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Adverse Road Reports

REPORTS PERSIST of incidents of misinformation being given out to motorists wishing to drive through to the coast at Prince Rupert, adverse statements in regard to the condition of the highway having actually discouraged automobile tourists from coming this way. Not only have false statements been made in the south about the condition of the road but word has now reached here of motorists being told even in the central interior itself that the road to Prince Rupert is unfit for traffic and high impassable, something which all motorists who have been over the road, of course, know for themselves is entirely untrue.

It appears that the time has now come when local organizations should take the matter up with various agencies such as Automobile Association, tourist bureau, etc., who give out the road publicity, to counteract these adverse reports. At last year's convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia, a resolution was passed seeking to set up a system of regularly publishing road condition reports for the benefit of motor tourists. Little seems, however, to have been actually done in accomplishing this end.

Boards of Trade of Upper Vancouver Island have been complaining at the adverse publicity their roads have been getting, even to the point of discouraging motorists from coming. It appears that Prince Rupert and Central British Columbia is well justified in a similar complaint.

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REVIVAL IN MINING

THERE IS EVERY indication that the mining industry is once again coming into its own as one of the principal economic mainstays of these northern districts. Prospecting and mining development having been almost washed out during the war owing to manpower shortage and lack of priority, the people of this part of the world have come to lose almost all mining consciousness. However, a visit to such camps as Alice Arm and Stewart impresses one with the renewed interest and activity. Prince Rupert stands to benefit greatly from this development and, when great new camps come into being again, such as Stewart, Anyox and Alice Arm once were, business people of this city, if they are aggressive enough to go after it, should share in the trade therewith.

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TALKING OF FAKIRS

STORIES ARE RECALLED not unlike that told by the Ketchikan man, Gerald Anger, whose fanciful yarn about having sailed here from the South Seas fooled the coast.

Particularly during the war, many were the hoaxes which crept into print. Some bore a resemblance to the fabrication invented by Anger who, before showing up at Prince Rupert, hoodwinked California yachting men into thinking he was entering his "big yacht," the Lee, in the Los Angeles-Hawaii race.

Speaking of other imposters, there appeared in British Columbia during the war a stranger who posed as a French naval officer. In due time, he was caught by a shore patrol. He was wearing a steamship steward's uniform, which sported a number of fleur-de-lis.

Another fakir practised deception, and was active in Victory Loan drives. He managed to marry a Canadian girl and not long after, it was discovered he was a British Navy deserter, with wife and family in England.

Still another ingenious four-flusher let it be known he had been torpedoed nine times, the truth being that he had hardly ever been to sea. People were also asked to credit the tale of another stranger who spun fantastic yarns about his exploits on the ocean. One was that he had, in a submarine, performed a delicate operation, using a pen-knife as a scalpel. He knew nothing about ships or surgery, yet he tried to borrow money on the strength of such impossible claims.

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Elgood Stephens Quits U.S. Government to Practise Law in Washington

Elgood Edward Stephens, formerly of this city and son of Sheriff and Mrs. M. M. Stephens, has left the United States Government service and opened a law office at 1038 Woodward Building in Washington, D.C. He will specialize in the practice of administrative law, representing clients before all the federal courts, departments and agencies.

Stephens was born at Phoenix, British Columbia and raised in Prince Rupert where he attended public and high schools. His father, one of this city's pioneer citizens, settled here in 1908.

Since 1934 Stephens has been a resident of the United States Capital, where he has held positions with the Department of Commerce, the Treasury Department, and the General Accounting Office. He has also been employed with the National Bituminous Coal Commission, the Farm Credit Administration, and the Department of the Interior. More recently he served on the professional staffs of the War Production Board and the Civilian Production Administration, which he left in April to enter private practice.

During the war the former Prince Rupert man was commissioned for more than four years in the United States Army. At various times he served as a company commander, investigating officer and contracts and claims officer. He was later selected for military government duty, his overseas service including more than two years in Germany, Holland, Belgium, France and England.

