mineral output in 1921 was about \$16,199,000, as compared with \$22,188,757 in 1920. This was the lowest annual value since 1904. During 42 years of mining the territory has produced minerals to the value of \$47,000,000. Value of minerals produced in Alaska in 1920 and 1921.

Gold	\$ 8,585,549	\$9,698,000
Copper	12,360,194	8,971,000
Silver	1,028,254	168,800
Lead	148,908	48,000
Platinum and allied metals	180,117	2,000
Tin	14,112	1,000
Petroleum, natural gas, gypsum	258,538	158,000

Total \$21,392,757 18,199,000

In 1921 the Alaska mine produced about 38,214,000 pounds of copper, valued at \$6,971,000, as compared with 39,433,282 pounds valued at \$12,598,100 in 1920. The total Alaska copper output is now 672,000,000 pounds, valued at \$125,000,000.

Alaska business is on the jump, says Gov. Scott C. Bone of Alaska, in a letter to the Stroller received by Secretary Charles L. Moore of the Seattle Sales Managers' Association in connection with the recent banquet of that body. The telegram follows: "An optimist, I believe that a good year is coming for Alaska. There is every promise that 1922 will show an increase of at least 25 per cent in all business. This is a conservative estimate. I ask the aid of all salesmen in spreading the truth about Alaska and making its needs known." The present administration is deeply interested in the speedy development of Alaska, said a telegram from Harry K. Now, chairman of the Senate committee on territories and insular possessions, to Mr. Moore.

Steamship companies look for better passenger and freight business from Seattle to Alaska in 1922. The opening of the new government railroad from Seward on the coast to Fairbanks in the interior to the Yukon, is going to develop considerable tonnage.

Transportation men connected with the two big steamship companies predict heavy travel north

CONDITIONS OF WEATHER UNUSUAL

Temperature at Nome and San Francisco Same Yesterday—Kodiak 4 Degrees Warmer

If Alaska was able to show the following temperature records as a general average for the winter, we would soon be able to advertise as a winter resort and the people of the western states would flock to Alaska to avoid the rigors of their own climate. Yesterday morning the thermometer at Nome stood 26 degrees above zero—a very unusual occurrence in itself—but what made it even more unusual was the fact that there was an inch and sixteen-hundredths rainfall. According to Mr. Summers, chief of the Weather Bureau, this breaks all precedents for this time of the year. Incidentally, the temperature at San Francisco, California, was exactly the same.

The warmest place in Alaska yesterday was Kodiak, where the thermometer registered 40 degrees above zero; the coldest was Valdez with a temperature of 19 above.

SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY ADVERTISES ALASKA

New Text Books Contain Much Information Concerning Northland Conditions

Copies of new school geographies published by the McGraw-Hill Publishing House of New York, extensive publishers of school text books, have been received by Commissioner of Education L. D. Henderson which devote several pages and no less than seven illustrations to Alaska, its resources, possibilities and conditions. The illustrations in the new publication show fishing scenes, a trapper's cabin and typical Alaskan scenery, while the descriptions are explanatory of conditions here as they are. According to Mr. Henderson, they are the first school publications that have not specialized on glaciers, polar bears and hippos. There are two of the geographies, intermediate and primary, and their study in thousands of schools throughout the United States should do much toward giving the youth of the land accurate and reliable information concerning Alaska.

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AMERICAN GIRL TO BE QUEEN OF GUAM

The San Francisco Examiner of January 2 contains a picture and extended account of how a little Los Angeles girl, Dorothy Hubbard, is to be the queen of the most distant of America's possessions, the island of Guam, as she will be the only white child on the island.

The mother of the little queen-to-be, Mrs. Cecil Chase Wright Hubbard, is a niece of Shelby H. Graves of Juneau, and was to leave San Francisco on February 5 to join her husband, Dr. DeWitt Henry Hubbard, who is attached to the United States naval hospital at Guam, to which place he journeyed three months in advance of his wife and little daughter, the latter but 22 months old. Of Dr. Hubbard the Examiner says:

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ORGANIZATION OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

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"HAPPY" RETURNS NORTH

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