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Complicated Situation Regard to Peace River.

There is a large tract of fertile country, part of which is in British Columbia, that requires opening up by a railway to the coast. Everyone recognizes the need of a railway but there are all sorts of adverse currents interfering with its proper development.

In the first place there is a railway already built into the country by the province of Alberta to within a few miles of the British Columbia boundary. This railway is at present being operated by the C.P.R. under lease, but it is losing money for the operators and they do not like continuing as at present and neither do they like to let go, as by holding on they have a prior right to the development of that part of the country.

The British Columbia government has a railway pointing in the direction of the Peace River. It runs at present from Squamish to Quesnel and the grade is completed to Prince George. It will cost about five million dollars to complete this line from Vancouver to Prince George. The British Columbia government is asking that the Dominion government bonus a line to be built from Prince George into the Peace country connecting with their railway which would make its operation profitable, it is thought.

The Canadian National already has a first rate railway to the coast at Prince Rupert with which any Peace River road could connect at any one of various points including Hansard, Prince George, Vanderhoof, Fort Fraser, or Hazelton. Because of that the Canadian National have a strong claim on the right to build the branch line into the Peace country.

Who Will Control Road When Built?

The question will now arise as to who is to be in control of the new railway. Is it to be an extended P.G.E.? Is it to be a C.P.R. road? Is it to be a Canadian National road?

It is claimed that the P.G.E. is not suited for carrying grain as the grades and curves make it impossible to operate economically. The C.N.R. on the other hand was constructed as a transcontinental line and has neither sharp curves or bad grades and is the natural way out for the Peace River grain.

A proposal has been made that the C.P.R. should build the road by extending the one already in operation from Edmonton and that running rights to Prince Rupert should be given of such a nature as to place the big railway on an equal footing with the Canadian National.

From this complicated situation something will have to be worked out. The conflicting interests will have to be dealt with. To us it hardly seems likely that the Dominion government will bonus the P.G.E. under provincial control. It would be much more reasonable to grant a bonus, if one is to be given, either to the Canadian National or the C.P.R. as either one of those companies would build and operate in connection with the larger system. No provincial government can go into the railroad business with much hope of success. It would be better to get one of the bigger companies to operate the present road than to try to extend the operations of the provincial road.

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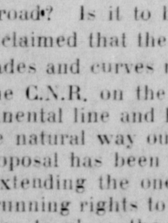

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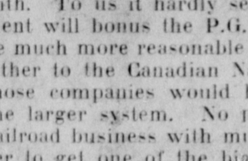

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OPERETTA AT BOOTH SCHOOL

Excellent Work of Children at Closing Event Before Christmas Holidays

The closing event at Booth Memorial School this year was a dainty operetta sung by the children in which they showed excellent training and much talent. The audience was transported from the greyness and murk of the winter night to the "magic land of faery" where all was golden color.

The back of the stage had been arranged to suggest a daffodil evening sky shining through the trees and formed a most artistic setting for the costumes of the choruses of girls. The prevailing color of the dresses was that of daffodils and primroses, each being made to represent either one of these flowers or a bluebell, violet or arbutus, the whole making a feast of beautifully blended color.

The music of children's plays is often weak and vapid but such is not the case in "Snow White," most of the choruses and solos in it having the quality that makes one hum them next morning.

The Performers

Notably beautiful choruses were the "Forest Children's Lullaby" and the haunting 'requiem of "Sleep Well Thou Good and Sweet One" by dwarfs and forest children.

Marjorie Blance, in high waisted fluffy white dress and head band suggesting the hoar frost, and later in her wedding gown was a graceful and pretty Snow White and her duet with the dwarfs, "I Can Brew" and "Can a Princess Sweep a Room?" were much liked. Olive Munro acted and sang her part as the Queen very successfully. She looked most regal in the queenly robes and amazingly tall in the long black cloak and steeple hat of the peasant woman. Her two best solos were "I Have Laces" and "I am the Sovereign Lady."

A debonair and stately prince was Mary Lawrence in feathered hat, long hose and conventional prince's cloak. Her voice has the clear and birdlike quality of a boy's rather than a girl's soprona and, if trained, should be a valuable possession. The three girls were well chosen for their parts. Billy Fuller in green huntsman's dress was the tender-hearted huntsman and his song "Old Death He Goes A-roving," was very creditably taken. The part of the magic mirror was sung off the stage by Beulah McKinley.

