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**No Child Labor
In Prince Rupert.**

It would be a pity if it should get around that Prince Rupert is a place where child labor is exploited, for it is not. It does not hurt a child to do a little work occasionally. It keeps him out of mischief and teaches him to make himself useful.

A charge was made yesterday by Leonard Waide that child labor was being exploited at a local cannery. The cannery people denied it. Last night Mr. Waide brought a man to the Daily News office who said an Indian boy eleven years old had been working at the cannery.

We do not propose to be led into any controversy in regard to this nor do we wish the impression to go abroad that this is a place where people abuse their privileges as citizens. If a child worked with its mother for a few days no great harm was done. The place to report children being out of school is to the schoolboard or to the principal of one of the schools. We object to this town being held up as an object lesson of what not to do or one of our local institutions being branded as representing the greed of capitalism, when they are doing their best to build up an industry in the city which has been of great benefit and will in future be of still greater advantage to the place.

Mr. Waide doubtless believes he is acting in the public interest in keeping a watchful eye on the industries. As a matter of fact there is no law against employing children in the cannery, but there is a law which compels children to attend school until they are fifteen years old.

**American Ambassador
Comments on The Scottish.**

In the Life and Letters of Walter H. Page is a letter written by the American ambassador telling of a visit to Scotland. It says:

"I've never understood the Scotch. I think they are, without doubt, the most capable race in the world - away from home. But how they came to be so and how they keep up their character and supremacy and keep breeding true, needs explanation. As you come through the country you see the most monotonous and dingy little houses and thousands of robust children, all dirtier than niggers. In the fertile parts of the country the fields are beautifully cultivated—for Lord This-and-That who lives in London and comes up here in summer to collect his rents and to shoot. The country people seem desperately poor. But they don't lose their robustness. In the solid cities—the solidest you ever saw, all being of granite—such as Edinburgh and Aberdeen, where you see the prosperous class, they look the sturdiest and most independent fellows you ever saw. As they grow old they look like blue-bellied Presbyterian elders. Scotch to the marrow—everybody and everything seem—bare knees alike on the street and in the hotel with dress coats on, bagpipes—there's no sense in these things, yet, being Scotch, they live forever.

"The first men I saw early this morning on the street in front of the hotel were two weather beaten old chaps with grey beards under their chins. "Guddddd Murrningggggg, Andy," said the one. "Guddddd Murrningggggg Sandy," said the other; and they trudged on. They'd dethrone kings before they'd shave differently or drop their burrs and gutturals, or cover their knees or cease lying about the bagpipe. And you can't get it out of the blood. Your mother becomes provoked when I say these things and I shouldn't wonder if you yourself resent them and break out quoting Burns.

"Now the Highlands can't support a population larger than the mountains of Kentucky. Your Kentucky feud is a disgrace to civilization. But your Highland feud is celebrated in song and story. Every clan keeps itself together to this day by its history and by its plaid. A little band of sheep-stealing bandits got themselves immortalized and heroized and they are now all Presbyterian elders. They got their church established in Scotland and when the King comes to Scotland, by Jehoshaphat! he is obliged to become a Presbyterian. Yet your Kentucky feudist—poor devil—he comes too late. The Scotchman has preempted that particular field of glory. And all such comparisons make your mother fighting mad."

**Scenic, Historic and Natural
History Wonders of Mackenzie
Park told of by Harlan Smith**

Mackenzie Park and the surrounding district affords a splendid opportunity for university summer parties, students, professors and others desiring a field in which to carry on surveys and explorations, writing and art work, for practice, experiment or other purposes. Mackenzie Park is the name locally applied in the Norway of Canada to a strip of country approximately twenty miles north and south by seventy miles east and west lying near the southern edge of the bottom lands of Bella Coola River and the eastern shore of South Bentinck Arm.

