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PRINCE RUPERT IN LEGISLATURE

City Gets Lot of Undesirable Advertising as Wide Open Town

The Victoria Times report of the speech of R. H. Pooley in which Prince Rupert was particularly mentioned follows:

Unless the Provincial government takes hold of the liquor situation and enforces the government control laws, British Columbia will be faced soon with a return of bone-dry prohibition, R. H. Pooley, Conservative member for Esquimalt, warned the Legislature. Speaking in the debate on the reply to the Speech from the Throne, Mr. Pooley made it clear that he was not a prohibitionist and never would be one. And this, he explained, was the reason why he wanted to see the present liquor system carried on successfully.

Charging that Mr. Manson's legal firm had acted as solicitors for people known to be evaders of the liquor law, Mr. Pooley blamed the Attorney-General for what he considered disgraceful liquor conditions in many parts of the Province. Conditions in Prince Rupert, Mr. Manson's home town, he asserted, were particularly bad and he went on to describe in detail just what he himself had seen in the north on his recent speaking tour.

Rupert Wide Open

Prince Rupert Mr. Pooley described as being wide open. He told about the prosperity of one Ole Besner, who had profited greatly through beer club operations. Mr. Manson's legal firm, he charged, had been engaged by Besnier as his solicitors as soon as the Attorney-General had taken office. He wondered whether Mr. Manson's appointment to the government had influenced Besner in engaging his firm as his solicitors.

Mr. Pooley declared emphatically that Besner would never be sent to jail so long as Mr. Manson was Attorney-General.

This brought Mr. Manson to his feet instantly with a warm demand for retraction. After some delay Mr. Pooley withdrew his remark but insisted that conditions in Prince Rupert should be cleaned up.

Tells of Beer Club

Mr. Pooley provided the House with some amusement when he told of his own efforts to "sample the grog" in the Skeena Club which, he explained, stood on a scow attached to a Government wharf at Prince Rupert in such a position that crews from fishing craft were obliged to pass its doors on their way to the shore. Mr. Pooley said he had been refused admission to the club by a spotter but had seen large numbers of men lined up inside drinking. He passed around photographs of the club to all members of the House.

Not Government Wharf

Mr. Manson explained that the Skeena Club was not using a government wharf but the location was leased Government property.

"Then why don't you turn them out?" Mr. Pooley demanded.

"We did," Mr. Manson replied, adding that prominent Conservatives of Prince Rupert had held the lease.

Mr. Pooley told the House that the Skeena Club had been closed since he had been in Prince Rupert and intimated that his visit probably had produced this result.

Mr. Manson assured Mr. Pooley, however, that his activities did not influence the Attorney-General's department much one way or the other.

Closed Suddenly

The closing of the club had occurred suddenly, Mr. Pooley stated, and immediately afterwards Besner and his right-hand man, one Gooch, had left hurriedly for New Brunswick.

Mr. Pooley said it was strange that he could get all the facts about clubs in Prince Rupert while "spotters" of the Attorney General's department were unable to do so. He added that a government official sent to the northern city to watch the export of liquor had actually stayed with Ole Besner.

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SEWARD NOT IN FAVOR RUPERT

Objects to Scheme of Attorney General Rustgard Connection With This Port

Says the Seward Gateway:

At Vancouver, Attorney General Rustgard announced to a Canadian audience that "Alaska was going to make a fight before congress to have Prince Rupert made its principal port by deletion of the so-called Alaska clause from the Jones coastwise shipping bill," meaning in other words that Alaskans were to build up a foreign port and foreign shipping at the benefit of American shipping. We do not believe that Alaska is behind Mr. Rustgard's statement, especially if they realize the far-reaching effect it would have upon southwestern Alaska. It was Attorney General Rustgard who a few years ago caused $100,000 to be appropriated by the Territorial legislature to be used in establishing a line of government vessels from Seattle to Seward or some other northern port. The greater part of this money was spent by a Seattle attorney whom the attorney general hired to assist him in shifting the small volume of trade from America to Canada. The remainder of the fund was returned to the territory.

Heavily Burdened

For several years our attorney general has kept the territory in hot water fighting the coastwise lines serving Alaska, with no result save to increase the resentment on both sides. It is true that Alaska is heavily burdened by prevailing rates, but the attorney general has offered no satisfactory plan for our relief.

