

BRINGING UP FATHER



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Exhibitions Now Manifest Accomplishment Instead of Possibilities as Formerly

The Prince Rupert Exhibition which was opened yesterday by Hon. A. M. Manson, Speaker of the Provincial House, marks the ninth fair in the city. Since 1913, when the first was opened at the Auditorium on Sixth Avenue by Hon. Price Ellison, then provincial Minister of Agriculture, the exhibitions have steadily grown in size and importance until now they are fixtures each year and events which are looked forward to from season to season.

Progress of the vast districts tributary to the city in the past ten years can well be judged by the quality and nature of the exhibits to be seen at the Exhibition. From year to year the changes may not have seemed so noticeable, but when one compares the 1913 exhibition with the one now in progress, remarkable advances both in the city and in most of the districts are emphatically marked.

Times Have Changed. In 1913 as now, the most of the districts were represented by exhibits but then they were mainly from small garden experimental plots few and far between at isolated points in the Bulkley Valley, Queen Charlotte Islands, Bella Coola, Kitsumkalum and Lakelse valleys. Now these exhibits are from modern and extensive farms that have filled up the fertile and wide valleys. In 1913 one looked on these exhibits with wonder and amazement that such produce could be obtained. Now it is different for everybody knows without an exhibition what the valleys can do. Then the exhibition demonstrated possibilities, now it illustrates accomplishment.

First Exhibition. It was in 1912 that the Northern B. C. Agricultural and Industrial Association, which for the last decade has conducted the Prince Rupert exhibitions, had its inception. A handful of energetic citizens, imbued with the idea of illustrating and advertising the agricultural, mineral, fishing, industrial, artistic and utilitarian accomplishments of Northern and Central B. C., got together and launched the society. After months of strenuous work, most of it unrewarded in a monetary sense, the enterprise was pushed through to signal success and the first exhibition was opened on September 24 in the Auditorium. Great was the enthusiasm and celebration and every fair since has proven possibly, like the first one, Prince Rupert's greatest event of the year—the time when she entertained her visitors and the time of general reunion when every person present said "Look what we have done."

Usually Successful. Prince Rupert exhibitions have been financial successes each year with but one exception, that being in 1919 when confronted with heavy expenditures for improvements and depending for fine weather to make the event a success, all three days of the exhibition proved the worst possible causing all games to be cancelled and the fair ran into a deficit. Careful and conservative management in 1920, however, brought a good surplus and the association books again showed figures on the right side.

The services of all boards and officials in each year since the first exhibition have had their effect on the ultimate results and it would not be fair to say one exhibition was more of a success than another. In exhibition work, the concrete results of one year's fair cannot be taken as the standard to judge the success of the management of that year. Necessarily, the work of the one year has its effect on the next and the spectacular success of this or any year may have been brought about largely through the work of the committees of the previous one.

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