Stephens received his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of California in 1933 and his Bachelor of Laws degree at George Washington University in 1938. He was called to the District of Columbia Bar the same year. After his release from the Army he continued his studies and last year was awarded the Master of Laws degree at Georgetown University. The Georgetown Graduate School of Law is specially designed to prepare attorneys for practice in the Federal courts and the Government departments and agencies.

Late in 1945 the Washington lawyer was called to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. Special tribunals before which he has been admitted to practice include the U. S. Court of Claims, the U. S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals, and the Tax Court of the United States. He has also been admitted to practice before the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, and the U. S. Maritime Commission.

Legal articles written by Stephens include "The Business Trust—Taxability as an Association," published in the Georgetown Law Journal, and "Are Your Dividends Tax-Free?" which appeared in the April 1947 issue of Taxes—The Tax Magazine.

Local Constructors To Moberley Lake

After having been engaged in construction work of the new Hudson Bay Co. store at Port Simpson, Arne Stenset, Ivor Fossem, Joseph Thompt of Prince Rupert left recently for Moberley Lake in the Peace River district where they will continue working for the same company. Later they will proceed to Cold Lake near Waterways in northern Alberta.

ANNIVERSARY OF WAR HOSPITAL

OTTAWA—Seven years ago today the first Canadian military hospital to function overseas in the war was officially opened near Taplow, England, by the late Viscount Bennett. It was constructed on the beautiful grounds of the Thames Side estate of the Astors.

The cost of building and equipping the 600 bed hospital was \$1,000,000 and was borne by the Red Cross Society. Over a period of five years 25,068 Canadian servicemen and women were treated there.

LONDON—Connaught Club at Marble Arch will be used as a club for Empire and Allied servicemen and women.



BRITISH AMBASSADOR VISITS U.S. FARM—Lord Inverchapel, British ambassador to the United States, holds an ear of corn which he and Roger Newburn examine. Newburn and his parents are playing host to Lord Inverchapel for the second time since the 4-H youth met the British diplomat while on a 4-H tour in Washington a year ago. Lord Inverchapel, travelling through Nebraska and Iowa on a speaking tour, spent three days at the Newburn farm.

Plan Power Scheme For Western Isles

EDINBURGH—Plans for the first hydro-electric power scheme in the Western Isles have been published by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board.

The site of the £247,000 (\$983,000) project is on the island of

Skye, in the valley which holds the famous Storr fishing lochs, Loch Leathan and Loch Fada. Ultimately 5,500,000 kilowatt hours of electricity will be generated annually.

About 180 miles of high-voltage lines will make electricity available to more than 70 per cent of the people on the island of 647 square miles.

ELECTION TIME

Yes Sir, it is in the air, that Carnival Spirit is here again and best of all our annual Port Day celebration.

As intelligent Prince Rupert people it is but right that we elect the right Queen to rule the Port Day activities, a Queen that we know would represent the most progressive sea-faring men of our fair city, these sea-faring men who have made Prince Rupert famous all over the world.

Sons of Norway more than any other organization represent these toilers of the sea. Sons of Norway indirectly, through these men, make the Port Day celebration possible. It is an organization which only asks for local support for a local candidate. It is not supported by any other organization but takes pride in supporting a local cause locally.

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ROYAL RANCHER HAPPY IN WEST

Princess Obolensky, Russian Exile, Thinks Foothills Range "World's Finest"

EDMONTON, 6.—Royalty on a ranch might sound incongruous, Princess Tatiana Obolensky, of Russia, finds her Bow River Ranch, six miles southeast of Cochrane, Alta., "the finest in the world."

to the west on a clear day," she says.

Her foothills home includes six sections and is bounded on one side by the Bow River. She has lived there 16 years and is proud of her Karacows heep, Aberdeen Angus herds of cattle and family of six dogs.

Born 15 miles from St. Petersburg (now Leningrad), the family fled during the 1917 revolution. She was educated in Yugoslavia, Vienna and Rome.

She came to Alberta in 1931 and joined friends of the family, the Barons Joseph and Eudre

to the west on a clear day," she says. Her parents Prince and Princess Obolensky, now living in France, will share the summer. The Princess is an expert horsewoman and a distance of 400 days.

LONDON—The appearance of the whisky from a car is being investigated.

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