

ICE HARVEST GOOD ON PAYETTE LAKES

W. E. McCall Tells of Winter Industry of Popular Summer Resort.

Between 500 and 600 tons of ice are harvested during the winter season at McCall, Idaho, according to W. E. McCall, who is registered at the Bristol. Twenty-five or 30 men are employed at this work, and the ice is stored for the summer trade. The season begins about the middle of January and extends sometimes through April. This year they were able to get solid ice 14 inches thick.

During this coming summer there will be on the Payette lakes a steamer, one of the government boats from Seattle. This will be used as a passenger boat and also in towing logs to the mill.

Thirty years ago, Mr. McCall states, his father came to Idaho and took up the land where the summer resort now is, as a homestead. The town when formed was named for his father, Thomas McCall.

There has been an increased demand for dwelling houses since the first of the year, which is almost universal everywhere, according to C. L. Park, who is connected with the purchasing department of the Union Pacific lines at Salt Lake. Mr. Park is registered at the Idanha.

"I have just returned from a trip to Chicago, Minneapolis and Duluth," said Mr. Park, "and in each of those cities one hears on every side the cry for houses. Especially in Chicago is this true. Rents have been so very high that people are beginning to realize they can build their own homes just as cheaply as to pay rent.

"I find that business conditions are looking better, decidedly better than they have for some time past."

Hay at \$10 to \$12 a ton is the record this winter at Halfway, Ore., according to G. L. Hunt, who is registered at the Bristol. The cattle and sheepmen were not prepared for so long a feed season, and had to have hay shipped in, therefore the high price, said Mr. Hunt. Mining development is at the present time dormant, but it is hoped it will revive as soon as active work can be commenced. Farmers, on the whole, are in good financial condition, according to Mr. Hunt, and the stockmen are also in good shape.