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Statesmanlike Address To Board Of Trade.

Rising above trivialities or pandering to local demands, the minister of marine yesterday struck a high note in his address to the Prince Rupert Board of Trade at the luncheon yesterday. He mentioned above other things the desirability of a united Canada in which there should be no distinction between east and west, where a person could feel just as much at home in one province as in another.

Hon. Ernest Lapointe is an orator of no mean order. He talks plainly and clearly with a picturesque French accent that adds to the brightness of his delivery. While he is at his best in a fighting speech such as that delivered on a former occasion, he lost none of his reputation as a result of yesterday's effort. He is undoubtedly one of the leading men in Quebec and he will be heard from often in future if he retains his health.

Great Future For Canada.

In outlining the way in which Canada is prospering, the minister found progress all along the line and nowhere more than in connection with the railway. He was extremely optimistic for the future as any student of affairs is bound to be. If all Canadians saw the future as Mr. Lapointe sees it and were willing to work consistently to that end, there should be greater progress throughout the country. We have largely what we expect. If we expect little we shall just get that.

Everybody Comes To Prince Rupert.

Prince Rupert is getting back on to the map. She is being visited by many important people. Very soon the general manager of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine will be here for the first time and he will inspect the possibilities of the port from a shipping point of view. All these people are welcome. We have nothing to hide but we stand to gain from all the visits.

As we grow and increase in importance we shall have many more important visitors from time to time and these will all be welcome. We must try to entertain everybody we possibly can for there is nothing like a hearty welcome to give people a good impression of a place.

MANY PASSENGERS AND MUCH FREIGHT BROUGHT STEAMER PRINCE JOHN

The steamer Prince John, Capt. Harry Nedden, arrived in port yesterday afternoon from Vancouver and Queen Charlotte Islands with a heavy list of passengers, something like sixty first class and twenty-five steerage, most of whom were bound south. The vessel also brought 200 tons of coal for the Prince Rupert Coal Co. and 200 cases of salt salmon put up at the Lagoon Bay saltery for the Japanese market.

The body of the Chinaman Lee Mee, who was killed from the explosion of a retort at Lagoon Bay cannery, was brought here by the steamer.

The vessel had a fine trip. She will leave on her new schedule Saturday night.

HEAD OF PRESBYTERIAN VISITS CITY AND GAVE ADDRESS LAST EVENING

Rev. Dr. Alfred Gandier, principal of Knox College, Toronto, and moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, addressed a good sized gathering in the Presbyterian Church Hall last evening on Church Union giving an interesting review of the steps of the past twenty years which have led up to the present advanced negotiations. Rev. Dr. H. R. Grant presided.

Dr. Grandier, who is on a tour of Western Canada in his official capacity, arrived in the city on last night's train and sailed on the steamer Prince George for Vancouver.

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future today looms up as potential as the country is great. Canada like other nations has felt the effects of the crisis through which the world has passed. The war disturbed everything. Currency and the whole machinery of exchange through which nations buy and sell broke down. Governments had greater requirements and the result was more inflation and more credit. The whole field of action was hampered and governments were compelled to put on all manner of restrictions. This interfered with business and industry and everything had to suffer. Canada as well as other nations suffered from these causes and a period of convalesence has been necessary.

Money and Men Needed

In the development of a country and its prosperity two great factors were necessary, continued Mr. Lapointe—money and men. Canada had given generously of both during the war. The national debt had increased five fold. Through its youth, vigor and productive capacity, however, Canada was already placed on a better basis than almost any other country in the world.

The speaker then went on to show how, despite difficulties, Canada had continued to develop financially and industrially. Before the war there were 35,000,000 acres in field crops in Canada. Now there were 60,000,000 acres. Last year the grain crop had been the largest in the history of Canada and this year it was even larger. Last year Canada had become the leading grain export country in the world and it would remain such. Livestock production had increased 47 per cent since the war—a greater increase than in any other country in the world. The value of the fisheries last year had been $50,000,000 as compared with $32,000,000 before the war. This was another great factor in the industrial activity of the nation that was increasing every day.

