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### Succession Tax Is Very Useful.

It would be very interesting to learn why the Victoria Chamber of Commerce and the Saanich Council want the succession tax removed. The matter is to come before the Union of Municipalities at the meeting late in the summer.

The ideal method, it would seem, would be for each person in the world to start equal in the race for a livelihood. That could be brought about by the abolition of the succession duties and the abolition of inheritance. Let the state inherit everything on the death of the individual.

That system is liable to a good deal of abuse, so the present system provides for a considerable tax on the estate of a person that dies. It cannot work a hardship on the real owner, as he is gone, neither is it a hardship on the heir, because until he gets the money or property, it is not his. For the state to take a part is reasonable. The tendency of the day is for the state to take an ever increasing slice of the property until possibly in the distant future we shall find the state taking everything and the young boy or girl starting out in life with nothing but what nature provided. As all would start on the same footing there would be no hardship to any one.

### Municipality Tired Of Transportation.

Saanich municipality is getting tired of running a transportation system. It has operated buses for some time and now it proposes to go out of the business by turning the system over to the people of the district served by it. The district would organize a private company and run their own system—or do without just as they wished.

### Electricity And Development.

One of the greatest factors making for industrial development today is the harnessing of water powers and the use of electrical energy. This is pretty well shown in statistics just published. Ontario leads the country in electrical development but she is closely run by Quebec, the one having 1,500,000 horse power and other 1,600,000. The third province in the list is British Columbia which has pretty close to 400,000 horse power developed.

Manitoba has not yet 200,000 horse power and the other provinces each less than 100,000.

So we find Ontario leading Canada in industrial development with Quebec a close second and British Columbia third.

### Lesson For Rupert In Regard To Power.

Here is a lesson to Prince Rupert. If power is such a large factor in the development of the provinces, it is the same with cities. The city with plenty of cheap power is the one that, other things being equal, makes greatest progress.

In developing water power it is not much use to prepare only for the demand of today. Provision has to be made for industrial expansion. There has to be a certain amount of capital idle in anticipation of business yet to come.

Around Prince Rupert there are many water powers but only the little one at Shawatlans Lake is harnessed and not yet to its capacity. There is a demand for more power than can be supplied and it remains only to get these water powers harnessed to insure a great industrial development. The one thing that has worked against the establishment of a pulp and paper plant here in the past has been the lack of sufficient power to operate it. The people who might have put in the big plant have felt it too big a job to also install water power.

### Value Of Rain To The District.

We here can capitalize the rainfall. It is the rain that makes the water powers and the muskeg that makes the flow steady. That is why the rain of the north coast region is an asset, especially in conjunction with the mossy covering of the land. The moss holds the moisture through the warmest weather and is a factor in causing rain.

In time to come we shall have a great industrial development here and this will be largely the result of the one thing to which many people object, the rather excessive rainfall.

## JOHN HOUSTON - Trail Blazer

Ran pugnacious newspaper at Prince Rupert and later read his own obituary in coast newspaper, says C. H. Gibbons, in "The Lance"

The first requisite of any embryo city in his view was a pugnacious newspaper. John Houston decided to give Prince Rupert one. By then he had transferred his original anti-railway group from the C.P.R. to the G.T.P. That company's master minds got wind of his journalistic intent, and by no means fell in with his plans. A paper at their Pacific terminal with Houston at its helm was as welcome in their philosophy as a boil on the neck. A council of war was convened.

The board of strategy sat and delivered a plan. It was that neither premises nor a site be sold or rented to Houston, the assumption being that if no place were available for its production, a Houston newspaper at Prince Rupert would not eventuate. The scheme as they inspected and tested it seemed stormproof and watertight.

And so they approved it, laughing, which was a mistake. It is unwise to laugh at men of the Houston stamp. He staked a mining claim on the townsite of Prince Rupert, ran up a shack on his claim, and got out his paper, until the ever-itching foot of the pioneer took him on to Prince George—Fort George as it was then.

### Game to the Last

That was in the land boom days, and a beneficent and benevolent providence controlling provincial destinies ruled statutorily that all land applications should be duly advertised in a local newspaper. Such notices descended as a flood upon the Fort George Tribune — "John Houston, Ed. & Prop." He was his own publisher, business manager, editor, compositor and pressman. He would not turn away business when it knocked at his door with one hand and proffered with the other a land notice and a cheque. By day and by night he toiled to keep pace with the golden tide. His eyes failed him; then his health. He fought stubbornly against fate; declined to listen to the doctors; drove himself till he cracked.

It was a very sick man, John Houston, they put on the boat one day, consigned to the hospital at Quesnel. A press correspondent there interviewed one who had come down river with him.

"Any chance of his getting better?"

"Not a chance," the news gatherer was assured— "He's dying now, but they're not letting on to him."

