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An Affair That Might Happen Anywhere.

The sensational case of Leo Rogers, the Ontario desperado who was killed yesterday by the police after he had murdered two officers, is an example of what might happen at any time in an apparently peaceful and well regulated community and against which the authorities must always be on guard. Facing trial on a comparatively minor charge, that of having firearms unlawfully in his possession, Rogers escaped from the police and had killed two policemen and was killed himself before he could be recaptured.

Recent despatches from Ontario state that, as a result of this affair, there is to be a shuffle and reorganization of the provincial police at North Bay. Such action, while it probably is necessary, seems like shutting the barn door after the horse is gone.

Every district should profit from the lesson that North Bay has just been taught. It is all very well to reduce expenses but this should not be done at the cost of human life. Police forces may also profit from the same experience for, no doubt, the police organization of North Bay is open to censure for the manner in which Rogers escaped, especially in view of his past record.

Such characters as Rogers are run across everywhere. Prince Rupert has had its share of them but, fortunately, there has never been such a serious happening in this district as that which occurred at North Bay. However, the authorities should see that the community is protected against such an eventuality.

Letter Not Meant To Be Taken That Way.

It is apparent that the letter of Attorney General Manson to Solicitor General McKenzie, which was read in the Senate yesterday and which caused the delaying of the second reading of the bill to prevent the importation of liquor to British Columbia and Quebec by private individuals, was never meant to come out in public as it did. Since Mr. Manson was doubtless sincere in what he said and meant his statements in the way of warning rather than as direct allegation, it was hardly a matter that should have been taken in the way in which it unfortunately was. As things stand now, the cause desired has been given a setback rather than an advance and an impression has been made which may be difficult to remove. However, when the air is cleared up as it undoubtedly will be and the dignity of the august Red Chamber has again been assured, there is reason to believe that the bill will yet be brought to a successful conclusion.

Strawberry Crop Will Be Adequate.

Reports indicate that there will be plenty of strawberries in B.C. to supply all possible markets and demands. The season is considerably earlier than last year and excellent spring weather has prevailed in general. Strawberry plants came through the winter with very little heaving and are showing every indication of a fair yield. There is an estimated total bearing acreage of 2,000 acres as compared with 1,500 acres last year.

The present condition of the strawberry plants is generally fair with some in exceptionally good condition. A number of the plants, however, bloomed late last fall and are consequently weak. Owing to the dry season last year the plants are neither of a size nor in a condition to produce heavy crops. The weather during April has been exceptionally dry with only three light showers. A heavy rain on May 9, however, did considerable good, but if the weather continues dry the crop will be reduced. The total prospective yield is about 325,000 crates of which about one-third will be shipping stock.

In the Okanagan Valley the plants are in good condition and it is generally expected that there will be a heavy crop.

"My Hands Trembled and I Could Not Sleep"

Mr. Thomas Honey, Brantford, Ont., writes:—



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GARDE SPEAKS TO ROTARIANS

Growth of Mining Industry and Possibility of Smelter Inter-esting Topics

LIVE QUESTION

Interior Mines Mean Great Deal to District and City of Prince Rupert

The tremendous growth of the mining industry in Northern British Columbia in the past ten years and the importance of the people of the north urging upon the authorities the excellence of this district for the establishment of a smelter were the topics of an address given by A. C. Garde, the well-known mining engineer, at the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday.

In opening his address Mr. Garde stated that the ore output from this district ten years ago amounted to 50 tons, while the ore shipments last year amounted to over a million tons. Instead of \$15,000, the ore output at present amounted to a value something like \$10,000,000 in copper, gold, silver and lead. This was a remarkable improvement in ten years. He would not venture to prophesy, however, what the north was going to do in this direction in the next ten years.

Continuing the speaker said that the district in which Prince Rupert was situated was immensely rich from a metalliferous standpoint and was rapidly coming to the front. Mining was an industry which the people here should foster. In doing so they would be adding new wealth to the world and creating a market for the farmer in the Skeena and Bulkley Valleys. The mine constituted a good market for the agricultural production of the interior country. It was often impossible for the farmer to ship his products for long distances and if he could sell it to the miners right at his door a good market would be created. The mining industry in the Bulkley valley was rapidly improving and would undoubtedly be a very important industry to the people in that country. Towns like Smithers and Telkwa were showing marked prosperity.

