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**Hon. A. M. Manson**  
 Attorney-general.

The intimation that Hon. A. M. Manson would be appointed attorney-general comes as good news to the people of Northern British Columbia. The North already has one good member of the provincial cabinet and if Mr. Manson takes the attorney-generalship there will be two very active men, both of whom are very capable and who will see that the interests of no section of the province is neglected.

Mr. Manson has taken an interest in political life for many years and it is altogether probable that had he been living in the South he would have been a member of the cabinet when Premier Brewster was returned to power. Since that time he has come steadily to the front. He has won a name for extreme fairness as speaker of the Legislature and not once has a decision of his been seriously challenged. That is a record to be proud of. He is spoken well of by both the government and opposition members.

If he sees fit to accept the position of attorney-general, which it is confidently expected he will, he should do honor to that position and will certainly be a strength to the government. There have been annoying little irregularities in the department of the attorney-general which, although of no great importance, have been the means of making the government unpopular. These will all have to be straightened out by the new man, and among other things an effort must be made to carry out the provisions of the liquor act along the lines demanded by the people at the last plebiscite.

**Liquor Act Difficult to Administer.**

The liquor act is difficult to administer. Everyone realizes that. On the one hand are the prohibitionists who are satisfied with nothing less than complete prohibition and who look with suspicion on the present law, which they opposed strenuously at the plebiscite. The opposite extreme of this is represented by the dealers and brewers who would like to make more money out of the business by having open selling, and with them are allied the toppers and bangers-on of the trade, some of whom would like jobs as bartenders. Between these extremes are various grades of moderates, all of whom are opposed to the return of the bar but some of whom think there should be liquor served with meals.

The government must remember, however, that the people voted for the law as it is today and not for dining room beer or any other provision for free selling of intoxicants. They can not consistently broaden the present law without first consulting the people at another plebiscite. There has been no demand for a change except from the interested parties. The people are satisfied with the present law as long as it is properly enforced. If the present head of the department can not enforce it, the new attorney-general should place in charge a man who will do so. What the people want is law enforcement. Nothing brings the attorney-general and the whole provincial government into disrepute so quickly as neglect in the administration of the liquor laws.

**Local Member and Immigration.**

The local member, the minister of lands, is making a determined effort to settle up the vacant lands of the province. He is devoting a lot of time to it and has already met with a good deal of encouragement in the old country. In connection with the working out of the plans, he will have to return to that country, where the people like to deal with the responsible heads of the departments rather than with agents.

Everyone will wish Mr. Pattullo success in his efforts. If he succeeds he will have a great deal of credit coming to him. The railway situation will be solved to a large extent by the filling up of the vacant lands of the interior. Already good work has been done, but Mr. Pattullo is ambitious and would do a great deal more. If we can get rid of political bickering long enough to give the plan a chance of success, we may all see great prosperity in Central British Columbia, and if this happens all will have a chance to share in that prosperity.

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**Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert**

"The tragedy of the Balkan Express," a Montenegrin drama, was rendered by ideal Montenegrin talent in the Empress Theatre last night. It was the first time the play has been put on in Canada and there was a large audience attracted by it.

It is announced that Sir George Doughty and associates of Grimsby, England, have purchased the Cumshewa Cannery and will enter into the flaked fish business, shipping the product over the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway through Prince Rupert.

The city of Stewart is hot on the trail of the Peace River trade and claims that it should be the terminus of the proposed Canadian Northwestern Railway.

**The Man in the Moon SAYS--**

LOVE is the elucidation of things not understandable.

I JUST hate a knocker. That is why I never heard opportunity when she came knocking at my door.

WHAT I hate about journalism is that it seems almost impossible to make a living that way without working.

SOME of the young men around this town look on a wife as a luxury, and times are too contrary for luxuries these days.

AN editor has few friends, but those he esteems most are the ones who pay their subscriptions.

JUDGING from what one sees and hears, there is nothing immoral except wearing untidy clothes and being hard up.

YOU can stand a man or woman who is cranky, is dull, stupid or smart, but the person who is always telling about the condition of the liver, the trouble with the esophagus, or the ill behavior of the colon is unbearable.

