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Census Returns
Always Disappoint.

Census returns are almost always disappointing. We get enthusiastic over our home town and make it look as flourishing as possible in the eyes of strangers. As a result the tendency is to gradually let the census estimate creep up until at last we come to believe it ourselves. Most people had the opinion that there were at least seven thousand people here, but the census has brought us back to earth and we find there are barely 6400 according to actual count. Even so we are considerably larger than Nelson and are making a substantial growth. An increase of approximately 35 per cent. is not bad in ten years. The city is on a much more permanent basis today than it was. Not only does it look better but it is better. Gradually the worst of the wooden buildings will be destroyed and fireproof structures will take their place.

What of the Future
of City and District?

What of the future of Prince Rupert and district? The future is full of hope. Residents of the city have faith in themselves and in their city. Speaking generally, there is more optimism here to the square yard than there has been since the first boom broke. What we have now is built on solid development and except for the holding of vacant lots there is little indication that local people are looking to the future for everything. They are living for today as well as for tomorrow.

The district around this city is in for a period of real development, but there are always local setbacks. What looks like a flourishing industry often fails to make good and we have to look elsewhere for our evidences of progress. Mines, which give good promise, fail; mills, which start out with good prospects, shut down; other developments do not bring results. That is the history of new districts. We are not only new here but we are a long way off from the rest of the world. That in itself should stir us to strive the harder to make good and to show the world that we are what we say we are.

Sending Delegation
to Interest Ottawa.

The Board of Trade is proposing to send a delegation to Ottawa to draw to the attention of the government there the outstanding needs of this district. While we are sending a member to look after our interests, he is one of several hundred more members and it is difficult to impress the government through him as we can by sending a special delegation of several members.

When a delegation goes to the capital it must be received and its requests are given a good hearing. True, there are many other delegations go there and hearing them must become tedious to ministers, yet we as a district owe it to ourselves to impress upon the new government the importance and needs of this district. We as a city are backed up by the other sections of the constituency as we have never been backed up before. The delegation will go with full assurance that the electors of Skeena district are behind them in the demands for recognition.

Participation in
Relief Work.

The new Dominion Government has come to the relief of the municipalities and is offering to pay a share of the cost of relief works. Until now the only thing the government would do was to pay a share of doles. The result was that some places were handing out money to the unemployed and leaving them unemployed instead of using the money to secure the construction of much-needed public works.

Prince Rupert should be able to take advantage of the new regulation. It will lighten the local burden and will be generally received throughout the country as a promise of better things.

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FISH DAY LUNCH
ON WEDNESDAYArrangements Made by Local
Association—Idea Explained.

At the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday afternoon J. W. Nichols of the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. asked for the co-operation of the club in the celebration of National Fish Day on Wednesday next. He explained how the institution of the day had been the result of a depression in the fishing industry in the later years of the war and it had proved so successful that it had been kept alive and was now an established institution. Consumption of fish had been increased.

Last year there had been a very successful luncheon and they wished to have a similar event this year. Prince Rupert depended on its fish business for its progress and all should be interested in this occasion.

Ten Years Ago
in Prince Rupert

January 27, 1912.

Diver Ole Evindsen this morning was successful in placing slings around the hull and bow of the sunken tug Glen Rosa and the vessel may be raised this afternoon. Further search revealed no trace of the bodies of Captain Tallander and his son.

The annual meeting of the Prince Rupert General Hospital Association was held last night in the police court. Directors were elected as follows: D. G. Stewart, C. V. Bennett, J. H. Thompson, O. H. Nelson and J. A. Kirkpatrick. Revenue for the year was \$3522.12 over expenditure.

A school class was asked to use the word "skin" in a sentence. These are a few of the examples sent in:

"I played a game of poker and they tried to skin me."

"The man is so good tempered it is impossible to get under his skin."

"Skin is something that is usually hidden by clothes or powder."

Would Sacrifice American
Halibut Fleet for Sake of
Town Boomers of Ketchikan

Puget Sound halibut fishermen have entered a protest against the Ketchikan plan for eliminating Canadian towns from competition in the Alaska fresh fish industry. The protest was voiced by Fishing Vessel Owners' Association in a telegram to Senator Wesley L. Jones.

