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Make Full Use of Local Shipyard.

The Canadian National Railway has here one of the finest shipyards and machine shops in the country, but it is never operated to anything like its capacity. There is an immense investment bringing little return. Experts say the machinery and other plant are second to none in the country and could be used for repair work on cars and locomotives, for rebuilding cars and locomotives and for new construction work. There is no other place where work could be done more effectively.

The small shed which answers the purpose of a machine shop and roundhouse is just the opposite in regard to its effectiveness. There the investment in buildings is almost nothing, but the results in output are large. If the larger yard were used to anything like the capacity of the smaller we should have an industry here that would make the city prosperous.

It is within the power of the railway company to utilize the shipyard and drydock to such an extent as to make it a commercial success and to save the company money. It would also mean increasing the transportation on this line. Only recently the steamer Newington was sent south for overhaul at great expense to the country when the work could easily have been done here. The company has a fleet of coasting steamers and there is also a large fleet of ocean-going vessels, all of which might be docked here and thus make the local dock do effective work and keep the yards busy. By using the local yard to its capacity it is kept effective and better able to handle other commercial work that may offer. Once the shipping world is fully aware of the fact that they can get service here business will come this way.

Car Building And Rebuilding.

Cars have to be built for the railway, and there is a constant repair business required to keep them running. As little as possible of that work is done here at present. As there is machinery here and power and every facility, the railway would be fully justified in establishing its car shops here both for repairing old cars and building new ones. Such action would be very desirable and would make for business on the railway. To have shops at a point where there are competing railways divides up the business caused by the industry. To install shops here keeps the business with the company operating the shops.

At the local repair shops engines are sometimes rebuilt. Excellent work has been done here, just as good as at any other shops, and that with the meagre facilities at hand. If the machinery and buildings at the shipyard were utilized for the purpose, there might be much more of that class of work done, and even new locomotives could be constructed just as well as in the shops in the east.

Canadian National Interest Is Here.

The Canadian National Railways own a lot of property at this point that will become marketable as soon as the place is prosperous. By establishing their shops here and encouraging the shipyard and drydock operations they will add daily to the value of their own property. It is a straight business proposition. The railway has everything to gain and nothing to lose by building up this port. The railway officials put this matter up to the government, where doubtless it belongs, but whoever is responsible, it is their duty to look at the matter from a business viewpoint and to act accordingly. We expect great things from the present government. We shall doubtless get fair treatment, but in order that we may do so it is our duty to place these matters before the authorities in such a way that there can be no mistake. We are just now in a position where we may make this port or permanently stunt its growth. We must not let it be said that it was our own faults that we failed to get good treatment. We must leave no stone unturned to make those in authority see the desirability of building up the industries at Prince Rupert.

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SCHEME FOR IMPROVING SPORTS GROUND PUT UP

The annual meeting of the St. Andrew's Society took place last night. It was largely attended. Election of officers and submission of annual reports was the order of business. The latter showed that the club was in a very healthy standing in every way.

It was with regret to all that S. D. Macdonald, who has been president of the society for ten years, announced that he was resigning the office and would not stand for re-election. The meeting asked Mr. Macdonald to reconsider, but this he said he could not see his way clear to do. Although private business made it impossible to carry on he said that he would always be ready to assist in every way possible in the work and activities of the society.

Through his long term of service, Mr. Macdonald has always been enthusiastic and energetic and has guided the affairs of the organization with signal success, having seen it grow from the beginning to the important place it now holds in the life of the community. W. M. Brown was elected to succeed him in the office.

Improving Grounds.

A suggestion was brought forward at the meeting that the society co-operate with other similar organizations in the city in raising a fund to guarantee the carrying on of the improvement work on the recreation grounds at Aeropolis Hill. A series of entertainments will be probably the method adopted. It was felt that this was an object towards which all in the city who were interested in sport would lend a hand. The city has already commenced the work and it is proposed that the work be carried on until the rock bluff is completely removed and the grounds are generally put in better shape. The suggestion is to be followed up.

The new officers of the St. Andrew's Society elected last night were as follows:

Honorary President, Maj.-General J. W. Stewart.
Honorary Vice President, Major John McGregor, V.C.
President, W. M. Brown.
First Vice President, D. C. Stuart.
Second Vice President, William Reid.
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SMITHERS

Great interest is being taken in the first civic election which will be held here on January 26 under the Village Act.

Ernest Stubbs' farm house was completely destroyed by fire last Thursday.

The Smithers Farmers' Institute at the annual meeting on Tuesday elected the following officers for the year: President, William Hanna; secretary treasurer, George Oulton; directors, E. Woodward, J. B. Langston and J. T. McCaule.

After weeks of patient waiting the farmers and tie makers are happy on the arrival of a big fall of snow which commenced last Saturday.

