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## Federal Highway Aid

IN DEALING WITH THE ISSUE of federal aid to highway construction, two reasons have been offered by Ottawa through Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of reconstruction. One is that nothing can be done as long as the question of intergovernmental financing between the Dominion and the provinces, and there are only two provinces now outstanding, is settled. The other reason is contained in the suggestion by Mr. Howe that "the decision (on the matter of the federal government giving assistance to the provinces in the building of highways) has rested in part on the level of unemployment."

Possibly one of the most cogent arguments in favor of federal participation in a national highway construction in co-operation with the provinces is from the standpoint of the tourist industry and, on that basis, a strong case was made out in the recent session of Parliament at Ottawa by George Cruickshank, Liberal member for Fraser Valley. Mr. Cruickshank said:

"I am going to speak purely from the tourist point of view, and, if you like, from the selfish point of view of dollars and cents. Last year we had \$232 million brought into Canada through tourist trade. Well, if we ship our lumber, wheat and everything else something is going out of our country, whereas if we bring in United States money through the tourist traffic we are taking nothing out of the country."

"And why am I driving through the United States? Because they have roads. And I will spend all the money I have to spend in the United States. We are asking tourists to come here. Our scenery is the one thing we have to sell which takes nothing out of the country, but we do not provide the tourists with the highways they are used to."

"Why should the provinces be expected to build highways when they would bring money into the country at a time when we are hearing so much about foreign exchange, and are being told that we can not do anything about that situation?"

"Apparently the Federal Government is afraid to spend money to build highways. I believe it is a good common-sense business to expend money in the construction of highways across Canada that would connect with the United States border. This would encourage tourist traffic and enable us to sell them something which cannot be equalled in any other part of the world, our Canadian scenery."

## BOARDS OF TRADE

THE CONVENTION of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia at Prince Rupert did a grand job, the results of which will ultimately bear fruit and enhance the prosperity of the district.

Never before had so much interest been taken in a central B.C. trade convention as on this occasion. There were two ministers from the provincial government, high officials of the Canadian National Railway and at the final session came the Governor of Alaska to add his influence to the delegates from our "good neighbor" territory.

While each locality has justifiable pride in its own accomplishments and resources of potential wealth, an association of all communities broadens the outlook of the members. Delegates learn how to compose their various viewpoints on details. They consummate resolutions affecting wider policies, which when brought to fruition will aid in the development of the entire area of central and northern British Columbia, and we trust, of Alaska too.

While great nations are finding the way weary and long on which they hope to unite for the high purpose of world prosperity, security and peace, here on the frontiers we found a pleasant pathway of co-operation between British Columbia Canadians and Alaska Americans.

Perhaps in this small measure of unity between parts of two nations, so much will be accomplished in achieving tolerant understanding as well as business advantages, that new inspiration will be given those leaders who are seeking unity among nations. This example of co-operation transcends all the resolutions, important though they be.

Thousands of people in the area covered by this associated boards of trade have benefitted and will benefit by the few who, generally at their own expense, have attended these annual conventions where so much is done to focus attention on the solution of problems affecting development.

—Prince George Citizen.

## POSTAL DELIVERY

EVERY NOW AND THEN, over the years someone rises to remark it is time Prince Rupert had a postal delivery. Usually, the suggestion is fortified with the information that smaller and less important communities in British Columbia possess the accommodation. By way of explanation, the statement has been heard that once Prince Rupert attains a certain population which can be regarded as practically permanent, postal delivery will follow forthwith. And this introduces the question of what is the population? Few think alike. Nearly everyone has his own private estimate, although peace-loving souls have been known to defer to one another's judgment.

## Expansion For North

That is Way Canada Will  
Now Grow, Says Deputy  
Minister Keenleyside

A great period of expansion for northern Canada is imminent although it may not be as substantial as that in northern Russia where, within the past 10 years, several cities of 25,000 or so population have come into existence based on the development of the natural resources and the establishment of industries, declared Dr. Hugh L. Keenleyside, deputy minister of mines and resources, in speaking informally last evening at dinner before the executive of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce. In this new northern development in Canada, Dr. Keenleyside felt that Prince Rupert would play an important part.

Dr. Keenleyside was accounting for his reasons in quitting a diplomatic career to become deputy minister of a government department. The actuating factor in his decision, he said, was because he felt that he might actively assist in the development of the country.

