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The news respecting the proposed building of the Pacific, Peace River and Athabaseo railroad is of particular interest to Prince Rupert. It shows that the commercial world recognizes the necessity of trans-Pacific trade and the distinct advantage of ports in Northern British Columbia. It is indeed an encouraging that debt. prospect to those who have pinned their faith to Prince Rupert. It shows that before the first great railroad has reached the northern Pacific terminus there are other rail-

The proposed new read may be termed a rival of the Grand Trunk, but the new port would not be a rival of Prince Rupert. It will be some years before the new road can be completed providing it is really built, and by that time Prince Rupert will be a big centre which will demand another railroad and which other roads will be glad to get into. There may be other contemplated terminals in the north, but eventually they will all centre at Prince Rupert.

roads in contemplation.

The mayor, who has been spending, a week in Victoria has been giving some optimistic interviews to the press on conditions in Prince Rupert. This is somewhat refreshing and quite different from the attitude he takes and

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the views he expresses when anyone but himself is representing the city.

The time and money which; the mayor is expending in trying to induce the provincial government to extend their account might better be spent in negotiating the sale of debentures which would pay off

It seems to be pretty generally understood that everyone who visits Paris "takes in the sights," meaning all the iniquities and vices one can well think of. Visitors to Victoria take in the parliament buildings.

The mayor probably made all those optimistic remarks about Prince Rupert before he had an interview with Hon. W. J. Bowser.

In Ontario the provincial government buys Niagara electrical power and distributes it to all the municipalipower for the future city, and of 1915. of the people.

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PRELIMINARY SKETCH OF THE PROPOSED DO-MINION HOUSE IN ALDWYCH

Although Lord Grey has gone, on his doctor's advice, on a holiday voyage to Australia and New Zealand, the Duke of Norfolk has consented to take his place during his absence as chairman of the board of directors of the Dominion Site (Limited), the syndicate which has obtained an option on the Aldwych site from the London county council. Lord Chelmsford and Sir Edward Ward have recently joined the board. Lord Chelmsford left England for Canada on the Olympic on Wednesday, at Lord Grey's request, in order to lay detailed plans of the scheme before Mr. Borden, prime minister of the Dominion. The scheme in its present stage has three primary objects. It will enable the governments of the self-governing Dominions and of the various states and provinces to concentrate on one central site for their offices, now widely distributed in different parts of London. It would cause the attentionof the home consumer to be focussed effectively and impressively on the products of the dominions. It would give the manufacturers of the United Kingdom an opportunity of ascertaining and meeting the requirements of Greater Britain.

WITHURST WOOM WITHIN

EXPECTED TO TAP COAL FIELDS AND PEACE RIVER GRAN-ARY-WILL MAKE TOWN ON THE NASAGO GULF-SURVEYS THIS YEAR

ties. They are now contemp- & Athabasca railway, which is Ashley Gardens, S. W., London, lating furnishing it to the seeking a charter at Ottawa, is England, is the leading figure in farmers. Here in British Co- attracting much attention in the the promotion of the line. He lumbia the city of Prince Ru- west. Surveyors will go into the has acquired extensive coal pert has been trying for years field in March or early in April, areas by purchase or by option, to get Wark Channel water and construction work will be power in order to get electric begun some time in the spring and is said to be interested in

across. In contrasting the a view of draining the magnifi- the most wealthy coal barons in Second Ave. attitude of the two govern- cent Groundhog coal basin, in the world and the annual output ments there is quite a distinct which Mr. Thomas and his asso- of coal from his Welsh mines exdifference from the viewpoint ciates have secured large inter- ceeds by 5,000,000 tons the anests. The line will also tap the nual output of coal from Canacoal fields along the Peace river, dian coal mines. will pass through the Omineca From Nasago bay or the mining country and it aims to mouth of the Naas, the line will make a bid for the transporta- run northeast up the Naas for a tion of wheat by its sections distance of 225 miles to the through Alberta and Saskat- height of land between the Naas chewan.

> Pacific, Peace River & Athabasca and down the Skeena to the railway will secure connection mouth of Bear river, and up the with the big Canadian transcon- Bear river to Bear lake and then tinentals and connections with across the divide in a southerly the railway systems of America. direction to Driftwood river and It will also be in a position to down the Driftwood river to enter the Hudson bay district North Tacla lake and from that through the pass. lake to Hogem pass.

