

### DEBATE WAS A VERY LONG ONE

Conservatives were Determined Not to Let Anything go by Without Shot at Rupert

Prince Rupert must have been very much in evidence at the debate on the elevator. It is impossible to give all the discussion in which many of the prominent opponents of the Government took part. Kennedy of Edmonton made a plea for the opening of the Peace River and also took a slap at Prince Rupert. Manion, the renegade Liberal, went out of his way to bump the project and Sir Henry Drayton came back time after time. His final speech follows:

I should think, Mr. Chairman, we might have got some reasonable explanation from the government, but any excuse they might make would have to be so lame, so pitiful and so halting that really I think they are adopting the course of wisdom in leaving the thing as it is. But there are just one or two considerations I am going to again draw to their attention. In the first instance, I entirely agree with the member for West Edmonton (Mr. Kennedy) that there is a first rate grain country in the Peace River district which may be served by Prince Rupert; it may never be. Undoubtedly the traffic from that district ought to be pulled in a westerly direction; there ought not to be a back haul east; but as to whether the line will come out in the neighborhood of Vermilion pass or not I do not know; if it comes out west of that pass I do not know exactly how far west it will come out, and even then I do not know whether it will come out so far west that the route will be cheaper than going to Vancouver. But in the meantime I am free to admit that there is a possibility that some day, when some policy has been evolved for the Peace river district, and when perhaps we have money to spend—because after all this thing relates to money, and even this government cannot make political expenditures all over the whole map at once, and undoubtedly they remove the possibility of doing something in the Peace River country when they turn around and spend what they are spending here—but some day when perhaps we have money to spend this may be a better outlet for the Peace river district than Vancouver. We do not know. But we do know something about the conditions today, and I am just going to ask hon. gentlemen to turn up their Hansard at page 2144 of this session.

The chairman: Is the hon. gentleman referring to a debate that has taken place this session?

Sir Henry Drayton: No, Mr. Chairman, fortunately I am not. If I were I would be clearly out of order. I am referring to information which I succeeded in getting from the government in connection with this very matter, namely, the amount of business which is carried on in this territory.

The chairman: May I ask it contained in a debate that has already taken place this session?

Sir Henry Drayton: It is in the form of question and answer, and I have great pleasure in referring the Chairman to it. It will be found at page 2144 of this session's Hansard. I asked this question: "What are the respective freight tonnages moved by the Canadian National System on the line running from Yellowhead Pass to Vancouver, and the line running from that pass to Prince Rupert in each of the years 1923 and 1924?"

This is the answer given by the Minister of Railways (Mr. Graham):

1923. 1924.  
Tons of revenue freight received at Prince Rupert from points east ..... 33,052 26,237  
Tons of revenue freight received at Vancouver 336,501 676,942

In other words, the business to Prince Rupert in 1923 is less than one-tenth of the business to Vancouver, while in 1924 the percentage is a great deal less than that. The whole thing is just simply a pity. It is a great pity that my hon. friends last session were misled by, to say the least, mistaken estimates. It is a great pity that with deficits as they are we are committed to the expenditure of \$1,329,000 for



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an elevator that at present, whatever it may have in the future, has absolutely no justification.

### SILVER WEDDING OF MR. AND MRS. LEVEQUE NICELY CELEBRATED

Presentation of Tea Service Made by Friends Who Formed Surprise Party

Monday night the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Leveque, 252 Ninth Ave., was the scene of an enjoyable surprise party when a number of friends invaded the home to celebrate their silver wedding. An address was read and presentation made of a beautiful silver tea service on behalf of the company by Mrs. L. Blain and suitable replies were made by the host and hostess.

Dancing, singing and other amusements occupied the time until a late hour. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. Leveque, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gratton, Mr. and Mrs. O. Besner, Mr. and Mrs. Couture, Mr. and Mrs. H. Letourneau, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. Blain, Mr. and Mrs. F. Riffon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Garon, Mrs. Y. Pitt and Mrs. H. Griffith, Misses Bourassa, Elienne and Agnes Roberge, Gratton, Jeanne and Rose Couture, Messrs. J. Sequin, E. Sabourin, P. Voyer, and E. Belanger.

### HOTEL ARRIVALS

**Prince Rupert**  
Mr. Justice W. A. Macdonald, W. E. G. Johnson and F. G. Bossons; Vancouver; G. Bliesco and A. M. Manson, Victoria; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sinclair, Inverness; Mr. and Mrs. A. Hay, Port Arthur; D. M. Shearer, Edmonton; Walter Adams, Vanderhoof; R. G. Cunningham and R. Gibson, Port Essington; Mrs. T. Hall, Salvus East.