Dr. Keenleyside reiterated what he had previously said to a Daily News interviewer that his interest in Prince Rupert was more than passing. He spoke of what he saw as possibilities for this place to profit from the tourist traffic and the Alaska trade and offered any assistance that it was possible for him to give either within his own department or in the presentation of matters to other departments.

In the course of discussion which came up during the visit of the deputy minister, Dr. Keenleyside undertook to take up the matter of possible assistance to the local museum in the way of exhibits, the releasing to the market of the old Post Office site on Third Avenue and development of Alaska trade by Canadian National Railways.

The deputy minister had a busy two days while here. He visited Miller Bay Hospital, Port Edward, inspected the museum, conferred with Indian Agent F. E. Anfield, met Mayor Nora Arnold and had dinner with the executive of the Chamber of Commerce. He also looked up a few old friends and took some

## AIR PASSENGERS

To Sandspit—Mr. and Mrs. G. Turner, Mrs. M. Baker, Miss C. Sahonovich, Mrs. Kirby, W. Campbell, C. Severson, E. E. Hyndman. To Vancouver—L. Bishop, R. McDermid, J. H. Wear, Miss F. Shaddock, E. H. Attree, L. Venuti.

From Vancouver (Monday)—J. H. Wear, E. Friesen, Miss J. McLeod, T. A. Bate, G. Holtby, G. A. Galloway, C. Poulson. From Sandspit (Monday)—W. Glass, Mrs. J. Linney, Miss L. Linney.

## Surveying Groundhog

Aerial Reconnaissance to be  
Given Priority as Result of  
Representation to  
Deputy Minister

Aerial survey of the Groundhog coal field area, already on the program of aerial reconnaissance being carried out jointly by the Department of Mines and Natural Resources and the Royal Canadian Air Force, is being given priority assurance that it will be carried out this summer.

Announcement to this effect was made here yesterday by Dr. Hugh L. Keenleyside, deputy minister of mines and natural resources, following communication with headquarters at Ottawa after the matter had been taken up with him by the president of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce.

While it was known that this work was provided for this year, there was some uncertainty as to whether it was actually being carried out.

The survey planes are now at Smithers, it has been learned. The vertical and triometrical survey to be undertaken this year will be preliminary to topographical and geological survey of the area next year.

moving pictures.

Before leaving on the Princess Adelaide last night for Vancouver, he expressed the hope that he would be back in Prince Rupert again next year and that he might be able to attend the 1948 convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia and Alaska at Juneau.

## ROTARY HEAD VISITS CLUB

Stresses Vocational and  
International Service Aspects

Vocational and international service aspects of Rotary work were stressed by Frank I. Doherty of Victoria, district governor, in a speech before the Prince Rupert Rotary Club in the Commodore Cafe Monday afternoon.

On a tour of the clubs in his district, Mr. Doherty arrived in the city Saturday night from Ketchikan after visiting that city, Juneau, Petersburg, Anchorage, Nome and Fairbanks. He left on last night's train for Prince George.

Vocational service, Dr. Doherty defined as "business ethics" which are often difficult to practice. He termed it "fair practice, aided by the friendly handclasp, the kindly motive and the square deal."

"It is the application of the Golden Rule," he said. "If it is practiced, I think industrial peace would be realized."

International service he described as the carrying out of the program for international peace through the association of businessmen.

"Rotary's opportunity is to bring about better opportunities for peace in the world," he declared.

Mr. Doherty outlined the founding of the Rotary Club movement which began in Chicago in February, 1905, when Paul Harris, a young lawyer,

and three friends created the first club. The second club was organized in San Francisco in 1910, and the same year, clubs were organized in Oakland and Seattle. The first Canadian club was formed in Winnipeg the same year.

Today there are 6,240 Rotary clubs with 305,000 members throughout the world.

I have been told that within 10 years there will be 2,000 Rotary clubs in China," Mr. Doherty declared. "In India, wonderful work is being done in giving the various sects and religions a meeting ground that is outside both religion and politics."

"There must be something about Rotary that not only inspires a man to join it, but which makes him more willing to give up other affiliations than part with his Rotary membership."

Mr. Doherty was thanked for his address by club president Lee Gordon. Guests at the meeting were Warner Tansley of Vancouver and H. L. Keenleyside, Ottawa.

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She is well trained in the art of Optometry and has considerable experience. She is of a family prominent in optometry in B.C. many years throughout B.C. and her brother, Clyde, is a prominent optometrist in Penticton, B.C. Miss McLeod has the most modern equipment for the examination and a conscientious service will be given.

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