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Regret Resignation City Engineer.

A great many Prince Rupert people regret the resignation nection with the erection of the would be many form builders Prince Rupert on the other? You of City Engineer Pearson. He has done good work here in con- warehouse there. This will help even in the construction of a have no grain in the latter disnection with the streets, and taxpayers appreciate the saving that the gentlemen in the hardware concrete elevator, and all the trict. You have to go east of has been made in construction work and the excellent results ob- business, but how does it help concrete mixers and pourers that for your grain. tained. It is satisfactory to know that he is going to a better Prince Rupert? Again I ask, is would get a proportionately Mr. King (Kootenay): We will position, which he well deserves. It is to be hoped that his successor will be equally well qualified for the work.

Position Of Peace River Outlet.

The position in regard to the outlet from the Peace River but I could not get any informa- er in Prince Rupert than in Hali- up and you can get in your first is not so involved as might at first seem. The railway companies tion. The government has now fax, and I am judging from the crop; you will have some grain know that for a time at least it will lose money and for that reason they do not want to be saddled with it. We can all under- an expenieve warehouse at that which I have in mind. stand that. The government is being urged continuously to keep point. There is one very distincdown taxes, so they do not want to spend more than they can live thing about that warehouse help. We can see their point of view. The people in Peace River want to be able to sell their grain so as to make a living. while talking about. Has the Their position is clear. The people of Edmonton, Vancouver, government ascertained what it Prince Rupert and others want the Pacific outlet built so that is making out of its present they may beneift. There is no doubt as to their motive. The facilities in Prince Rupert? question then resolves itself into one of politics.

If the cities interested along with settlers of the Peace money unless we have the facil-River can use sufficient political force, the railway will be built ities. Well, they have a great by the government or by means of government subsidies. they cannot, the line will remain simply an idea.

Immigration Urge Of Construction.

One of the arguments used in dealing with the government the money is only the money of is that the building of the railway and the consequent the taxpayer and it has to go opening up of new country will be a great impetus to immigra- Surely the government will tell tion. The imagination is fired by the opening up of a new district. People flock in from all parts of the world and some of them stay. In the long run the railway will pay, but only railwayman can well estimate how soon that will be.

How Far Should Government Incur Liabilities?

To what extent a government should incur liabilities for They should give that informadevelopment work which will not prove immediately remunera- tion now." tive, is always a debatable question. If the country is to make Mr. KELLNER: The minister progress, there must be always a certain amount of speculative told us a little while ago that investment on the part of a government. Take the case of Van- the cost of the foundation was conver. Some years ago the government built an elevator \$222,000. Well, once you have there which was not used for several seasons. Had it been done your foundation in, I should by a private company the concern would probably have gone into think the rest of the elevator liquidation. As it is the loss is made up by the fact that it was could be built just as cheaply a instrumental in initiating the westward movement of grain and Prince Rupert as at Halifaxcreating an outlet for the farmers on the prairies during a time cheaper, in fact. There is, howwhen the eastern route is blocked.

Less Risk Here

Regard To Elevator.

There is less risk here in regard to the elevator. The western route is now established and Prince Rupert provides terial difference in wage rates the alternative outlet and helps to prevent grain going to an as between Prince Rupert American port and developing U.S. railways and cities. It is the Halifax. The fair or current outlet for a developing part of the Dominion and is bound to wage for a carpenter at Halifax prove a good national investment. Incidentally it is a good is fixed at 57 cents an hour; that thing for Prince Rupert and for the Canadian National Railway. is the agreed rate between labor

The question of spending twenty million dollars on a rail- and the employers in Halifax. At way into the Peace River comes under the category of specula- Prince Rupert and Vancouver tive ventures in that no direct return can be expected for several the rate will be approximately years. Yet until the railway is built there is little likelihood of thirty cents, an hour higher the Peace River country being settled up and it is only by build- than that. The rate has not yet Columbia trees-only \$35 an ing railways that the country can expect to expand.



Conservative Criticism of the Prince Rupert Elevator Vote Recorded in Hansard Report

In connection with the discussion on the Prince Rupert elevator vote in committee of the House of Commons at Ottawa! recently it is seen by copies of Hansard now to hand that Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the Conservative opposition, criticized the amount to be expended and the cost of building the elevator here. He pointed to the fact that Halifax elevator with a capacity of 1,032,000 bushels was to cost only \$599,800, whereas that at Prince Rupert with 1,350,000 bushels capacity the elevator was to cost \$1,331,000. He insinuated that it was costing that much to elect the

government candidate.

en's chief lieutenant, then said: much. it, if it must be done?