**Central**  
C. H. Gosman and S. Shefsky, C.N.R.; W. Wrigley and R. Muir, Cadomin; C. H. Fair and T. Garfin, Edmonton.

### DANCE AT GLENTANNA PROVED JOLLY AFFAIR

Lot of Smithers People Drove Out to Take Part in Proceedings

SMITHERS, June 9.—The little school house at the cross roads in the Glentanna district was the scene of a very jolly dance on Friday evening. The farmers and their wives gathered from all parts of that section and as they make everybody welcome at their dances several car loads of town folk motored out from Smithers to join in the merrymaking.

Charlie Newitt, a pioneer of Glentanna and an old veteran of the Reil rebellion, acted as master of ceremonies, and he also called the changes for the quadrilles.

At midnight supper was served and before dancing was resumed Mr. Newitt thanked the visitors for their attendance and the volunteer musicians for their assistance and on being called on for a song started an enjoyable impromptu concert. Among the numbers heartily encored were the recitations by little Miss Evelt.

### NEW CLERGYMAN FOR SMITHERS AND TELKWA

Rev. J. B. Gibson Has Large District; Reception on Thursday

SMITHERS June 9.—Rev. J. B. Gibson, the successor to Rev. R. E. W. Biddell at St. James, Anglican Church, arrived in town from Anyox on Friday evening. He conducted his first services at the local church Sunday night and made a most favorable impression with the large congregation that was on hand to welcome him.

A public reception is to be held in the Rectory on Thursday evening in order that he may become personally acquainted with all the members of his church.

The Smithers and Telkwa Anglican mission fields have been amalgamated with Mr. Gibson in charge of the whole district. In addition to holding services in these two towns he is making arrangements for periodical visits to Glentanna, Driftwood, Round Lake and Houston.

### SMITHERS

Duke Harris, spent the latter part of the week in town, the guest of his brother Edgar. Mr. Harris returned to New Hazelton on Sunday's train.

A. E. Campbell of the Government office staff is on his annual vacation and left Saturday evening for Kamloops where he will attend the L.O.O.F. convention as representative of the Bulkley Valley Lodge, No. 30.

The Cub Boy Scouts staged their first game of baseball at the Agricultural Park last Thursday evening, the youngsters displayed a fund of energy and vim, so much so that the

score ended at 21 to 11 in favor of the Tigers.

The Hon. E. D. Barrow, minister of agriculture, accompanied by Col. W. S. Latla of the land settlement board, arrived in Smithers Saturday evening. They are on a tour of Northern B.C. and will spend a few days in and around Smithers.

George Findlay, road foreman and his gang of road makers, to the joy of Smithers autoists, started work on the road between here and Lake Kathlyn, the local summer resort. One of his first jobs was making a new road where it branches from the main one down to the lake shore, thus eliminating a piece of road that, although only very short was very crooked and always rough.

### TERRACE NOTES

The spring sale of work of the Women's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church proved more successful than ever. There was an unusually pretty display of summer dresses.

Mr. and Mrs. McCullough and family have arrived from Alberta and are making their home here.

Mrs. McCubbin and Mrs. Sessions of Pacific were in town on Saturday to attend the Anglican Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Greer and family of Prince Rupert are visiting Hill Farm.

Mrs. and Miss Du Vernet returned to Prince Rupert on Friday.

The funeral of Al. Johnson took place on Friday from the Anglican Church. Service was held in the church before leaving for the cemetery. Al. John

son was one of the old timers. He had been ailing for some time.

There was a basket social and dance at Usk Saturday night which proved very popular.

Miss Thelma Bunn is spending her holidays at Remo and Usk.

Mr. MacDonald has been appointed ferryman at Usk.

The Copper river ferry is having a new cable put in.

Mrs. A. E. Fowler returned from Prince Rupert on Wednesday.

F. Phiscator and J. Siegfried are leaving Friday for Dease Lake.

Robt. Leighton, fire inspector, was in town on an official visit.

The Forestry department are repairing the Lakelse telephone line.

### TIMBER SALE X 7050.

There will be offered for sale at Public Auction, at noon on the 18th day of June, 1925, in the office of Forest Supervisor at Smithers, B.C., the Licence X7050, to cut 180,000 lineal feet of Cedar Poles and Piling on Lot 2389, situated on the South Bank of Skeena River, west of Skeena Crossing Cassiar Land District.

Two (2) years will be allowed for removal of timber. "Provided any one unable to attend the auction in person may submit a sealed tender to be opened at the hour of auction, and treated as one bid."

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B.C.

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