The feature drawing fire from the Seattle organization was an amendment offered to the tariff bill now pending in Congress which provides for bonding in an American port before shipment through a foreign country all fish taken from the North Pacific waters.

The association it is pointed out, does not oppose the tariff provisions of the amendment. The bonding provisions it is declared, would force the fishermen to land their catches in Ketchikan instead of landing them direct in Prince Rupert as is now done. This it was asserted, would make the marketing more than half of the present catch impossible and work irreparable injury to the industry.

Continuing the protest sets forth the position of the Fishing Vessel Association as follows:

The two ports available for fish taken in these waters (North Pacific Ocean) are Ketchikan and Prince Rupert. If this were possible, we would much prefer to discharge at Ketchikan for the reason that we are American citizens and would therefore prefer an American port and Ketchikan is 100 miles nearer the fishing banks and is our principal point of supply. But no adequate cold storage nor terminal facilities exist at Ketchikan or are likely to for many years. The maximum cold storage facilities at Ketchikan do not exceed 100,000 pounds a day, while arrivals often exceed 500,000 pounds a day.

There can be no adequate inducement for the expenditure of the millions of dollars necessary to construct cold storage and terminal facilities at Ketchikan for the reason that fish discharged at Ketchikan must be shipped east through Prince Rupert anyway and the extra expense of handling and the hazard of ferry or steamship services from Ketchikan to Prince Rupert over rough and exceedingly dangerous waters make it impracticable.

Limit for Prime Fish. Prince Rupert is necessarily the Ketchikan shipping point for the reason that fish shipped via Prince Rupert are at least 14 days old when they reach the eastern markets, which is the limit for prime fish. If shipped via Seattle or Vancouver, B. C., they would be at least 18 days old on arrival in the eastern markets by which time the fish are stale and unfit for consumption.

One of the necessities of this industry is to get the product to the eastern market in the quickest time possible and discharging at Ketchikan and shipping in bond to Prince Rupert would require an additional three to six days, as the transfer vessels would have to wait for sufficient cargo.

No substantial benefit would accrue to American business from the proposed amendment, for the American buyer—the New English Fish Company, the Booth Fisheries Company and the San Juan Fishing and Packing Company, taking more than 60 per cent of the catch. The proceeds of the sales are evidently expended in American ports for supplies and in support of families in America.

Canadian Railroads Benefit.

The only substantial Canadian benefit from the industry accrues to Canadian railroads, and this is inevitable, whether the fish are delivered in Prince Rupert direct from the fishing fleet or shipped in bond from Ketchikan.

Ninety per cent of the American halibut fleet hold membership in the association, and we knew nothing of this proposed amendment until about Dec. 30. The amendment would sacrifice the American halibut fleet for the supposed benefit of town boomers in Ketchikan.

We can see no salvation for the halibut fleet under the amendment except possibly operation under Canadian registry. The amendment will facilitate rather than defeat Canadian control of fisheries, and as we are good Americans we should not be driven to a foreign registry.

LOOK AFTER FARMERS
IN SOUTHERN ALBERTAGovernment Will Protect Men
Who Lost Crops From
Creditors.

CALGARY, Jan. 25.—(Canadian Press)—The government of Alberta is taking active measures to protect from drastic action on the part of their creditors settlers in Southern Alberta who are in financial difficulties as the result of crop failures so the United Farmers of Alberta convention was told by Hon. J. H. Brownlee, attorney-general. Mr. Brownlee advised against a two-year moratorium on farm implements and on land occupied which he said would tie the hands of the administration, shake the credit of the province and make its financing extremely difficult.

The result of Mr. Brownlee's explanation was that the convention tabled with the little discussion the moratorium resolution and several others which aimed at protection for the farmers from chattel mortgages, foreclosures and other claims which could not be met at this time.

Here's a bit of real boy. Archie aged five, had found a cat and given it the name of "Mary."

"How did you find out that it's a girl cat?" asked his grandmother.

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