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TESLIN LAKE RAILWAY

Dominion Government Granting Large Tract of Land as Subsidy for its Construction

A Great force of Men coming to Complete the Road by September

OTTAWA, Jan. 26.—The continued presence in Ottawa for several days past, of Wm. Mann and Dan Mann is now explained. It is announced that the gentlemen have closed a deal with the Government for the construction of a railway either from Glenora or Telegraph Creek, at the head of Navigation on the Stikeen, to Callbreath's post on Teslin Lake, a distance of about 130 miles, whence there is uninterrupted navigation to Dawson, as engineer Jennings' report shows. The line, which will be a narrow gauge one, will pass through an undulating country, where railway construction will be comparatively easy.

The exact details of the bargain are not yet officially announced, but it is understood that Mackenzie & Mann will get a land subsidy. There will not be any cash subsidy. It is obligatory on the contractors that the line must be completed by September 1 next, so as to permit of supplies being sent into the Yukon before next winter. As a guarantee of their ability to carry out the stipulation of the contract, Mackenzie & Mann have deposited with the government the sum of \$250,000 which will be forfeited should they fail. They intend going to work at once to purchase material and supplies. Before many days are over they will have nearly 10,000 men enroute to the scene of operations. The intention is to draw supplies by sleighs over the ice from the mouth of the Stikeen and from the point of commencement of the railway. First of all they will make a good trail to Teslin, which will be available for the spring rush of miners. The British Columbia Government is understood to be a party to building the line. Close connection will be made with C. P. R. steamers on this route, and it is unlikely that the company will operate the railway when built.

H. Maitland Kersey, who has organized a company, including Leiter, of Chicago, Bonanza Mackay, Ogden Mills and other millionaires, has been here for days endeavoring to secure this charter on to Dawson, and is greatly disappointed over his failure.

KETCHIKAN TO THE FRONT

A Correspondent Tells of its Mining Prospects

COMMUNICATED

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Feb. 3, 1898.

EDITORS JOURNAL:—Much as is being read in the papers about Alaska and its resources, but little mention is made of the little town of Ketchikan, or its surroundings. It may be said truthfully however, that there are just as good prospects ahead of the little unassuming village, with its surroundings of mineral wealth, as some places in the range of our knowledge more often reported in print.

We have properties in plenty within a few miles of town which will compare with other mining centers without a blush, and they need no salting to get good assays. There are groups within twelve miles of us that will eclipse the world famed Treadwell in magnitude and value. Capitalists can get pretty much what they want here, be it free gold, concentrates, copper or galena, and in many places the four values combined.

Our misfortune lies in the fact of our not having done sufficient development work to properly show what we have. That however will soon be remedied, as development will be pushed for all it is worth at an early date, when we will not be ashamed to compare values with any quartz mining district in Alaska for values in gold, silver, copper and lead. Our surface showings are as good as need be. Our enterprising merchants and proprietors, Messrs. Clark & Martin are extending their new wharf, which when completed will have a frontage of 104 feet, and to this will be a water supply from the perpetual snows of Deer mountain sufficient to supply all the steamers en route to points further north. We have the service of the Episcopal church every Sabbath to a well filled house, by Rev. Dr. A. J. Campbell (of whom, more anon) and a thriving day school. Almost every boat brings one or two or more to try their luck in securing locations both in mines and a home in Ketchikan.

If you want your families near you bring them to the city of Wrangler. There can be no healthier spot, or more picturesque site for a city, surrounded by innumerable little islands, the placid waters of these channels, the table lands covered with berries, vegetation of all kinds, timber of all descriptions, where vegetables flourish and venison abounds, salmon, halibut and smelt literally swarm the waters. Your family can live nearly as cheap in Wrangler as in Seattle, good schools are open to all children, the comforts and necessities of a home are to be found here.

Fort Wrangler has a white population of about 800, and as many Indians. A good lot can be leased or purchased at a reasonable price.

