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Garden Spots of Dominion but Difficult to Bring Under Plow are Queen Charlotte Islands

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(By H. F. Pullen) One of the common questions 1 am asked by those I meet, 'is "How do you like the Queen Charlotte Islands?" or "What do you think of the Queen Charlotte Islands?" At Massett they asked, "Well, what do you think of Massett?"

None of these questions can be answered. Anyone who thinks at all, thinks so much about all the places that it would take hours to tell it all. Just dropping into a place, spending a day and getting out again does not give one a chance to form much of an idea what it is like, or to give a correct estimate of the importance of the country and

settlers is strictly limited. to prophecy as to its future.

There is a charm about the Throughout the islands there Queen Charlottes that is bound to is going on a tremendous single. impress any visitor. After look- handed unorganized fight against ing around at the gardens and nature, and nature wins most of homes it is easy to agree with the time. A few people with those who say it is the "Garden greater advantages, better adap-. . n. inhibite on mone determination

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Aske Prince Rupert Ranufacturing Centre. It was suggested to the editor of this paper recently that here was a great advantage in using a terminal point as a centre or manufacturing anything whether it might be lumber, pulp, paper or any other product of the natural wealth of the country. Prince Rupert is the natural terminal point for the whole north country to which point the best railway and steamship rates are obtainable. At any place off the railway there is an extra tariff which increases the cost of the manufactured ar- icle. In the south most of the industries radiate around Van- couver because it is the cheapest base of supplies and the best shipping rates are obtained from there. In the north Prince Rupert should be a similar centre. It has the same rates as Vancouver from the East and has practically all the advantages of the other cities. For a new industry about to start operations, Prince Ruper	does wonderfully well with any reasonable amount of care. Flowers bloom there in profu- ision, honeysuckle lends its frag- rance to the air, potatoes show prospecies of a wonderful crop and the quality of any tubers with t such a soil is bound to be excel- lent. Dairy cattle do wonderfully well, beef cattle fatten on the statural grasses, poultry give as good returns as anywhere for the expenditure of time and money, pigs increase and thrive, and the only complaint against the keep- ing of sheep is that they get too	is established a new community mailt is to be built. At present the hall over the store is used for dances, church services and public buildings and there is a hall over the poolroom which is to be used as a reading room and athletic hall. A radio phone is to be installed so that the men may hear the latest concerts and news from the outside. There is also a tennis court planned. The physical difficulties in making a town are very apparent at Buckley Bay. The industry is comparatively a new one and up to the present has been more or less experimental. It is using a commodity which otherwise would lie there unexploited. It	Prince Rupert	

Advantage Of Terminal Point.

Let us suppose that a pulp and paper mill is to starf operations in this neighborhood. There are possibly some advantages in being near the power supply and also in being able to. have a closed town. Yet these are minor advantages. The major advantages is in favor of the place already established. In the building of a paper plant almost half the cost is in providing facilities for the employees. By placing the mill at or near Prince Rupert there is no expense to the company in providing these facilities. The employees are more contented when they have city advantages, and there is less difficulty in getting an abundance of labor. Prince Rupert already has its municipal government, its water and light, its streets, library and reading room, its theatre and educational facilities. In establishing a new industry in the wilds, all these have to be provided to a greater or less extent and they are very costly. Also there is an it can be done, and is being done embargo on all supplies in the way of increased freight charges and the joy of achievement is and the facilities for shipping out and marketing to advantage great when new land is seeded to are also denied. crop, but for one who makes a

Everything points to the city as the natural place for the -uccess of the work dozens will lev establishment of new industries and especially the pulp indusfail and their failure discourages try. others.

City Should Be Interested.

beach with Charley Spence and Now, looking at the question from the point of view of the sailed down the inlet with Rev. city, it is easy to see what an advantage it would be to have such James Gillett in the mission boat an industry here. The townsite is at present too big for the Western Hope I saw visions of population and the result is that keeping up the streets and pay- thriving farms, of picturesque ing for other facilities becomes a burden. Add a few thousand homes, of lowing herds, of bleatto the population and the burden is more widely distributed and ing sheep, of villages and of becomes at once less heavy. What is needed is population, towns here and there. Actually, I neil. Anything the city can do to increase population is effort well saw the homestead of an oceainvested.

