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In this issue we publish the annual report of the President of the Prince Rupert Board of Trade. The document is a valuable one in that it gives a summary of conditions all over Northern B.C. The figures contained therein will come as a surprise to many people even in Prince Rupert. It is hard for us to realize that even already such a vast amount of wealth is being produced right in our midst but with the figures placed before us we can not only form an estimate of that which we now have but also of that which is to come.

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The opportunities that exist in this new north country are hardly believable. Indeed if the richness of the resources was properly known millions

of capital would immediately flow in to assist in its development. As it is indeed large sums are being spent with that end in view but yet the ground is hardly scratched. For that reason a campaign of legitimate advertising should be carried on. No effort should be spared to bring the real advantages of the country to the attention of those who could assist in its development with every advantage to themselves.

gret that a few concerns have already succeeded in robbing the public under the pretence of developing our resources. That is a state of affairs possible in any country, but perhaps more easily accomplished in a new land where so much natural wealth is known to ex-

One thing is certain, that the natural resources are here in abundance, and another thing is equally certain that it requires skill, capital and perseverance to turn them into gold. Let us tell all the world about the magnificence of our resources and let us induce all we can to come with us and take their share, but let us also do all in our power to prevent the exploitation of our resources by dishonest and unreliable concerns.



FANTASTIC STATUE IN MEMORY OF GOETHE

It is a matter for serious re- Huge figure to be erected in Chicago. The sculptor, Professor Herman Hahn, of Munich, Germany, is seen in the picture, standing by his work. The statue weighs 80 tons, and the figure without the base, stands about 18 feet high. The statue is being made in Munich Germany, to the order of the Goethe Society of Chicago.

PRINCE RUPERT'S PROGRESS

(Continued from page 1)

mining division splendid prowhere several mines are under active development and shipments of ore are being made. The feature of development the Portland Canal mining division the past year was the en- tion and the centring of interest feet from the starting point and known and new markets are drifting was in progress on two created. veins. The undertaking is unique in that it is the only company in the province carrying on such an enterprise.

While coal mining is still in to believe that in a short time tention it deserves. Such known ing to a future population of otte Islands, give promise, under mercial producers. Heretofore fields, but this is gradually being mainland, as instanced by the Groundhog pack trail, which on completion this year will place the centre of the coal basin withprohibitive cost of development.

When one bears in mind that the mining divisions of Peace River, Stikine, Atlin and Laird, embracing the coast, central and northern parts of British Columbia, are within the Prince Rupert sphere of commercial influence, their future development must approximately \$1,250,000 has alplay an important part in the up- ready been spent, leaving a balbuilding of this city.

Federal

326.70.

Provincial

There were 490 applications gress is being made at Hazelton, for pre-emptions in 1913, against 538 for 1912, showing a slight falling off. With the better facilities afforded by the Provincial Government in the way of pre-emption maps and informaterprise of the Portland Canal in the opportunities for mixed Tunnels, Ltd., in the driving of a farming, ranching, etc., that the deep level tunnel to crosscut north offers, it is reasonable to what is known as the Glacier expect that the tide of settlement their co-operation during my on application. Creek vein series. At the end of will be an ever-increasing one as the year the tunnel was in 2,855 the country becomes better

To briefly summarize the work past year. that has been carried on by the city since its incorporation-and its infancy, I have every reason the work has been done not to accommodate the present poputhis industry will receive the at- lation of 6,000 people, but look- 1910 areas as the Groundhog, Kit- four times this number-the fol- 1913 sougla, Telkwa, Bulkley and the lowing figures will be of interest. way terminals. Naas, on the mainland, and sev- Prince Rupert has five parks eral measures on Queen Char- containing an aggregate of 90 acres, and a cemetery of 57 development, of becoming com- acres. The city has ten and onehalf miles of plank roadway, five lack of transportation has re- miles of graded roads, and 27 tarded the opening of these coal miles of unimproved roads. Five miles of planked sidewalks, and overcome, particularly on the three miles of sewers. It owns such public utilities as electric construction of the Stewart- lighting and power, telephones and water. The fire department is modern in every respect, and two 80-h. p. Seagrave combinain 126 miles of tidewater and tion hose and chemical engines, greatly lower the present almost together with some 5,500 feet of standard hose, are all housed in excellent quarters centrally situated. During the past year insurance rates have been materially lowered. The present total indebtedness is only \$2,718,937 .-41, for which debentures have been authorized. Of this amount ance available of approximately \$1,500,000 for new work. The assessed value of real property The customs returns for the for 1913 is \$25,793.120, and impast year show a very substantial provements \$2,422,850, with a

rate of taxation of 16.90. As the city has adopted the single tax plan no charge is levied on improvements. The rate of taxation; of 16.90 includes special taxes for hydro-electric extension, government debt, schools, hospitals, etc. During the past year there have been issued 124 building permits with a total valuation of \$198,332. This shows a decrease over the previous year, but it must be pointed out that such extensive undertakings as the railway terminals, depot and hotel, running into a total expenditure of several millions of dollars, are not listed. I append comparative statements showing the city assessment, rates and taxes, building permits, school attendance, etc. Substantial Progress

The year just closed has seen the inauguration of several important undertakings of both public and private character. Business meeting Plans have been approved for the Visiting Scotsmen are cordially invited. expenditure of many millions of s. D. MACDONALD, dollars of which the following is a partial list: Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, terminal facilities, Bookkeeping Taught dry dock, depot and hotel; Im- By Private Lessons perial Oil Company, storage tanks, warehouse, offices, etc.; post office and customs, drill hall, provincial court house and 3rd Ave. and 5th St., PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. administration building. With the exception of the drill hall and the storage tanks for the Imperial Oil Company, ground has been broken and work under way for all the foregoing. The next few weeks will see the opening of the Switches of All Kinds and Hair Goods a new Premier Hotel, a modern five-storey brick and concrete building.

New Members

Within the last two months 30 licity department which has been couver, B.C. inaugurated it will be necessary to secure the co-operation and financial assistance of such bodies as the city council and the Real Estate Exchange, as beyond the cost of maintenance it would be impossible for your board to raise the funds necessary for proper-advertising campaign for Prince Rupert and the district.

I have to thank my fellowofficers, councillors and members of the various committees for term of office, and the members for the expression of their con- III ADDIC fidence and the honor conferred HAKA upon me in my election to the presidence of the board for the

Respectfully submitted, F. G. DAWSON, President.

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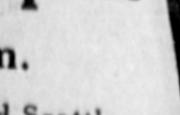
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