And in his propaganda he has not informed Alaskans that no matter what vessels plied to Alaska the rates could not be lowered without consent of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and that so long as one vessel of a competing line plied to Alaska, its competitors could only ply here at a lower freight rate.

Say Only One Remedy

He has not informed the friends of the proposed scheme that every pound of freight carried through the port of Prince Rupert, while helping the First division, would retard the development of the Third and Fourth divisions. It would build up a foreign city at the expense of American cities. It would cause freight and passengers to be carried to Juneau and as far as Skagway on Canadian vessels, and ships would leave Seattle with their holds empty of freight for ports below Juneau. There can be no remedy for Alaska until the volume of freight on present lines increases to a point where it can be carried at a lower rate with a profit.

LOCAL WIRELESS STORY GOES OUT FROM CONNECTICUT

Tells How Jack Barnsley Once Used Hat Pin For Detector In His Instrument

The Radio News Bulletin from the American Radio Relay League with executive headquarters at Hartford, Conn., has sent out the following short article dealing with the local wireless wizard:

Starting off with a queerly constructed home-made radio receiver that would be the laughing stock of the most uninitiated present day radio fan, Jack Barnsley of Prince Rupert has a high power amateur station that has made the only connecting link between the Arctic explorer, Captain Donald D. MacMillan, and the whole civilized world.

Compares With Best

Besides being peculiarly well situated to receive messages from the little schooner, Bowdoin, in winter quarters at Refuge Harbor, he has a radio receiving set and antenna installation that compares favorably with some of the best stations in the United States.

It was sometime in 1910 that Barnsley thanked his lucky stars for the good fortune that had brought him a Bell telephone receiver, a dry battery, a couple of carbons and a hat-pin with which to build his first radio apparatus. He made his coil from some stray wire, head phones from the single receiver, a detector from the carbons and the steel needle, sharpened to a fine point, for the movable part.

For Marconi

A few years later and Barnsley was working for the Marconi Company as a wireless operator on coastwise steamers, finally on board of the Empress of Russia when he visited Japan, China and Manila. A recruiting sign for the Royal Air Force attracted his attention in 1917 and there followed a "hitch" as instructor in the army.

Since he established communication recently with the Arctic vessel after weeks of complete silence, he has received scores of messages from members of MacMillan's crew and sent them on to relatives and friends in the States by means of the traffic system of the American Radio Relay League of which he is a member. He uses an improved type of regenerative receiver with two-step audio amplifier.

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Final arrangements for a Fishermen's Home in Ketchikan to be furnished with living quarters, lockers, a lobby, reading room and other modern conveniences, for the benefit of fishermen and masters, were made today at the noon luncheon of the Ketchikan Commercial Club, says the Ketchikan Chronicle.

A site is to be selected at once and work carried forward towards getting a building ready and equipping it.

Rev. C. L. Foss, of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, with headquarters in Seattle; Rev. C. S. B. Hoel, executive secretary Home Mission and Extension work of the church, with headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn.; and C. K. Malmin, local pastor, were present at the meeting, explaining the objects of the Lutheran church for establishing and maintaining a Fishermen's Home. The church is financing the home, but will need $4,000 extra to the sum in hand in order to furnish such a building as the importance of Ketchikan needs, and in a few minutes the necessary money was pledged by members of the Commercial Club. It was explained that the $4,000 simply would be drawn on in case of need, and that it would be refunded when the next church appropriations became due.

Spoke in Favor

Several masters of fishing boats were present and spoke in favor of the home and also made a large contribution towards the guarantee fund. A committee was appointed to assist the Lutheran church members in working out the details for the home.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the president in order to hear Captain Dancey, when he arrives here, on a lecture about citizenship and Americanization.

ATTEND CONFERENCE ON IMMIGRATION

EDMONTON, Nov. 3. — Hon. George Hoadley will represent the Alberta government at the conference of provincial ministers to be held in Ottawa on November 14 and 15 for the purpose of discussing immigration. At this gathering the whole question of attracting and regulating a flow of new settlers into Canada is to be dealt with.

C. A. Mackenzie, prominent in mining operations at Stewart, and Mrs. Mackenzie were in the city Saturday afternoon bound north on the steamer Prince Rupert.