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## Mass Meeting at Nenana Expresses Disapproval of Engineering Commission

Long smoldering resentment against the Alaskan engineering commission, because of an apparent lack of interest in the development of Interior Alaska, was whipped into flame by the receipt of information from Anchorage indicating a further curtailment of construction activities in this division, says the Nenana News. The public feeling found expression at a mass meeting held at the firehall at which it was decided to take immediate steps to bring about a more friendly and interested attitude toward Alaska on the part of those in charge of the government enterprise, or upon the part of those who will succeed them shortly if the plans of the meeting are crowned with success. It was the sense of the meeting, expressed in no uncertain manner, that both Chairman Mears and Engineer in Charge Browne be removed from their positions without delay and that men be appointed to succeed them who will take a real interest in Alaska. The request was in the form of a motion which carried enthusiastically and the grounds for removal are alleged incompetence, together with disregard for the purpose for which the railroad was originally intended to be constructed.

Commissioner McDonald, who was delegated by the Nenana Commercial Club some time ago to meet Secretary Payne on the occasion of that official's visit to the Alaska coast, but who was unable to do so because of the secretary's unexpected early departure from Anchorage, read to the meeting a length letter which he had sent to the secretary, explaining the purpose of the mission on which he had been sent from Nenana. The letter presents fully the situation in Interior Alaska and should have proved very helpful in informing the secretary regarding local conditions.

After numerous complaints had been aired, and conditions discussed at considerable length, it was formally decided to name a committee to communicate with Secretary Payne for the purpose of securing relief which is deemed of vital importance to the future of Interior Alaska and to the success of the government railroad after it is completed. The committee named is composed of Commissioner R. S. McDonald, Robert Joseph Diven, Martin Nash, Dr. J. R. Bowen, Joe Fischer and Herhan Anderson. This committee met this afternoon but was not ready, at the time of going to press, to give out anything for publication.

Notwithstanding the fact that the meeting was arranged hurriedly and without general notice to the public, there were about forty in attendance, representative of the town and the district in general. Mayor Joe O'Connor acted as chairman.

The direct cause of the meeting was the receipt of instructions from Anchorage to close the local accounting office and to transfer all of the work to the headquarters of the southern division. The instructions were received by Chief Accountant McIntosh, his orders being to close his department on Saturday night.

There is also some talk of transferring the accounting force of the stores department to Healy, but General Storekeeper R. S. Donaldson informed the News last night that definite action had not been taken up to that time and probably no change would be made, if at all, until the return of Engineer in Charge Browne. There has been no curtailment in store forces and none is contemplated immediately.

It is claimed that a tidal wave that did a lot of damage on the Japanese coast was noticed on the west coast of Prince of Wales island. The waves were of unusual size.

Nellie Neal and Margaret Bodkin have opened up a roadhouse at Deadhorse Hill. Miss Neal has managed a number of roadhouses and is a popular hostess.

## PERMIT BIRCH CUTTING FROM PUBLIC LANDS

FAIRBANKS, Nov. 27.—In an official notification from the general land office, timber cruiser and special agent, H. K. Carlisle, whose headquarters are in the local land office, received information to the effect that the timber regulations have been modified to permit of the cutting of birch from the public lands of Alaska, for export and sale.

There is a great scarcity of hardwoods in the United States at the present time, for the manufacture of furniture, and dealers are looking to Alaska, for a supply of birch wood.

Already three big lumber concerns in the United States have made applications for the cutting of birch, in the Cooks inlet country, and preparations are in progress, in that region, for lumbering on a large scale. It is believed that several more applications for birch for export purposes will be filed in the near future and the development of this new industry in the Tanana valley, where birch in quantity can be found, may be counted among the possibilities.

The act of congress approved June 5th (Public No. 246, 66th congress) making appropriation for sundry civil expenses of the government, contained a provision that hereafter birch timber may be exported from Alaska.

Reports made from time to time to the department of the interior indicate that there is considerable white birch, which is a hardwood suitable for the manufacture of furniture, flooring and finishings, on some of the public lands along and near the government railroad in the Susitna valley and also in the Matanuska and Tanana valleys, and small valleys along the coast.

The market in Alaska for this class of timber for manufacturing purposes has been extremely limited and such use as it has been put to has chiefly been for fuel.

The provision authorizing its exportation was enacted with a view to encouraging for a more appropriate and beneficial purpose.

Sales of birch timber suitable for manufacturing purposes are authorized by the general land office in quantity that it will be capable of producing during the period covered by the contract of sale.

When a ten years' supply is sold, the period within which the same must be cut (10 years) will begin to run from the time the contract of sale is executed if the manufacturing plant has been built, or from the time the mill has been constructed and ready to begin operations, if it is to be built, but in no case will more than a two years' deduction be allowed for construction, and each contract shall contain a provision that all rights acquired thereunder shall be forfeited if operations have not been commenced within three years from the date of execution of the contract, unless upon satisfactory showing, the secretary of the interior shall, in his discretion, excuse the delay.

Intending applicants should file their applications in duplicate with the receiver of the U. S. land office for the district wherein the lands to be cut over are situated.

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