EVERY fish has its day, and next Wednesday is every fish's day.

IT is not the day of the poor

**INTERIOR AND PRINCE RUPERT**

Newspaper Criticizes Local Board of Trade for Going After Too Much.

**TELKWA COAL IS FIRST Short Line Would Make Fifty-four Million Tons Available for Shipment.**

The Interior News has an editorial criticism to make of the resolutions of the Prince Rupert Board of Trade. It thinks the board is dissipating its efforts by going after too much at a time. The paper says:

Evidence of a long-delayed realization of the importance of the Interior in the ultimate development and destiny of their Pacific port is seen in a recent resolution, or series of resolutions, adopted by the Prince Rupert Board of Trade, although it is frankly admitted that people in the district to be immediately benefitted fail to see the wisdom of the steps Prince Rupert would take, the likelihood being that their generous action will be offset by the ambitious nature of their request and form a perfect excuse for another series of promises on which the Interior has thrived so long.

**Branch Lines.**

In addition to the requirements of their own immediate front door, Prince Rupert would have the government at Ottawa step right out and build some five branch lines to the Canadian National Railway, all of which are calculated to stimulate development of the natural resources in what might be called this district. They also see the necessity of an experimental farm, and while we do not attempt to deny the need of these undertakings as essential to the progress of the Interior with indirect benefit to the coast city, the News agrees with the former Mayor McClymont in the opinion that we would be well advised in asking for less and insisting upon the particular work agreed to as the greatest benefit to the most people. We prefer actual accomplishments carrying real paper money to professions bringing nothing but paper promises, and that is about what Mr. Stork will get when he attempts to put over the program of the Prince Rupert Board of Trade, to which, reports indicate, he has committed himself.

**Coal Bunkers.**

Evidently as an inducement to the establishment of a line of steamers to the Orient, Prince Rupert is anxious to see coal bunkers established at that place and they have become quite hot up without giving much thought to sequence in the matter of available coal supply. The coal bunkers will be a nebulous inducement; what the steamship companies are particularly interested in is lots of cheap coal, and it would, therefore, appear as common sense to start in at the development of a body of coal that will assure the necessary supply without the necessity of hauling fuel from the prairie—a necessity that would doom Prince Rupert as a port of call through inability to compete with the shorter water haul from Vancouver Island.

No doubt the Groundhog coal country has much to commend it to consideration, but it must be remembered that a branch line to that district would be long in the building; other branch lines suggested have distance in their favor, some benefitting a few, others doing a greater service, and it seems only reasonable that if we are going to expect Mr. Stork to get anything at all, he should not be bound up with impossibilities, but should be asked to advocate and insist upon one line that would meet the bunker needs of Prince Rupert and which at the same time would benefit the greatest number of people immediately.

**Feasible Project.**

Looking at it in this way, public opinion will agree that the most feasible project offering fish who refuses to learn the difference between a cod and a halibut.

IN this fish town there is more ignorance about fishes to the square yard than in any town I know.

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quick returns to the government and at the same time assisting the greatest concentration of settlement would be a branch line to tap the coal resources on the Telkwa River, an area proven to a greater extent than any other properly mentioned, although possibly having no greater value in the end. The Telkwa River area has the advantage of costly preliminary work being accomplished and reliable reports are available to prove quite definitely the tonnage available, the nature of the coal and the consequent business and earnings for a branch line from that standpoint alone, to say nothing of the stimulus it would give to settlement and attendant revenue.

The Telkwa River line would also have the advantage in its advocacy of not being new to the railway company as a possibility, and at least three exhaustive reports are on file in the Grand Trunk Pacific offices to prove the undertaking to be one of good railway business. These reports go back a dozen years to the time when Charles M. Hays headed the G. T. P. were made at his orders, and followed detailed information concerning the property. One of the reports was submitted by Mr. Beaudette, a mining engineer well known to many in this country, and the field work was started with Mr. Hays' statement that should the reports prove the existence of twenty million tons of coal the branch line would be justified.

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