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Road From Prince Rupert Is Needed.

A road leading out of Prince Rupert to Port Edward and points along the Skeena River is expected to be built soon. An arrangement has been made with the Railway Company that owns a portion of the land through which the road goes by which they will hand over part of their holdings as their share toward the building of the road. The deal, it is understood, has to be ratified by the Legislature which will vote the money for construction of the road.

Just how the matter will come before the Legislature we are not informed but it will be for the members of the Provincial House to decide whether or not the road shall be built.

Long Deferred Hope Of City.

The building of the road has been long deferred. For many years the people of Prince Rupert have been expecting it. As has been explained before, not a single yard of road has been built by the province adjoining the city of Prince Rupert that can possibly be of any benefit to the citizens. Taxes have been paid regularly and even motor taxes are levied on the owners of cars here, giving them the right to drive on their own roads which they have built with their own money. Few people on the outside realize that there is a city of over six thousand people in the province with absolutely no outlet by road.

Need Of Road Is Quite Evident.

The need of the road is quite evident even to a person who has not been to Prince Rupert. There is a natural route to the interior by the Skeena River and any construction done at the Prince Rupert end will be a part of the trunk highway which will some day be one of the scenic drives of the province.

The road will connect Port Edward with Prince Rupert, will open up much garden land for cultivation, will provide a means of reaching some splendid suburban home sites, will give the canneries a means of reaching Prince Rupert, will provide a means of reaching several projected lumber mills and will give Prince Rupert people a means of getting off their townsite, something they are unable to do today except by water.

Are Buying Cars In This City.

Many people here are buying cars, yet they are able to use them only in the restricted area of the townsite. They pay licenses on these cars and part at least of the money goes to the Provincial Government. The same people pay personal property taxes on their cars and they also pay the income tax levied by the province. In return they get nothing.

The member for the district is one who favors the building of the road. He urged it many years ago and we are told he still urges it on the Government. What we are asking now is that the Legislature shall take action at this session to give such authority as is necessary so that the road may be commenced immediately and carried through to completion as soon as possible.

There will be great developments in Prince Rupert very soon and we want our road development to keep pace with everything else. If the members of the Legislature could but live here for a few months they would feel what it is to be shut in as we are and they would not hesitate about voting the money which is ours by right.

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COLLISON TELLS OF PIONEERING

Address Given to Rotary Club Proves Intensely Interesting to Members

An interesting story of the early discoveries in British Columbia showing how many of the local places obtained their names and how Indians were given their first volume of the Bible was told to the Rotary Club yesterday afternoon by W. E. Collison, Indian Agent. Mr. Collison is a student of the history of this coast and his talk was much appreciaed by the members of the club. He was thanked by the president who spoke of the great interest taken in the subject.

Mr. Collison told of many of the early discoverers who came to the coast and said that the history of the country was indicated somewhat in the names that were given to the places. At the end of the eighteenth century there were a series of explorations in search of the Northwest passage. The name of Capt. Cook stood out prominently as among the first to come here. He set out in 1776. In coming north he sighted Queen Charlotte Islands and went as far as the 70th parallel where he was stopped by a barrier of ice. He lost his life later at the Sandwich Islands which he named after Earl Sandwich.

Trade for Skins

The officers of the expedition were the first to trade for skins of the seal and otter. After the return of the expedition many other explorers and traders set out and much commercial activity prevailed. The fur traders added to the knowledge of the coast.

The explorer that means much to this part of the country was Capt. Dixon who was in charge of two vessels, the Queen Charlotte and the King George. They went as far north as King William Sound and sailed around the Queen Charlotte Islands and named them after one of the ships. Dixon also named North Island, Hippo Island, Reynolds Sound and Cape St. James. At a little bay on Langara Island the expedition bought 300 sea otter robes, each robe being made of four skins. It was after this officer that Dixon Entrance was afterwards named by Sir Joseph Banks.

Mears established a trading post at Nootka and was the first man to introduce Chinese labor to British Columbia.

Capt. Vancouver.

Capt. Vancouver arrived in 1792 and continued the exploratory work, establishing the insular character of Vancouver Island. He came north to Cascade Inlet near Bella Coola at the same time that Alexander Mackenzie reached the coast. Later he was storm bound in Hecate straits and was shown a safe anchorage by Capt. Brown at Porcher Island. He first found the Tongass Indians in Alaska and was by them shown Portland Canal and Naas River which were named by him. Naas means a receptable or place for food and was so named because of the famous oolichan that are taken there in large quantities. Vancouver anchored at Salmon Cove about 20 miles from Granby and remained there a month, naming both Observatory Inlet and Portland Canal.

It was at Massett that an axe head was given to the chief lady of the Massett tribe which she wore strung around her neck on important occasions and obtained much fame thereby. The chief of the Messetts on visiting the ship was struck by the large number of iron things aboard and since that time white people have been known to the Indians of Massett as the iron people.

Hudson Bay Co.

The Hudson Bay Company came to B.C. first in 1821 when they amalgamated with the Northwest Co. Among the things that were required by their charter was that they should preserve law and order and prevent the distribution and sale of liquor to the Indians.