### Reported Dead

So that correspondent, not wishing to be behind with his news and recognizing only a very flimsy dividing line between "dying" and "dead," promptly sent out his story that the veteran editor-owner of the Fort George Tribune had expired.

We got his telegram in the office where I was then employed to grind out copy and I turned in a very readable character sketch of the pathfinding journalist who had taken the long trail on which there is no turning back.

Three days later I had a letter in John Houston's forceful handwriting—a bit shaky, but the very interesting obit.

It was dated from the hospital and thanked me for which he had "perused with pleasure." With grim humor that he kept to the end, he added:

"I didn't know I was dead till your paper came, and then I might have questioned the accuracy of the information if I hadn't known its reliability. . . . Don't be putting in any correction—I'll make good!"

Before his letter reached me he really was dead.

### Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

There will be a farewell tonight of the men who are leaving in the third contingent for overseas service. The incoming train tonight will have a party of men from several centres up the line who will join the local boys, and proceed to Vernon where they will train.

There is a great rivalry on

now between Seattle and Prince Rupert for the halibut fish business. Seattle interests are endeavoring to have the business retained by developing banks nearer to their home port, as they realize that the nearness of

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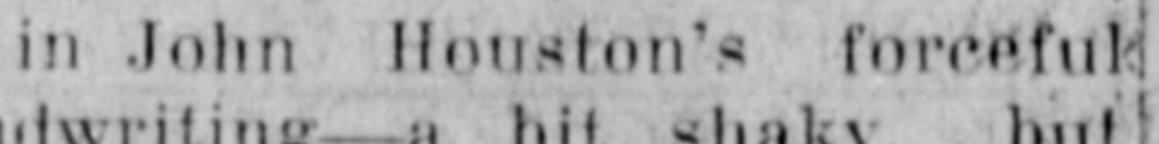
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## The Mineral Province of Western Canada

TO END OF DECEMBER, 1924.

Has produced Minerals as follows:—Placer Gold, \$77,382,953; Lode Gold, \$118,473,190; Silver, \$68,824,579; Lead, \$70,548,578; Copper, \$187,489,378; Zinc, \$32,171,497; Miscellaneous Minerals, \$1,431,349; Coal and Coke, \$260,880,048; Building Stone, Brick, Cement, etc., \$42,225,814; making its Mineral Production to the end of 1924 show an

**Aggregate Value of \$859,427,386**

**Production for Year Ending Dec. 1924, \$48,704,604**

The Mining Laws of this Province are more liberal and the fees lower than those of any other Province in the Dominion, or any colony in the British Empire. Mineral locations are granted to discoverors for nominal fees. Absolute Titles are obtained by developing such properties, the security of which is guaranteed by Crown Grants.

Full information together with Mining Reports and Maps, may be obtained gratis by THE HON. THE MINISTER OF MINES Victoria, British Columbia.

N.B.—Practically all British Columbia Mineral Properties upon which development work has been done are described in some one of the Annual Reports of the Minister of Mines. Those considering mining investments should refer to such reports. They are available without charge on application to the Department of Mines, Victoria, B.C. Reports of the Geological Survey of Canada, Pacific Building, Vancouver, are recommended as valuable sources of information.

## CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

### COAST STEAMSHIP SERVICE

S.S. Prince Rupert—Prince George—Prince Charles  
Sailings from Prince Rupert

For Vancouver, Victoria, Seattle and intermediate ports, Monday, at 4:00 p.m., and Wednesday and Saturday, at 6:00 p.m.

For Anyox and Stewart—Monday and Friday, 4 p.m.

For Skagway and Alaska Ports, Wednesday, 4:00 p.m.

S.S. Prince John for Queen Charlotte Islands and Vancouver, Fortnightly.

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For VANCOUVER, VICTORIA, ALERT BAY, and SWANSON BAY, SATURDAY, 10 A.M.

For ANYOX, ALICE ARM, STEWART, SUNDAY, 8 P.M.

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GEO. G. BUSHBY, Man. Dir.

Applicant.

Per E. H. Simpson, Agent. Dated June 12th, 1925.

GOVERNMENT LIQUOR ACT.

Notice of Application for Beer License

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of June next, the undersigned intends to apply to the Liquor Control Board for a licence in respect to premises being part of the building known as Hudson Bay Hotel, Telegraph Creek, B.C. upon the lands described as Lots 3 and 4, block 2, map 975, Prince Rupert Land Registration District, in the Province of British Columbia, for the sale of beer by the glass or by open bottle for consumption on the premises.

Dated this 25th day of May, 1925.

ERIC McGEER, Lessee, Applicant.

For Real Men the World-Around,

For Hills & Underwood London Dry Gin

Distilled by the famous London process—the gin you will ask for again. The standard of purity for over 160 years.

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