The weird element was supplied by the seven dwarfs—queer little bearded men in elfish stocking caps and troll-like brown garb. They were Fred Skinner, Walter Johnson, Roy Franks, Billy Bacon, Garfield McKinley, Victor Thomas and Frank Derry, the spokesmen (Max and Hans) being Victor and Walter. Their chorus, "We Are the Seven Dwarfs," and the duet "She Can Brew" with Snow White, gave great satisfaction. Three forest children—Arbutus, Daffodil and Violet, who had speaking parts, were represented by Irene Mitchell, Annie Gilchrist and Joan Arthur.

The Choruses

The following were the choruses:—

Big Chorus — Edna Edgar, Grace Bedor, Audrey Cook, Peggy Smith, Winnie Eby, May Ness, Agnes Guyan, Rose Wesch, Evelyn White, Muriel Vance, Amelia Pillsbury, Doris Montgomery, Katherine McMillan, Dorothy Ballinger, Katherine Wright, Margaret Sievert, Clara Lundquist, Winnie Collison, Beulah McKinley, Kathleen Duncan, Irene Mitchell, Doris Dingwell, Edith Miller, Marion Quinn, Myra Kinslow, Neva McInnes, Mabel Iverson, Annie Boddie, Ruth Wilkinson, Betty Eastman.

Little Chorus — Olive Hicks, Annie McLeod, Dolly Derry, Marion Ryan, Viola Carr, Hilda Murray, Lola Bailey, Nora Rudderham, Edith Johnston, Ivy Anderson, Audrey Tremayne, Christina McLeod, Ethel Edgar, Margaret Jackson, Viola Johnson, Verne Lehto, Betty Capstick, Joan Arthur, Annie Gilchrist, Ida Boddie, Jean Wilson.

The brunt of training the children fell on the shoulders of J. Wilson and when it is remembered that in the case of the senior pupils there has been no steady musical course during the school year and that the heavy work of training them has all been done out of school hours during the past month, he is certainly to be congratulated on the results achieved in so short a time. He was assisted by Miss Caroline Mitchell, and Miss Donaldson. Miss Mercer was the pianist. The Principal, D. H. Hartness, who originated the idea of having the operetta, was general organizer and was also responsible for the scenery, properties and the artistic program. Mrs. Walker helped with the dresses.

The proceeds of the entertainment will go, after expenses are paid, to the school funds.

THE MAN IN THE MOON says:

ONE week more and, Oh boy!

JUST one week
And then just think
The things I'll have
To eat and drink.

Just one week,
Then I should smile
At what I'll just
Forget for awhile.

Just one week—
A week and a day,
Christmas then
I'll be here I say.

THERE are enough good looking girls around this town, Jake says, to start a peach orchard.

DOWN in Alberta they have been waging a campaign against all pests. It's a good thing they do not come to Prince Rupert or we might lose some of our prominent citizens.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

A Red Cross sale is being held today in the store of Bulger & Denike, Mrs. Henning and Mrs. D. W. Morrissey being in charge.

The Indians of Kincolith have put in a sawmill there with a daily capacity of 20,000 feet.

Dr. H. E. Young, provincial secretary, has fulfilled a promise to the local hospital board by forwarding a check for $2,000 covering government grant.

NORTHERN INDIAN METHODISTS OUT TO DEFEND NEW CHURCH

Send Circular Letter to Heads of Organizations Connected With United Church Explaining Position

Grace United Church,
Port Simpson, B.C.

To the Presidents of the Epworth Leagues and Young Peoples' Societies, among Indians of Northern British Columbia.

For some time now, we have been in receipt of letters from our friends of the neighboring villages asking for particulars as to the present status of the Methodist Church, and the various organizations of that Church among our Indian people.

It is with no little regret that we learn from these letters that certain persons have been actively engaged of late in spreading the report that, since the Methodist Church has gone into Union with the Presbyterian and Congregational Church, she no longer exists so far as the Indian people are concerned.