The new officers of Omineca Lodge A. F. & A. M. were installed on Saturday and a banquet in the Bulkley Valley Hotel followed the ceremony. The installation was presided over by A. M. Manson and C. H. Orme of Prince Rupert and the following are the new officers: Worshipful Master, J. Mason Adams; Immediate Past Master, Stephen H. Hoskins; Senior Warden, J. M. Graham; Junior Warden, W. F. Boyer; Treasurer, G. V. Storkey; Directors of Ceremonies, J. S.

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Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

January 14, 1912.

The last meeting of the 1911 council was held last night when Mayor Manson turned over the reins of city government to Al. S. M. Newton who will succeed him as chief magistrate.

The last business of the 1911 council was to recommend to the provincial government that it sell its holdings in the city of Prince Rupert.

The handsome new pleasure launch, Alice B., belonging to W. J. Thomas, has just arrived from Vancouver where it was built.

PRINCE GEORGE

The first hockey game of the season was played here on Sunday when the Married Men beat the Rosebuds by a score of 12 to 2. The teams were as follows: Married Men—Alex. Moffatt, M. C. McKay, Alex. Wimbles, Jimmy Williams; Ivor Guest, and Ken McKay; Rosebuds—H. Kennedy, R. Knight, C. Brown, G. Adams, A. Mackenzie and H. Gross.

Dr. H. J. Meiklejohn, managing director of the Sovereign Life Insurance Co., was a visitor in the city this week conferring with Charles A. Pyne, the manager for British Columbia.

J. M. Wiley, the prominent Winnipeg grain man, was a visitor here during the week looking over his land and timber interests in the district. Mr. Wiley was a pioneer of Prince George and was here in 1907. He notes great progress in the city and district.

George Anderson, a promising young scrapper, has sent a challenge to Harry Anderson, of this city, a former champion lightweight of the Pacific Coast, for a bout to be fought here shortly.

MAYOR SCORES FISHERMEN OF GLOUCESTER

Says International Race Committee Should Resign—Fakes in Fisheries Business.

GLOUCESTER, Jan. 14.—Bitter attacks on the Gloucester Chamber of Commerce, the American Fishermen's Race Committee, the men in charge of the local fishing industry, and sailors of the United States navy were made by Mayor Percy W. Wheeler in his inaugural address here.

The mayor's charge in regard to the fishing industry, in which he declared that the men at the head of the business were responsible for Gloucester's decline from a port of 500 vessels to one of a scant 100, came with startling effect. He claimed he had seen pollock dyed and sold for salmon. "You have heard the Gloucester Chamber of Commerce called a 'den of thieves,'" he asserted. "They violate the moral code of decency, if not the Sherman anti-trust law, every morning when they meet to control the price of fish in Gloucester."

The mayor asserted that many young girls have been ruined by the sailors ashore in Gloucester on liberty; said that he would see to it that a 9 o'clock curfew law was strictly enforced, and declared that he would stop the debauchery of young girls if he had to employ policemen to do it.

Condemns Racing Boat.

"Sailors are only human and young girls are foolish," he said. Mayor Wheeler also paid his respects to the race committee in no uncertain terms.

"The American fishermen's international race committee should resign out of decency, if for no other reason," he cried. "They had no right to bar the Mayflower from competition, with their talk about the deed of gift, when the Elsie was allowed to go down to Halifax with sails, main boom and gaff which were not made for her, but which were taken from the equipment of another boat."

Good Sports.

"The Canadian committee are good sports, and I can't understand how they could put up with the kind of men making up the American racing committee."

The mayor's charge in regard to the Elsie's equipment is regarded as a serious one, for it amounts to a direct assertion that the schooner did not comply with the rules governing the contest, in that she raced with sails and gear other than her regular fishing equipment.

Mayor Wheeler was virulent in his attacks on the things that, he says, are being done in the fishing industry. He said that all of his charges in this regard were based on things that he had seen, not on what he had been told.

Attacks Police Heads.

"I have seen a kit of mackerel packed with a quart of whisky and shipped to Maine."

"I have seen harbor pollock split down the back and sold as mackerel."

"I have seen Old England hake misbranded and sold as sea trout or ocean bluefish."

"I have seen a large pollock split, dyed pink and sold for ocean salmon."

"I have seen fish so rotten that when you started to split them they fell apart."

The mayor then attacked the police department, saying that while the personnel of the department was good, the men in charge were inefficient. He asserted that a shakedown was due, and asserted that bootleggers and rum smugglers must go.

Wheeler, 55 years old and a former boatbuilder, was elected last fall by the biggest majority ever given a mayoralty candidate here.

SEED POTATO FAIR WILL BE HELD IN CHILLIWACK SOON

VICTORIA, Jan. 14.—A provincial seed potato fair will be held in the opera house at Chilliwack on February 23, 24 and 25, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the B. C. Dairymen's Association and the B. C. Stock Breeders' Association. Prizes will be given for both certified and uncertified seed potatoes.

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