Removal of Restrictions

"I sincerely hope that restrictions between United States and Canada in the fishing trade will soon be removed and that the people of both countries will soon see why there should be reciprocity in buying and selling. (Applause).

The annual lumber production of Canada was placed at $400,000,000 and mineral production last year was valued at $184,000,000 including a gold production of $25,000,000 which made Canada the third largest gold producing nation in the world. Manufactures had extended tremendously.

In regard to foreign trade, Canada's exports had increased 25 per cent last year and there had been a total increase of 60 per cent since before the war. Last year the volume of Canada's exports had been the highest in the history of the country although value might have been higher in some previous years owing to higher prices prevailing. Canada's balance of trade had greatly increased until last year it had a balance of $142,840,791 in its favor. Today Canada was the fifth greatest export nation in the world being exceeded only by Great Britain, United States, France and Germany.

"That is not bad for a country of nine million people," reflected Mr. Lapointe.

Lowest National Debt

Though the national debt had been greatly increased during the war, Canada's was the smallest pro rata of all British countries, Mr. Lapointe stated. Canada's position was thus the best in that regard.

"Our dollar if not at par is near it on the money markets of the world and we are the only nation which entered the war at its beginning whose money is at par or nearly at par," declared Mr. Lapointe. "That shows that other countries have confidence in Canada. It means that the financial world knows that the nation's paper money has sufficient natural resources behind it to meet its obligations. If the rest of the world has faith in Canada then why should Canadians despair?"

The earnings of Canada's two great transportation systems had greatly increased since the first of the present year.

Canadian National Railways

"The Canadian National Railways under the able leadership of Sir Henry Thornton have been making good since the first of the year. For the first seven months of the year net earnings have shown a surplus of $5,000,000 as against a deficit last year of $1,000,000.

"If the condition of the Canadian National Railways continues to improve our financial troubles will soon be over. We have had a large surplus of revenue of expenditure which has been eaten up by the deficits of the Canadian National Railways. Everybody is pleased with the work of Sir Henry Thornton as president of the Canadian National Railways and the change that has come into effect since he took over the management has been felt everywhere. He has enlisted the sympathy and co-operation of his staffs and they all love the general manager. Let me say also that he has been ably assisted by his board of directors on which a Prince Rupert man is not the least important representative."

Three Necessitities

In concluding his address, Mr. Lapointe declared that there were three factors necessary if Canada was to succeed—freedom of its individual citizens, confidence and national unity.

Governments should keep the field free for the activities of a country's citizens and should, as far as possible, leave the businessmen alone. Restrictions only hampered business and trade and the best remedy for existing conditions lay in the natural laws of supply and demand.

The minister expressed the view that too extreme views should not be held in regard to economic policies. No policy was as good or bad as its friends or enemies described it. The most useful citizen was the man who did not want to go too fast or too slow, too far or too near, and who was always willing to retrace his steps if such action seemed to be for the common good.

There should be confidence between classes and classes, men and men, occupations and occupations and employers and employees. The respective rights of each should be realized and observed.

The speaker gave his belief that the interest of no section of Canada was so remote from the other that they could not all get together and work in harmony. No section could prosper unless all worked in co-operation and harmony. Canada was a different country to govern because of its size and divisions geographically. It was inhabited with various nationalities and creeds and, in dealing with them, there must be moderation, charity and tolerance to all. When the man from Quebec felt at home in British Columbia and vice versa and such feelings prevailed throughout Canada the true spirit of Canadian patriotism would be developed.

The minister again expressed the great pleasure it had been for him to visit Prince Rupert and hoped that he would be able to come back again soon and often. He hoped to return next year.

Vote of Thanks

President Gibbons referred to the former visit of Mr. Lapointe to the city and the delegations that had been sent to Ottawa. The government had said that it was up to Sir Henry Thornton to carry out the old G.T.P. intentions with regard to Prince Rupert and that they would support any recommendation he might make. Sir Henry had definitely placed himself on record as favoring the establishment of a grain elevator here. He (Mr. Gibbons) believed that it was now up to the government to act in this matter and he felt sure that Mr. Lapointe would do everything in his power to assist.