We have delayed in making any declaration on the matter, although our own missionary, Rev. William Allan, proved to us conclusively that such a report was without foundation. Now, however, that Doctor Osterhout, a friend of the Indian people for many years, has paid us an official visit from the United Church of Canada, we have been doubly assured of the fact that the Methodist Church, by Union, has greatly increased her ability to carry on the work of the Kingdom of God, not only among the native people, but also throughout the world. As Doctor Osterhout truly said: "By entering into Union, the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches are not dead any more than a man and woman die when they are joined together in marriage. Such Union, originating with God, instead of bringing death, brings rather greater possibilities of life and glorious activity."

We, the members of Grace United Church, and Port Simpson Epworth League, write this letter therefore, with a view to assuring our friends of Northern British Columbia as to the untruth of the reports referred to.

We sincerely hope that you will all join us, not only in remaining loyal to the Methodist Church which has sacrificed so much for the Indian people, but also in going forward into the great United Church movement with earnest enthusiasm.

We further suggest, in the event of such reports continuing to arise among the native people, that you bring the matter to the notice of the United Church missionary on the field. We are confident that he will in every case present to our people the truth concerning present Church conditions.

Sincerely hoping that this will prove a year of unprecedented success and blessing to the people of every village in Northern British Columbia, we send you greetings, and remain, yours fraternally.

PORT SIMPSON EPWORTH LEAGUE,
Per Sam Bennett, Pres.
Lewis Gray, Sec.-Treas.

LAND ACT.

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land.

In Prince Rupert Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situate on north shore of Shannon Bay, Queen Charlotte Islands, B.C.

TAKE NOTICE that James Fielding Strang and Robert C. Gosse, of Vancouver, B.C., occupation cannerymen, intends to apply for a lease of the following described foreshore at Shannon Bay, Queen Charlotte Islands:—

Commencing at a post planted on the shore of Shannon Bay about 500 feet in a southwesterly direction from southwest corner of Lot 1548, said post being northeast corner of an application to purchase by Jas. Fielding Strang; thence southwesterly following high water mark of Shannon Bay about 700 feet to a post 969 feet south and 767 feet west of southwest corner of Lot 1548; thence west 128.5 feet to the high water mark of an Island being an application to lease by Robert C. Gosse; thence northerly, westerly and southwesterly following the high water mark of said Island to a point 969 feet south and 1153 feet west of southwest corner 1548; thence west 100 feet; thence north 530 feet, more or less; thence east 956 feet, more or less, to the point of commencement, and containing 8 acres, more or less.

ROBT. C. GOSSE and
JAS. FIELDING STRANG,
Applicant.
Per Wm. G. Mitchell, Agent.
Dated November 10th, 1925.

LAND ACT.

Notice of Intention to Appy to Lease Land

In the Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situate on the south shore of Shannon Bay, Massett Inlet, Queen Charlotte Islands.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Harry Robinson Frost, of Massett, B.C., occupation Fish Curer, intend to apply for a lease of the following described lands:

Commencing at a post situated at the southwest corner of Lot 1548 (T.L. 8255P.); thence east 10 chains; thence north 10 chains, more or less, to high water mark; thence southwest 12 chains, more or less, following the high water mark to point of commencement, and containing 8 acres, more or less.

H. R. FROST.

Massett, B.C.
Dated October 9t 1925

LAND ACT

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land

In Queen Charlotte Islands Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situate two and one-half miles west of Alford Bay, Skidegate Inlet.

TAKE NOTICE that B.C. Fishing & Packing Company, Limited, of Vancouver, B.C., occupation Salmon Canners, intends to apply for a lease of the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the west end of Small Bay one hundred yards east of mouth of unnamed stream; thence south five chains; thence east sixteen chains; thence north to shore line; thence following shore line to point of commencement, and containing seven and three-quarter acres, more or less.

B.C. FISHING & PACKING CO. LTD.
Applicant.
Per M. M. English.
Dated December 7th, 1925.

LAND ACT.

Notice of Intention to Apply to Lease Land.

In Prince Rupert Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situate at Shannon Bay, Queen Charlotte Islands, B.C.

TAKE NOTICE that Gosse-Millerd, Limited, of Vancouver, B.C., intends to apply for a lease of the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted about 15 chains, more or less, west from northeast corner of Lot 1548 (T.L. 8255P.); thence north 225 feet; thence south 65deg. west 900 feet, more or less; thence south 400 feet to the high water mark, in a north-easterly direction 900 feet, more or less, to the point of commencement, and containing six (6) acres, more or less.

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Applicant.
Per Wm. G. Mitchell, Agent.
Dated November 10th, 1925.

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