WRANGLER AND THE STIKEEN ROUTE

Much is being said of the different routes that lead the gold prospectors to the gold fields of the famous Yukon. Dawson City today is oftener pronounced than any other city in the world. Its popularity, and most justly, now is at its height, although in its infancy. It is a city grown famous in a day, its surroundings justify it, and every man, woman and child in this our mundane sphere, has its advantages well within their memory and they do not hesitate to make loud their knowledge. Such deposits of gold have never even been dreamed of. The great minerologists of the earth look and listen with wonderment, the old gray haired prospectors cannot believe their eyesight, and the pessimist lurks behind the warm air tight stove, and shakes his head for facts are stubborn things to get around. The great deposits have been accumulating for centuries. Why then is it not plausible to reckon that there is sufficient gold in this vast country for all who come. If there is yet one in this universe who does not believe in these wonderful discoveries, let him come to the old, famous city of Fort Wrangler, let him remain here a month and see the gold as it comes from these famous deposits, let him see it, feel it, take it in his hands, examine, weigh it, then realization will come upon him and he will wonder why he has hesitated.

Fort Wrangler is the town from which the prospector starts for the gold deposits. The prospector cannot but feel within him that Wrangler will soon be the largest city in Alaska. The Stikeen route is a route that has been traveled over for twenty years. It is no experiment, the old timers of Fort Wrangler have traveled over this route not once or twice, but hundreds of times. The Stikeen is navigable and twenty steamers will run up this river to Telegraph Creek, a distance of 140 miles. From Telegraph Creek you take the old wagon road to lake Teslin. Grasses along this comparatively level country grow in abundance. Large mule and horse teams will take your freight to the head of lake Teslin, then again you take a steamer and you go down the lake, down the streams until you arrive at the metropolis of the Yukon, the famous city of Dawson. The city where the very streets, streams and gardens are paved with gold, the waters of these famous creeks, the springs from the mountains contain so much gold that the Keeley Institute has arranged to ship the waters to their many institutions all over the world.

That Wrangler is aware of its advantages, that its inhabitants know this to be the most practicable route to Dawson city, is evidenced by the preparations they are making to properly entertain the prospectors while they are on their route.

The Fort Wrangler Electric Light and Water Company will immediately begin the construction of an electric light plant. Water will be piped from the mountains to the city of Fort Wrangler. Two large hotels will be finished within sixty days. A large building is now being erected where prospectors can live for twenty five cents per day. Stables are being erected for the many horses that come through here, the city will soon have its charter, its streets are being straightened, sidewalks planked, and residences are being built as rapidly as lumber and mechanics can put them together.

The bay of Wrangler cannot be surpassed, the wharves are substantial and available, the warehouses are kept full always, there is always room for more.

If the prospector wishes to prospect as he travels on to the Yukon, the Stikeen is the one he wants to take. He can go to the famous Cassiar district. He can prospect from Telegraph Creek to Dawson City, the country being easily prospected, so much game on the road, and so much vegetation, that the prospector can take his time. There are stations along the route every fifty or sixty miles, a sawmill at lake Teslin, and when one tires of prospecting, when in the evening, sitting by his great camp fire, he is dreaming of his wife, his babies, his sweetheart his friends, and a longing comes over him for home, he is along a route, over which he can travel at any time. It will take him but a few days to reach his home and again lay his weary head in the bosom of his family.

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PRETTY AS A RED WAGON.

Our friend, H. B. Carter of the general passenger department of the Canadian Pacific sent us a copy of a beautiful pamphlet entitled "To the Klondike and gold fields of the Yukon," which was issued by the railway company. It contains twenty seven pages, is profusely illustrated, and is full of valuable information to the gold seeker. We are especially pleased to note that it contains a cut of Fort Wrangler. The covers are artistic, beautiful in fact, printed with bright red ink on a gold bronze back. The Stikeen route is accurately described by giving distances between the various points, besides a great deal of useful information to those going to the Yukon. A general distribution of this most valuable pamphlet among prospective Klondikers will bring ninety per cent of the travel by way of the Stikeen river, and that is just what ought to happen.

Moles

One who has tried it repeatedly says that moles may be removed by the following method: Seat the patient in a clear strong sunlight. With a powerful sunglass bring the concentrated rays of the sun to bear on the excrescence five or ten minutes. In three or four weeks the mole will scab off and a new skin come on. If the mole should not be entirely removed by the first application, repeat. No scar will be left. —New York Ledger.

A dispatch dated Jan 20th from Rio de Janeiro says the Steamship City of Columbia, en route from New York to Alaska, with a party of miners bound for the Klondike, had arrived without incident.

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