Wakesiah Mine

The Wakesiah had only one owner during its operation, the Canadian Western Fuel Company. It opened in 1918 and closed in 1930. Wakesiah was part of the Wellington seam along with Jinglepot, Northfield, and Harewood. The roof of the mine was unstable, which could explain why many injuries and deaths were caused by falling objects. The other major causes of injury were horse and cart related accidents. 1922 is a good year to examine as there were many accidents and the coal production was high. The 1922 output of coal in this mine was 425-475 tons a day. The injury and death rates were also high in this year, there were four injuries and the explosion which killed Alfred Odgers and Gilbert McBroom. Odgers was attempting to clear gas with his air blower and his headlamp ignited the gas. In 1922 Wakesiah employed 468 both below and above ground. Of the 468, there were 53 Chinese workers. In some cases white workers earned nearly four times what Chinese workers earned.

Jingle Pot Mine

The Jingle Pot mine operated from 1907 to 1919 under two owners. From 1907 until 1917 it was owned by the Vancouver Nanaimo Coal Company, and from 1917 to 1919 it was owned by the British Columbia Coal Mining Company. The Jingle Pot mine was part of the Wellington seam along with Wakesiah, the Colleries, Northfield, and Harewood. The discovery of coal at the Jingle Pot site led to the dropping of the Wakesiah mine shaft. In October of 1917 there was a serious fire in the mine which caused temporarily closure. There are no official records of death or injury for the Jingle Pot mine suggesting either impeccable safety standards or dismal record keeping. Despite its closure in 1919 it is still listed as having 5 employees in 1933 and producing 242 tons of coal suggesting a later small operation began. This small operation is also tracked in the 1927 records of safety lamp distribution recorded that Jingle Pot received two magnetic locks and two gasoline lamps. In 1993 a sink hole scuttled a residential development and was blamed on the mine.
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