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Daily News on Daily Doings

THE PRESS AND THE PEOPLE.

In no city in Canada, or perhaps in the world, has the local press come in for more severe criticism than in this very city of Prince Rupert. In other words, in no city in Canada, or perhaps in the world, has higher compliment been paid to the power of the press than right here in Prince Rupert. Intensely applicable to the press life of Prince Rupert are the words of the Denver Post on the place of the press in public life:

"No city is saner, stronger, cleaner than its press. The safety of the commonwealth lies in printers' ink. News is the voice of God. It cannot be aborted or tampered with. The press belongs to the people and an editor is no more proprietor of the property of which he is steward than a judge is owner of the court over which he presides, or a chief of police proprietor of the force which he supervises. We cannot please all men always. Thumb prints and personal opinion are individual and unique. No two persons since the sun first glorified this sphere ever completely agreed on everything. How then can we hope for general approbation and support on all issues and at all times? We have made enemies. And when we cease to arouse opposition we will cease to be a force—a real force—in this community."

A SUCCESSFUL LABOR DAY.

Anxious expressions during the rain showers of Saturday and Sunday passed completely away when Monday, the long looked for holiday, dawned with perfect serenity, a real Prince Rupert day of ideal conditions. Sunshine blazed down and the picnic parties, out bright and early, prepared for the gayest of good times. For the best part of the day the city was practically deserted, so many of the people had taken advantage of the picnics planned. The Methodist Church Men's Own went to Porcher Island and the St. Andrew's Society to Tugwell Island, while of smaller picnics there were scores. Hunting parties, too, set out for the bush, prepared for the opening of the deer season. Prince Rupert made holiday under the most pleasureable circumstances, proving again for citizens and for many newcomers that the boast made for the district that it is second to none as a recreation place, as well as from the point of view of the business doer, is no empty one.

THE ANNOYANCE OF THE UNFINISHED.

To leave things at a ragged edge, inconvenient, unsightly, is the unfortunate characteristic of the present municipal administration. From the earliest days of the City Council of 1912 the city's undertakings have been jerking along spasmodically, two steps forward, one back, and then as a rule a halt while the community waits without indulging in applause. Not one single completed undertaking of importance can be credited yet to the present City Council, though many an incomplete bit of work can be seen. The city hall is unfurnished, Second avenue is still rough and tumble toward McBride street, McBride street in Section One is still a rockery, Third avenue, long delayed, is only half finished. The rock crushers, two of them, stand disconsolate at Market Place cut, just started and stopped. The wagon road to Woodworth Lake is incomplete, and need never have been begun for this year. Sunday saw an important funeral procession distressed by the left-off state of the cemetery road. To begin things and leave them off in characteristic of incompetence. Even one little undertaking complete is better than many half done.

THE PROSPECTOR AND THE HEN.

Hereafter the common, or garden, fowl should be recognized as a necessary addition to every prospector's equipment. We are informed that as a result of the discovery of gold in the crops of a number of chickens several rich claims were recently staked near Winnipeg There can be no doubt that with a little direction where to scratch fowls could be made to play a very useful part in aiding the prospector. They could also be eaten if they didn't do their duty or when other grub was at a discount. The eggs, too, would come in handy. — Canadian Mining Journal.

THE HUGE CASH SURPLUS OF THE C.P.R. THIS YEAR, AND RATE REDUCTION CHANCES

At the August meeting of the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company at Montreal the anual report of the company was considered. The figures of that report set forth a cash surplus for the year which completely eclipses anything previous in the company's already wonderful record of huge annual cash surpluses. Each of these twelve months' accumulations of surplus cash, which are of necessity disclosed once a year in the annual report, towers over the one before, like one after another in an ascending range of Rocky Mountain peaks.

Treasures Untold.

For the twelve months ended June 30th last the mountain of surplus cash accumulated by the C. P. R., not including the $5,158,585 realized from the land business of that corporation, but being the excess of the earnings from the transportation business over all operating and maintenance expenses, fixed charges, dividends for the year, $1,000,000 to steamship replacement account and $125,000 to employers' pension fund, is $17,560,519. The corresponding cash surplus for the preceding twelve months was $11,873,242. The Emperors of Ormus and of Ind had no such magnificent revenues pouring into their treasuries.

"Melon Cutting."

Financial journals on both sides of the Atlantic have for months past been full of rumors that there was to be another "melon cutting" for the benefit of C. P. R. share holders, and the stock has been scaling higher and higher altitudes. In all the speculative comment about the prospect of a "melon cutting" the western rates investigation has figured largely, especially in the London financial papers has the view been taken that the directors would be likely, considering the effects which another "melon cutting" would have on the people at large in this country, to decide that it would be wisest to abstain from any such slicing up of extra profits for distribution among the shareholders. Of course it is not certain that there will not be a joyous occasion of that character for the holders of C. P. R. stock, all that is known being that the announcement given to the public in regard to the directors' meeting said nothing about anything of the sort. It may be announced later on that the directors have decided on a "melon cutting," or the wiser counsel not to fatten the share holders' bank accounts may prevail.

Steamship Profits.

The steamship business, as well as the railway business, of this great corporation is highly profitable. But vastly the greater amount of the earnings are derived from the railway business. Only the summary figures of the annual report considered by the directors are as yet available; until they are before the public it will be impossible to say what proportion of the $17,560,519 cash surplus for the twelve months covered by the report is derived from the railway earnings. It is entirely safe to say that that proportion is greater than the entire cash surplus of the preceding twelve months.

Mountains of Cash.

These mountains of surplus cash realized from railway rates are proof that the rates are exorbitant. They are Pelion upon Ossa in the way of proof of the injustice of the burden of railway rates, of which by far the heavier end is laid upon the backs of the people of Western Canada. It is not time that the board of directors of the C. P. R. recognized that the people of this country are entitled to something in the way of a "melon cutting?" Would it not be both more gracious and more wise for the board of directors to voluntarily order rate reductions than to wait and have to submit to the order of the Railway Commission, which will compel rate reductions? The placing of the whole scale of rates in this country on a just basis will not mean less, but more business for the railways. The railways will have to deal justly with the people sooner or later. Might it not be wiser to be beforehand with the inevitable?

DEMAND FOR CANNED SALMON

A leading grocer says it is a low estimate to say that he sells 100 cases of canned salmon, 48 cans to the case, during the summer season alone—per haps 5,000 cans in all. He does a large business, but when we realize that he is but one of the tens of thousands selling this product we can begin to imagine statistically what is the consumption of this fish.

The demand for canned salmon grows every year and the call for it is far greater than for canned meats, sardines, or any of the other fish. This was formerly used chiefly by people who served makeshift meals, but now it is much used as a salad or other accessory to fine repasts. It is popular with chafing dish cooks, who serve it with little or much garnished sauces, made dainty with grated bread crumbs.

Buyers now know the red salmon is not the best grade. They used to think it was, unless they happened to be brought up in a salmon region, and before the pure food laws prevented it this fish was often colored because of the demand for the reddest variety. The salmon of the smaller rivers, the clean, cool rivers, has always been of the lighter color, as well as of a more delicate texture.

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