

Intense Interest In Inland Empire

Over Developments in Flathead Oil Field.

SIX GUSHERS PREDICTED BY GEOLOGISTS.

The flattering reports of the world's best geologists and the recent developments in the Flathead Valley Oil Field of British Columbia has attracted the attention of the most skeptical business men of Spokane and the Inland Empire, and they are beginning to realize the importance of the Flathead Valley as a commercial oil field and what it will mean to Spokane and the Northwest.

The Flathead Valley has been known as a possible oil field for many years, but development has been held in abeyance pending a final decision in the legal struggle carried on by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to secure these lands. Quite recently the privy council of London settled the title in the Province of British Columbia. Active work has resulted, and development work was being conducted prior to the Calgary excitement, and is in no way an outgrowth of that strike, but is a distinct field and should not be confused with any other district.

There are ten companies operating in the Flathead Valley field, which own or control practically all of the desirable oil lands.

Three shallow wells all under 200 feet in depth have produced quantities of oil of remarkable quality. While these test wells were not drilled for commercial purposes, they have demonstrated that there is a large body of oil at a greater depth and wells are now being sunk to tap the main body.

Dr. G. M. Dawson, a famous geologist of Canada, while in charge of the Canadian geological surveys, in speaking of the Sage Creek Valley, in which field the claims of the Flathead Valley Oil Company are located, said:

"The oil indications certainly seem sufficiently promising to warrant outlay in development work."

Harry R. Johnson of Los Angeles, one of the greatest oil experts in the country, after careful examination of the district, has located upon land immediately adjoining that in which this Company has oil rights.

Other California oil people who have sent experts into this district, are Julius Fried, original owner of the famous Lake View property in the Midway Field, and Ralph Arnold, an oil operator and geologist of national repute. All concur in stating that the Flathead seepages are among the best they have ever examined and that they are of such a nature as not only to clearly indicate the presence of oil and natural gas, but the strong probability that they will be found in commercial quantities at a reasonable depth.

Oil Expert Sees Flathead Valley

Sinclair Thinks British Columbia Company Has Good Showing in Its Lands.

Flathead Company Certain to Get Flow, but Depth Is Not Yet Known.

E. J. Sinclair, oil expert, who has been associated for a number of years with some of the largest petroleum companies in the United States, has been retained by Walter Nicholls to investigate oil lands in the Flathead Valley and other regions in which he and other Spokane men are interested. Mr. Sinclair has just returned from a visit to the Flathead district.

"In company with Colonel W. E. Mann and Olaus Feldness, president and vice-president of the Flathead Petroleum Company, and Fred Loomis, general manager of the Peyton Investment Company, I visited the oil fields on the north fork of the Flathead River, just north of the international boundary," said Mr. Sinclair at the Spokane yesterday.

Investigated Oil Seeps.

"While Colonel Mann was directing the preliminary operations of the Flathead Petroleum Company, I spent four days working out the geology and investigating the oil and gas seeps, which are located on Sage Creek, just at the mouth of the canyon.

"The British Columbia Oil Company has drilled two shallow wells near the oil seeps, and both of them show good indications of oil and gas for the depth, as neither of them is much more than 100 feet in bedrock. All the geology west of the oil seep is covered by glacial deposits, so it is impossible to say at present what is the source of the oil, but all the seeps visited come from the shale.

Think Oil Is There.

"The country has undergone so many changes in its geological history that it would be impossible to say just where the oil will be found, but that it is there in commercial quantities can not be doubted after seeing the amount of gas and oil that is forced up through the rock at the oil seepages and the strong gas pressure in the two oil wells drilled by the British Columbia Oil Company.

"There is no doubt that the Flathead Petroleum Company will strike oil but it is impossible to tell how deep they will have to drill."

Holdings In The Flathead Valley

Spokane Men Organize New Company for Operations in Oil Field.

Capitalized for Three Million Shares at Ten Cents Each.

Articles of incorporation of the Flathead Valley Oil Company, capitalized for 3,000,000 shares at 10 cents each, were filed with the county auditor yesterday morning. The incorporators are Horace C. Peyton, Harlan L. Peyton and Fred Loomis, all of the Peyton Investment Company, and the of-

ficers are: John Sengfelder, well-known local capitalist, president; Jake Hill, of the Hill Shoe Company, vice-president, and Fred Loomis, manager of the Peyton Investment Company, secretary-treasurer. The officers, with James Fisher, oil operator and pioneer British Columbia mining man; W. A. Mitchell, railway construction contractor; P. Moriarty, veteran Great Northern railway locomotive engineer, all of Spokane, and R. Helme of Vancouver, B. C., superintendent of the Dominion Express Company, comprise the directorate.

The principal offices of the company will be maintained in Spokane, with quarters in the Peyton building, and the fiscal agents are Rhodehamel, Babcock & Co., also in the Peyton building. A manager has not been selected nor have detailed plans for development of the company's holdings been outlined, but a meeting of the directors will be held in a few days to consider both.

"Our holdings comprise 2,000 acres of land in different parts of the Flathead Valley, just across the international boundary, north of Glacier National Park," said Mr. Fisher yesterday. "We contemplate beginning active development as soon as possible, and will send a geologist into the field about September 1 to select a site for the first well. Equipment and casing will be ordered soon and we anticipate having drilling operations well under way this fall.

"Some of our land adjoins holdings of the Flathead Petroleum Company, which already has begun sinking a well, and we feel confident that we will get oil within a few weeks after we begin drilling. Possibilities of the district are indicated by the fact that Harry R. Johnson, formerly with the Spreckles interests in California, regarded as one of the most competent geologists and oil experts in the world, has endorsed this region after an exhaustive investigation and has purchased land adjoining ours.

"I expect to leave for the district in about a week and will be accompanied by a number of prospective purchasers of our stock."—Spokesman-Review, August 9, 1914.

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