W. E. Williams, in moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Lapointe, expressed the hope that the present government would nourish the tree of prosperity for Prince Rupert which it had planted. Though Prince Rupert had done all they could to cultivate the tree, it was not growing very well yet. All that it wanted now was a little government fertilizer in the form of a grain elevator. "We want you to co-operate with us in granting that elevator when Sir Henry Thornton asks for it and the grain commission recommends it," said Mr. Williams. "We need it soon and if we do not get it our tree will die."

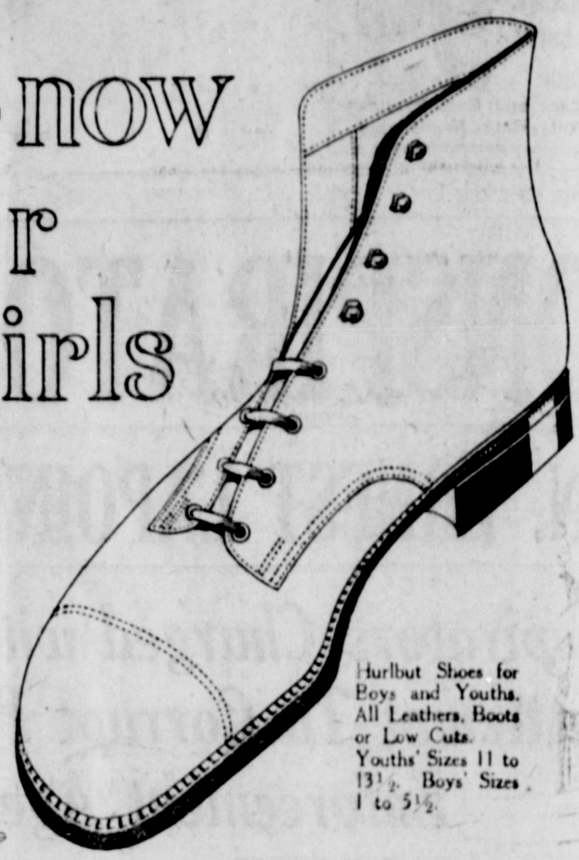
Mayor Newton

Mayor Newton, in seconding the vote, reiterated what Mr. Williams had said. Prince Rupeert had been waiting a long time and he felt that the time was now opportune when the minister might be asked to use his influence in bringing about a greater fulfillment of the hopes that had been expressed when he visited the city before the general election. The people who had come here and invested their all, he felt, were entitled to see some results from the great projects that had been planned.

"We do not feel that we have been getting the square deal that we might reasonably expect and we all plead that Prince Rupert may receive that hearty co-operation that will place it in the position that we should expect. Give us a grain elevator and that will be a good start.

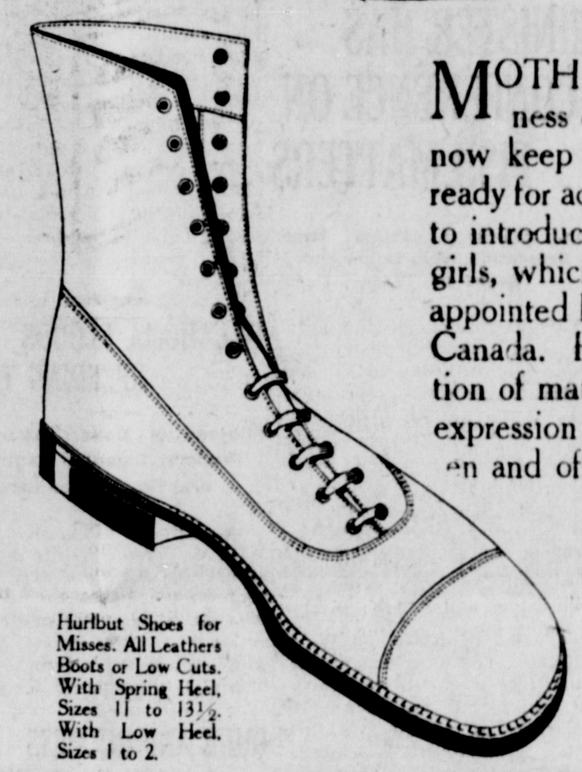
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