-it is doing no business worth may be said that we cannot make It warehouse there, and they have a dock; what are they making out of it? The government never took the trouble to consider that aspect of it; a demand is made, has nothing ahead of it as a us what their estimate is of the business to be done. Surely they will give us some reason why we should now throw away \$1,329,-000. They know what the loss is on the warehouse and they know what business is being done

ever, a difference of half a million dollars in the cost, regardless altogether of the founda-

Mr. Murdock: There is a mabeen fixed for Prince Rupert. for an eight hour day. The comdefinitely determined the rate proper grain district. that is to be paid, but the same comparison as between other

cost of this structure? this particular elevator construc- traffic of course, but I should district; thence southerly along tion any thought from that view- have thought that one of the water mark, 200 ft.; thence southwesterly, point. I am giving my hon, things this government would 4476, 150 ft.; thence northerly parallel friend a comparison between the want to do would be to obtain easterly along the southerly boundary of carpenter's wage which is traffic in a way that would pay lot 4476 produced, 150 feet to the point about 30 cents an hour higher the government system. What acre, more or less. in Prince Rupert than it would object is there, when the locality be in Halifax. I should judge cannot and will not grow grain, Dated May 1st. 1995. the laborer's wage would be to go into that country? They cents, an hour higher, and the and there are things in which will be received up to 5 p.m. Monday, 1st same holds good generally for they can make mney, which they June next. Work must be done in workother classes of labor, which should go into. The grain comes ticulars at office of undersigned. would run up to a material item from the prairie section to the 127

during the course of construc-Sir Henry Drayton, Mr. Meigh- tion; I could not say exactly how

"Mr. Chairman, when this Sir Henry Drayton: My hon, matter was up initially last friend sees, of course, that we year I protested against the cannot get any very useful rework, and I think I very fairly sult in regard to this structure pointed out the traffic conditions unless we know what the percenat Prince Rupert. It would be tage of the labor cost would be. such a good thing for this coun- I understand this is to be a contry if we could find some cheap- crete elevator. Has my hon. look after its election expenses, portion of labor cost as against \$6.00 some way in which a real bene-the cost of materials in concrete of Prince Rupert. Now we have not think the carpenter work this enormous expenditure of would be very heavy, but I may \$1,329,000 for an elevator at a be wrong. My hon, friend is the

there no cheaper way of deing higher amount. I would say now have grain there.

Not Wheat Country

thought that we would have traific here and that any useful result would come from the building of this elevator I certainly would not object to it. My hon. friend tells me to go and visit the country. I have been up and down it, and I know a good deal about the costs of operating in William Reid Known as "Moose that country. In certain directions it has much ahead of it; it wheat raising country. It is simply idle and ridiculous nonsense to so describe it. I have been receipt of enquiries for two through that country and I know missing men whom it is believed the cost of clearing land there, might be found in the vicinity of It is well wooded country that Prince Rupert. no one need be ashamed of. A. Mrs. I. Reid, 1625 Tenth Ave. district is not a bad district be- West, Vancouver, inquires for cause you cannot grow grain in her son, William Reid, known to it at once so that it will pay. It friends as "Moose Bill." He was is a good country but it is not a last heard from at McCarthy, grain country. I know that there Alaska, in 1923 and is subare places in it where the clear-|sequently believed to have been | ing of the land will cost \$150 in hospital at Stewart or Prince an acre, and in some places a Rupert. He is 21 years of age, far larger sum has been spent. six feet in height and weighs Years ago I went through the ac- 170 pounds. counts of one of the different | The Salvation Army in Vancolonization projects that I had couver inquiries for Herbert to look info, a townsite proposition Lord, 30 years old and 5 feet, 8 lection which is pretty nearly Canada from England in 1919. right-and at that time the big- Two or three months ago, in gest crop that was raised along Vancouver, he said he was going the line of the Grand Trunk Pa- logging in the Prince Rupert diseific was town site propositions. trict. Going into those accounts the cheapest clearing that I could find was at a place called Vandechoof, where there is good soil and good agricultural possibilities; as I recollect it some forty-five miles west of Prince mately three miles north from the mouth George. The clearing there cost, Take Notice that Frizzell's Limited of -the trees were light, they were not the regular heavy British acre. In other words anyone northwest two (2) chains, more or less but in Vancouver the rate is \$7 that talks about raising grain in to low water that country has got to start out sixty parative rate of labor would be with clearing his land at a cost hundred and sixty (160) from 33 to 35 cents at Halifax of \$35 an acre more than he can less, to point of comme as against, say, 45 cents in buy land for, that is land well less. Prince Rupert. We have not yet adapted for grain raising, in a

Only Political Scheme I still say that this schemeclasses of labor can be consid- you can only call it a schemeis simply nothing else but an- in Skeena Land District, Recording Dis-Sir Henry Drayton: Would the other instance of political wastel Minister of Labor tell us what and political expenditure. Everythe percentage for labor is in the body knows that who knows anything at all about the matter. It the Mr. Murdock: No. I did not give is necessary that we should have. about 15 cents, maybe only 13 would lose money is doing so,

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place where there is no business expert on this question to whom east. What earthly use is there for it. Undoubtedly some of the I am appealing. in this government turning government's friends will make Mr. Murdock: There would be round and making competition large profits in the supply of considerable carpentering work between their own terminals, hardware, as they did in con- in concrete construction. There Vancouver on the one side and

-but this is only a snap shot Sir Henry Drayton: Yes, pos-"Last session I asked what opinion at the moment—that the sibly you will, when the time business there was to justify cost of labor would be 30 per comes that our vacant lands on such an enormous expenditure, cent, possibly 32 per cent, high- the boundless prairies are taken had in operation for some years carpenters' and laborers' rates then. My hon, friend from Kootenay thinks they will have grain there. Well you can, if you go Sir Henry Drayton: If I really far enough. If you do that, you will have to carry your grain further. My hon, friend knows it and knows it well.

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