> The promoters plan to build After leaving the pass, the line the road from Nasago gulf, in will go to the Omineca river, the Portland canal, and very thence easterly to the Findlay near the mouth of the Naas river. branch of the Peace river and From that point the line will then down the north side of the cross British Columbia and will main Peace river and easterly go through the mountains by and northerly to Vermillion rap-Hogem pass. The grade there is ids or chutes in the province of said to be .91 per cent, about the Aiberta. Thence crossing the best mountain grade obtainable. Peace river at the falls or chutes Hogem pass is about 375 miles and continuing down the right northwest of the Yellowhead bank of the Peace river, the railpass, through which the G. T. P. way goes to Point Providence. and C. N. R. enter British Co- thence in an easterly direction! lumbia.

> Naas river, where it approaches to Fort McMurray, in an easterly as close as twenty miles to the direction to the Clearwater river. main line of the G. T. P., the P. thence to the Pembina river and P. R. & A. will open up a terri- thence south to the height of tory that is hundreds of miles land and crossing over the Bufaway from the nearest railway at falo river, the lines goes easterly the present time. and southerly to Prince Albert in

The new Pacific, Peace River | David Alfred Thomas, 122 other mineral lands in northern the government will not come The line has been laid out with British Columbia. He is one of

> and the Skeena watershed, then At Prince Albert, Sask., the down Courier creek to the Skeena

to the mouth of the Athabasca Except for sections along the river, then up the Athabasca

Saskatchewan, completing the distance of 1500 miles.

London, Feb. 23 .- Interviewed at Cardiff, Wales, Mr. David Thomas, the big Welsh colliery proprietor, who is backing the bill before the Canadian parliament for a charter to the Pacific. Peace River & Athabasca railway company to construct a new railway in the Peace river district, admitted that he was interested in such a scheme, but said that the reported length of the railway, viz., 1500 miles, was greatly exaggerated.

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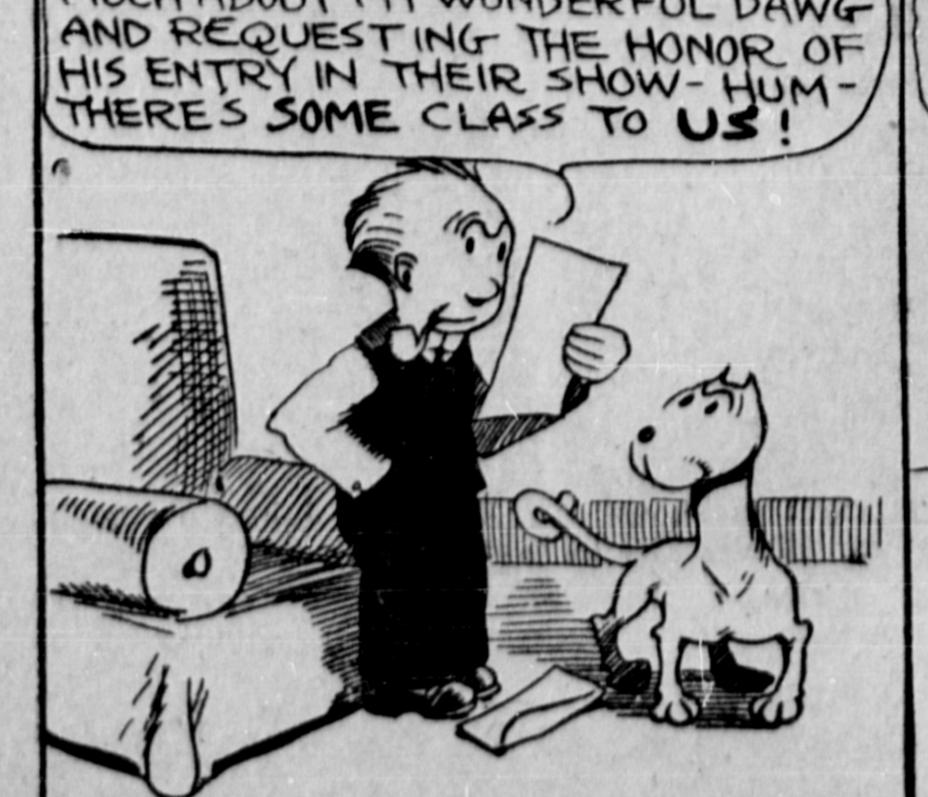
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