Developing Railway

One of the important things that the output of ore was doing was the increasing of tonnage for the Canadian National Railway and considerable quantities were being shipped via that route today. The output was not only from the Stewart district, of which so much had been heard of late, but it was the immediate neighborhood belonging to Prince Rupert which was also producing large quantities of high and low grade ores. The district lying within half a day's travel from the city was very rich in mineral. Since the years 1906 and 1907, when the railway was building through this section, the outbreak of war and other circumstances had interfered with this district greatly from a development standpoint but now it was becoming a very important section.

The speaker said that it was very promising to know that the large companies were branching out in the production of ore. The Granby Co. was extending and was continually taking over new properties. The latest addition to their options was a property on the Estell river—a property of considerable size of low grade ore on which they were going to develop not only ore but sulphuric acid and sulphate for use in the pulp and paper industry. Now the sulphates were being shipped through the Panama Canal from New Orleans.

Smelter Project

The possibility of a smelter being erected in this vicinity also loomed up. There was a company at the present time in British Columbia which was very much engaged in the development of the iron and steel industry and had gone a long way towards the realization of that object. There was bound to be industries of that kind established in British Columbia.

The speaker believed that this north country was the proper place for a smelter. Many things were required in such a business such as iron ores, fluxes, coal, and transportation, both by water and railroad, and Prince Rupert had an excellent opportunity to hold up its end in regard to a site

for a smelter. If the British capitalists could be induced to come here and establish themselves in the vicinity, Prince Rupert would be made for all time. It would mean the manufacturing of a commodity that was used all over the globe. It would give the railroads a large tonnage to handle, also the steamship lines and would bring about a big business. When he said there was a possibility of Prince Rupert getting such an industry he was serious in the matter.

The Coast Range Steel Ltd. had been formed for the purpose of establishing a steel and iron industry in British Columbia. Its idea was to secure from the provincial, dominion and imperial governments an equal amount of money for the purpose of establishing the security of their bonds. If the governments found that the company would find the money to go ahead. He thought the people who were behind the enterprise were worthy of consideration. The company had already raised certain funds and had established itself in Vancouver and he believed the people of the north should support it. One now going to Trail could be treated here.

Important Matter

He was not an agent for the company in any shape or form but wished to impress the importance of the matter upon his friends in Prince Rupert. The minister of lands had already set aside some 400 acres at the end of Porpoise Harbor and he thought the people of Prince Rupert could do something to assist them.

Mining was one of the basis, and one of the greatest industries of the province. The record that the Prince Rupert district had made in the past year for the output of ore had not been exceeded by any other district in the province. The country in which Prince Rupert was particularly interested lay immediately east of the city and he believed that the mineral finds there were equal to anything in British Columbia. A number of prominent engineers had recently gone into the interior country to bond certain properties including that on Dome Mountain.

The prospects for mining today in this district were better than ever they had been. He had always had faith in the north from a mineral standpoint and it was by reason of that faith that he had stayed with the north.

The Man in the Moon SAYS—

THE onion is the radio of table affection.

A MAN who had been practising tennis for two hours gave it up in disgust. He had been trying to get the ball through the holes in the net.

YEAST is being tried as a motor fuel in America. Evidently some wise guy is trying to take a rise out of his engine.

SOME artistic paintings are so well executed that we hate to hang them.

AN inventor has made a radio receiving set with a hair pin and a match box. Now we are waiting for the man who will make a receiving set in his hollow tooth with a toothpick.

A LONDON produced named Glue has staged the latest success entitled "The Insect Play." He should be able to make the insects stick.

THE ridiculous thing about the play is that the cast is composed entirely of men.

A GOOD way to make a glove box is to get a pugilist to put his fist inside it.

WHAT I like about the game of cricket is the amount of sleep one can enjoy while at the game.

WHAT I like about motor boating is returning safely to the wharf.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

June 1, 1913.

The Borealis, of the Atlin Fisheries Ltd., arrived in port last evening with between 50,000 and 60,000 pounds of halibut. The



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