sional settler with a little clearing During a recent visit to Massett Inlet it was noticed that in the woods or on the edge of only about half the timber on the ground was taken by the mill, the inlet. He was growing a few the other half being left to rot on the ground or allowed to stand potatoes, milking two or three until the next wintry gale came along and overthrew it. All this cows, keeping a pig or two, selling timber could be utilized if there was a pulp mill near. It is a few eggs and occasionally marestimated that there is a sufficient supply of timber to keep a keting a fat steer. That was the threatened the existence of the If a pulp mill were established, oulp mill going indefinitely in the neighborhood of Massett In- man I saw everywhere. He eked let. There is also a good location for a power plant on the Jan out a scanty livelihood, happy as River, close to Buckley Bay. What seems reasonable is for a he cleared an extra half acre of be a protection to the town for the case. ground wood plant to be established at or near Buckley Bay and land, added a cow to his herd or for a paper plant to be located at Prince Rupert at which the a pig to his pen. All were happy ground pulp would be utilized. This would necessitate the de- and hopeful, proud of the dis- but only one house was lost in velopment of one of the big water powers in the neighborhood. trict, optimistic in regard to the the conflagration. Some of the timber used in the paper mill would be secured future, grumbing a little at the in this neighborhood while the whole of the adjacent country transportation companies, the would be drawn on to help provide the supply. governments, and the unappreciative public.

Why is it then with all these and no sign of teredo has advantages that people do not go seen.

to the district in large numbers There are at present three to live there and save money. and, that the country is today so steam schooners engaged in whereas if they lived in a hig insparsely settled that it is impos- transporting the lumber and dustrial centre they could save. rible to get a frequent steamer cants to San Pedro. These are little or nothing.

service with mails and other ad- the El Cicuto, El Cedro and El The great complaint vantages? The chief difficulty is Abeto, the Spanish names meanwith the clearing of the land. It ing respectively The Hemlock, is mostly heavily timbered, and The Cedar and The Spruce. 'Each only those who have tried it know of these schooners carries 1.how difficult it is to grub or blow 600,000 feel and it takes them out the immense stumps and to 21 days to make the round trip. collect and burn the roots. It is There is talk of larger vessels heart-breaking job to anyone for the business but so far nothwho is not inured to toil or who ing has been done to provide delights in hard manual labor. them.

Company Officials

The chief officials of the com-

pany are: General Manager, F. L. Buck-

Assistant General Manager, G

P. Hale, Local Manager, R. H. Marlatt. Logging Superintendent, A. B Pleas.

Mill Superintendent, J. Chase. Supplies, G. H. Stevens. Stores, C. B. Shrigley. Medical Officer, Dr. Briggs. Chief Accountant, J. A. O'Don-

The company is logging off a stances and make the most of the ? new townsite on which it is privileges that present themplanned to erect 80 up to date selves. One by one they will houses for the accommodation of obtain facilities which will bring the employees. At present most them in line with other places. of the houses are built along the Every place has to be developed waterfront. The recent fire which and all cannot be done at once.

Mechanics and laborers are able

Lack of Transportation

from everyone at Buckley Bay and everywhere on Queen Charlotte Islands is the lack of transportation. A boat once a fortnight to and from Prince Rupert is not enough, it is argued. The opin-f ion exists everywhere that at least a weekly service should be established. Then the people could keep in closer touch with the outside and life would be less monotonous.

Outdoor recreations are almost wholly lacking at Buckiey Bay except boating, fishing and hunting. There is no athletic ground and indeed it is difficult to see how one could be constructed. There is no hope of getting one in the immediate future, it would seem. The people might easily have a gun elub, a tennis club, bowling alleys, a gymnasium and a hiking club. People situated as they are in Massett Inlet have to adapt themselves to circum-



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Wonderful Waterway

Vision of Future

As I drove through to the west

Massett Inlet is a wonderful waterway, and, on its shores there will some day be thousands of farms and tens of thousands of people. Boats will ply in every direction, tourists will come from all parts of the world to see it and the whole island will be a hive of industry. There is no doubt of this. But today the few settlers are lonely. The people live too far apart. The method of seattered settlement seems almost criminal. Transportation is very poor because there is not enough business to induce better: The market is unorganized and the practical knowledge of the

mill and townsite has made an development would come much effective fire break which will quicker than otherwise would be years to come. The woods all Water Storage around the townsite were burned The watershed of the Ian River is well adapted to storage purposes for a power plant. Records As soon as the new townsite have been kept of the water supply and while no official report in regard to the result has RICH IN VITAMINES been made it is understood that it is satisfactory. At the lower end of the first lake there is a rocky gorge through which the river flows and a dam could very easily be constructed there at a very small cost. This would quantities of water. There is undoubtedly a sufficient supply to a operate a pulp mill and it is claimed that it is large enough even for a paper mill.

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