Forts were established by the Hudson's Bay Co., the first being on the Naas River at what is now known as Graveyard Point. It was not a suitable place and later the post was moved to Port Simpson. When the fort was abandoned at the mouth of the Naas the Indians were given a 25 gallon cask of rum which resulted in a drunken orgy of the wildest kind.

Finding of Gold

Mr. Collison told of the finding of gold on the Queen Charlotte Islands in 1880, the first gold to be found in B.C. Gold Harbor was named from this. It was discovered by old Chief Edenshaw and the Hudson Bay Company found a seam about six inches wide but only a pocket of gold from which they got about $1,500. The story of the finding of the gold brought many prospectors from as far south as San Francisco. Among the vessels was the Susan Sturgis in 1852 with from 40 to 60 miners. The ship was captured off Massett and all aboard were taken as slaves. The skipper got a note across to Port Simpson and the prisoners were transomed, $250 each being paid for the captain and mate and $30 each for the crew.

The result of this capture was that the government sent the war sloop Virago, a paddle boat of the old type, to punish the Massett Indians but nothing was done. Capt. James Prevost presented the chief's son with a copy of the New Testament, and this book was found later by the late Archdeacon Collison. It was as a result of the visit of Prevost that the Indians were Christianized.

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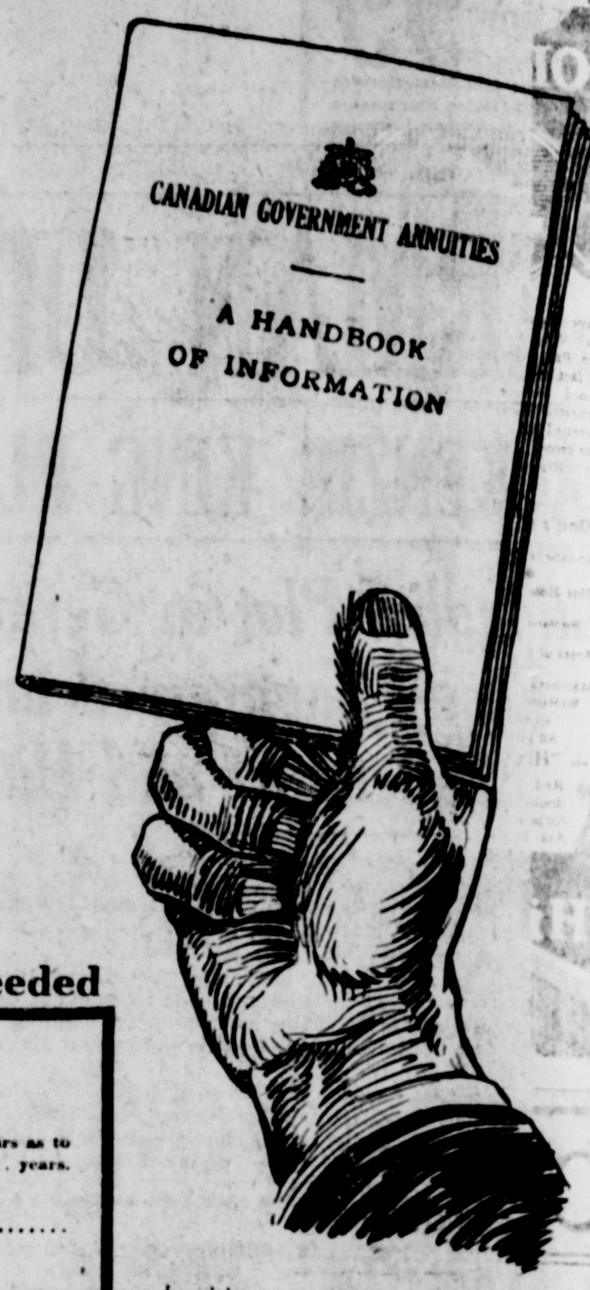

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SIXTY CASES IN CITY POLICE COURT DURING PAST MONTH

There were sixty cases in the city police court during the month of October and fines resulting from arrests made by the department totalled $891.50 according to the monthly report of Chief of Police Vickers submitted at the police commission meeting yesterday afternoon. Out of the sixty cases there were 47 convictions, 5 dismissals, three withdrawals and 5 pending. There were 25 charges of drunkenness all of which resulted in convictions. Nine charges of breaches under the Government Liquor Act through the activities of provincial officers had resulted in five jail sentences being passed while four cases were pending. One burglary case resulted in a sentence of two years and another man charged with having stolen goods in his possession got nine months. There were four cases of supplying liquor to Indians, four vagrancy, six breaches of the city bylaws and one opium in possession case was dismissed.

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Ten Years Ago In Prince Rupert

November 9, 1913.

Two young children were burned to death in an Indian shack at Hagwilget. They were locked in by their mother when she went to attend church.

E. J. (Stroller) White, editor and proprietor of the Whitehorse Star, passed through last night on the Princess May bound for Seattle to attend the annual convention of the Arctic Brotherhood grand lodge.

Police Commissioner Maitland's agitation with respect to the restricted district has resulted in several owners of the houses there selling out to the occupants.

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