Mackenzie Park is at the head of one of the longest fiords midway of the coast of British Columbia. It was so named in honor of Sir Alexander Mackenzie, the first white man to cross America north of Mexico and who, surfeited with scenery in his long trip from Montreal through the Canadian Rockies, wrote superlatively of the scenery of the area now known as Mackenzie Park.

The petition has been made that this area might be turned over for administration by the Dominion Parks as a great out-of-doors museum and sanctuary for the conservation of animal and plant life, beautiful scenery and pure water. Any surveys and explorations, literature and art, treating of the park or vicinity would be conducive to this end.

Great Opportunity

As a field for physiography, topography and mapping the area is excellent, being unsurveyed British Columbia Crown lands extending from sea level to about 10,000 feet altitude. It consequently affords ample opportunity for either practice or practical work. An aeroplane photographic survey would be useful in developing the park.

From the geographic and geological standpoint, many parts of the park have never been seen by white men. The many glaciers and waterfalls should prove of interest. From one point on Mackenzie Highway eighteen glaciers may be seen. Southeast and partly within the park is a glacier which is said to be forty miles long. The great number of glaciers ensures that a variety of glacial problems may be presented. Two glaciers may be seen from the Bella Coola Post Office and another from a point one mile up the road. In the park are thousands of water falls some of them large. One near the eastern edge of the park is said by reliable frontiersmen to make a clear leap of over 828 feet. If this be true, it is the fifth highest known fall in the world, second highest in the western hemisphere and the highest in Canada. Surely the opportunity to first measure this fall or to take large photographs, motion pictures, sketches or paintings of it should appeal to many university students or men of leisure. Hot springs are found on South Bentinck Arm.

Place Little Known

From a botanical standpoint the park and surrounding region are practically unknown. Great variety of plant life and plant problems may be expected in this area, which extends from the sea, salt marshes and lowlands to the mountain peaks on the one hand and which presents climatic conditions ranging from the rather moist sea coast climate to the semi-arid conditions of the region embracing the eastern end of the Bella Coola valley where irrigation is practiced. Throughout the region there are four species of giant trees, thousands of them being over six feet in diameter—red cedar, cottonwood, Douglas fir and aeroplane spruce. On the western edge of the park the vegetation is luxuriant and semi-tropical. On the east are Jack-pine barrens.

Zoologically the area is interesting. Grizzly bear tracks may certainly be found within twenty-four hours after arrival at Bella Coola, at least in August or September. A hunter living near Mackenzie Highway in 1924 left home in the morning, went on foot to a glacier in the park not far distant and was able before supper time to bring back a mountain goat. Fourteen eagles have been counted on a single stub at the edge of the park area. The sea is very deep off Bella Coola and in it is such life as sea fans and sand sharks. The several varieties of salmon taken in North Bentinck Arm for the two canneries within five miles of Bella Coola offer many zoological problems.

Interesting Natives

From the anthropological standpoint the Bella Coola Indians are of interest. They are of the Salish linguistic stock and

North Pacific Coast culture. They live within two miles of Bella Coola and may be seen working for the canneries. About one fifth of the known petroglyphs of Canada lie within a day's motorboat run of Bella Coola. The material culture, social organization and folk-lore of the Bella Coola has been studied for the National Museum of Canada, but much remains to be done. In archeology, linguistics and physical anthropology, the field is almost untouched. The rituals and dramas may still be seen on occasion by the sympathetic but they can not be easily seen by the typical tourist.

Carrier and Chilcotin Indians, who both belong to the Athapascan linguistic stock, visit Bella Coola and camp at several places in the valley during the summer. Each group stays several weeks and some of them return a number of times in the season, producing a picturesque subject for observation and study. Much yet remains to be done on the ethnology, archeology, folk-lore, physical anthropology and linguistics of these people.

In 1895 a colony of about 200 people of Norwegian extraction settled in the Bella Coola valley. These fine, sturdy, hospitable Canadians still occasionally prepare Norwegian dishes, do Norwegian carving, painting and embroidery and a few still have examples of the old country costume and jewelry. Here is opportunity for the study of folk-lore, carving and painting.

