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In the Letter Box

ACTION ADVISED REGARDING RAILWAY SITUATION

Editor, Daily News—I think you pretty nearly strike the right note in your editorial when you say it is about time the people of Prince Rupert took the law into their own hands in connection with the thing called a railway system with which this place has been cursed since its inception. A retrospect of that organism seems to justify the opinion that it was conceived in sin, born in iniquity and nursed by insolent incompetence and matured in corruption until, when at the point of death through gangrene, the unsavory mess was dumped into the palsied hands of a quack physician called a government, whose final function will be that of undertaker unless by the miraculous interposition of some higher power the dying thief is rescued from a dishonorable grave at the eleventh hour and given a chance to make tardy restitution to an outraged community.

Proofs are Legion

The history of its dealings with Prince Rupert is a shameful record of contemptuous neglect, abysmal incompetence and deliberate deception—a persistent policy of insult and injury in its most extreme form. The available proofs of the correctness of this accusation are legion in number, running through all the years from the clearing of the townsite to the memorable occasion about a year ago when two of the leading Western officials of the nefarious corporation appeared before a specially convened meeting of the business men of this city, and, instead of realizing the importance of the occasion and trying to talk sense, disported themselves like a brace of buffoons, making hard but futile efforts to be funny, and with cool effrontery explaining that their inability to say anything worth listening to was due to the sleepless nights they had spent since arriving in our most hospitable town!

We listened to their imbecile twaddle, and I believe we actually applauded it, when by right we should have hissed them off the floor. But after all perhaps their performance was a suitable valedictory deliverance for a place which they had, no doubt, been taught by the mandarins above them to regard as a joke.

No Better Treatment

Have we any reason for expecting better treatment from the new controllers? What has happened? It is many months since Minister of Railways Reid—a manifest agent—President of Railways

Hanna—an omniscient oracle—paid their first visit to Prince Rupert, to see things for themselves and, presumably, to do their duty. The former, with a sublime audacity, worthy of a cabinet harlequin of much longer standing, informed us that up to that moment he was not aware there was no railway station in Prince Rupert and then with mock solicitude and sympathy assured us that that and several other of our just grievances would be remedied without delay.

One Promise Fulfilled

With a solemnity becoming his position the all-wise President also gave us to understand that our wrongs would be righted, and was considerate enough to assure us that our freight rates would shortly be increased. This special promise was promptly carried out, and it is the only one of the many made to us that has been even partially fulfilled.

The Greatest

These direct descendants of Ananias and Sapphira had not proceeded very far on their voyage of discovery, as they described their tour, before another ambassador from the temple of fame at Ottawa bore down upon us in solemn state and lonely grandeur, and as we listened to the gracious words that fell from his lips we all with one consent exclaimed: "The greatest of these is Ballantyne," and we felt that in him we had a friend indeed by whom our troubles would be ended once for all. "To soothe our sorrows, heal our wounds and drive away our fears," this great and good authority on ships and fish magnanimously volunteered to use his utmost efforts (mysterious phrase) to secure for us a wharf about two hundred feet longer than the one for which the contract was just then being placed!

Idol of Our Hearts

Who that was present can ever forget the broad grins of delight and gratitude that accompanied our thumpings of the table and rattlings of the festive cutlery when the oracle, who by this time had become the idol of our hearts, thus showed his determination to heap coals of kindly fire upon our heads, granting us more than we had asked or thought of!

Our grief at the departure of Benefactor Ballantyne was only rendered bearable by the consoling reflection that the two hundred feet of bonus wharf would furnish us with a perpetual reminder of him, on which we could at all times kneel and bless his memory and praise his name. I am fully satisfied that the reason nothing has since been heard about the bonus (I beg pardon, I mean "bonus") addition is simply that it has been reliably ascertained that there is no material in existence of fine enough quality to be suitable for the bally benediction, and so instead of a Ballantyne blessing we have a cabinet curse.

Effective Means

But now, seriously, Mr. Editor, what silly suckers we have been all these years for these "Wise men from the East"—these transportation tramps and ministerial mountebanks, and how they must laugh at us over their coffee and cigars as they range the plains in their private cars!

As you say—What is the meaning of it all? How long are we going to put up with it? What are we going to do about it? Well, whether or not any governmental "studios in wood" with which we may be insulted happen to be cremated prematurely—by

the discarded lucifer of a pensive smoker, or any other accidental cause—we ought to be able by concerted and vigorous action to discover and use effective weapons for our purpose, without necessarily violating what is called The Law.

Mass Meeting

Why not have a mass meeting of the citizens, called immediately, at which the feelings and determination of the people would be expressed in no uncertain manner, and certain definite actions decided upon, which could hardly fail to produce results—in fact we could see to it that the desired results would be secured or very unpleasant happenings take place. All that is required is determined combination.

If the curse we are suffering under continues it will be our own fault. Let us rise up and end it like men, pulling together and standing by one another loyally in any action that may be decided upon at a public meeting. If we do we are bound to win. We shall be less than men if we tolerate this odious condition of affairs any longer.

If we are not worms afraid even to turn let us prove it by taking up the weapons within our reach and using them. They could be mentioned at a public meeting convened by the Mayor and supported by the Board of Trade and our gallant member, Colonel Peck. J. E. MAGUIRE.

MORE MARINE INVESTIGATIONS

Members of International Committee Appointed by Canada

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—W. A. Found, assistant deputy minister of fisheries, Loring C. Christ and Dr. A. C. Huntsman, of the marine biological board, have been named as members of the international committee on marine fisheries investigations, which will determine the measures of co-operation desirable in regard to scientific investigation of the deep sea fisheries adjacent to both coasts.

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