Two Varieties

To the literary man, the district presents many features of interest. There are two types of Indians, one a sea coast communal sedentary folk, the other horsemen of somewhat nomadic habits. There is all the charm of the Norwegian fishermen living on farms, and the loggers engaged in hand, horse and railroad logging. All the races meet in the salmon canneries with their cosmopolitan crews of Norwegians and Chinamen, Japs and Indians, to say nothing of the Scotch engineer, the French-Canadian and the "American." There is also the romance of the trappers and prospectors that has not yet been adequately told. The cowboy life that drifts down from the interior and may usually be seen in evidence at Bella Coola and the Indian horse-men and horse-women are perhaps less modernized than anywhere else in Canada.

All the subjects of such great interest to the student and literary man have an equal attraction for the artist, the movie operator and the artist-photographer. Within or adjacent to the park are strange and wonderful types of men, glaciers and waterfalls. Within the forests are vast green-roofed "cathedrals," pillared with tree trunks, carpeted with moss and illumined by sunlight strained through green leaves and lending a glamor to the scene that can not be simulated by the man-made stained glass.

How to Get There

This region is reached by a weekly steamer from Vancouver for Bella Coola at a cost of \$20-25, one way, including meals and berth. The traveler usually leaves Vancouver Wednesday night and reaches Bella Coola sometime Sunday, and has a good opportunity to see intimately the natural resources, industries and life of the coast as the steamer stops at Indian villages, salmon canneries and logging camps, often for a considerable time. Wholesome meals may be had throughout the Bella Coola valley at fifty cents and bed at the same rate.

The western edge of the park and part of the northern edge can be viewed from motor or sail boats on North and South Bentinck Arms. The next section of the northern edge of the park is adjacent to the automobile road, locally known as Mackenzie Highway, which now extends up Bella Coola valley for forty-one miles. Beyond this is a good pack trail for horses. Along the

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THE MAN IN THE MOON

says:

THE parliaments and legislatures go on making hundreds of laws and yet most decent citizens are not affected by them.

THESE sunny days augur well for success at the elections. They seem to indicate that somebody is sure to win. Guess who.

WHEN a man has done all the naughty things there are, he thinks there's about as much kick in being good.

THE first church in town that invites the boys to have a cigarette is the one I'm going to attend.

OUR fathers were rich because there were so few things to spend money on. It is appalling to think how poor our grandchildren will be if the spending keeps on increasing.

PANTS is pants and vest is vest and never the twain shall meet. That's tragedy.

WHAT I like is for hunters to be able to tell about a good bag without having to lie in doing so.

I GO to the silent drama in order to hear the conversation of the audience and the noise of the gum chewing.

I WANTED the editor to run a column of election comment.

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but he says it would ruin the reputation of the Daily News if he was to print a lot of the comment he hears.

PREMIER Mackenzie King has made a record. There are hundreds of things he has not done, according to Hon. Arthur Meighen.

THE only objection to short skirts is the opportunity it gives mosquitoes, but that's all over for another year.

Ten Years Ago
in Prince Rupert

September 22, 1915.

Prince Rupert's third annual exhibition was opened this morning by A. J. Prud'homme, president of the Northern B.C. Agricultural & Industrial Association. Mayor Newton delivered a short address in connection with the opening ceremonies.

The launch Doreen of Prince Rupert has drifted on the rocks along the shore of Herate Straits and is reported to be in bad shape. The captain and his three sons got off safely.

RIDLEY HOME.

Further donations to the Ridley Home follows:

Friends, 20 lbs. sugar, 1 lb. tin of cocoa.

Mrs. C. Orme, 2 sacks potatoes.

Mrs. Edwards, 10 lbs. sugar.

Mrs. S. D. Johnston, 1 box apples

Mrs. Skinner, 8 lbs. rolled oats, 1 tin cocoa.

Stewart & Mobley, 5 lbs. tea.

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