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Board of Trade Lays Before
Railway Management Mat-
ters of Vital Importance

SYMPATHETIC REPLIES

Sir Henry Thornton Explains
Some of Difficulties in Re-
gard to Local Matters

At the conference between a committee of the local board of trade and Sir Henry Thornton and other officials of the railway held yesterday a memorandum was handed to the visitors laying out the views of the committee and to this Sir Henry replied in detail. The memorandum follows:

It is with great pleasure that this board again has the privilege of extending to you and your associates a very cordial welcome to this district.

While you are amongst us, we are grasping the opportunity to personally thank you for the grain elevator which is now in course of construction at our port, as we believe that it is mainly through your efforts that it is being built.

At the same time we wish also to bring before your notice some other matters which are of vital importance to us and of interest to your company.

Mail Subsidy to Skagway

Whereas the Canadian government pays annually a sum of money to the Canadian Pacific S.S. Co. for carrying mail to Alaska; This board considers that it would be advantageous to keep the money within the government by having the Canadian National boats increase their earnings by carrying the Alaskan mail after being distributed through this port, and hopes that your company will be carrying this mail upon the expiry of the present contract.

Queen Charlotte Isd. Mail Subsidy

Your company has a contract with the government to carry mail to Queen Charlottes, and which expires March 31, 1926. These islands are very close to this port and are in our territory. At present you are operating this mail service from Vancouver, while it was the intention that it should be operated from this port. We would like to know how you are going to operate this mail service if you should again be awarded the contract.

Freight Service—Alaska and Prince Rupert

Whereas there are considerable quantities of freight going in to, and coming out of Alaska at all times, and whereas only a very negligible quantity is passing through this port and over the Canadian National Railroad; This board feels that the business should be vigorously gotten after and secured for the benefit of the Canadian National Railway and Prince Rupert.

Cannery Service

Whereas there are about 5,000 persons engaged in the salmon canning industry within a distance of 40 miles of this port, and whereas the passenger and freight traffic connected therewith is now handled by the C.P.R. and the Union S.S. Co.; This board feels that this business naturally belongs to, and could more economically be operated in connection with this port, and believes that a small boat making its headquarters here would take care of the business, increase the earnings of your company, and also be of benefit to this port.

Peace River Outlet

Whereas the construction of a westerly railroad outlet from the Peace River district may be commenced at a near future date; This board feels that before any decision as to the route is made, all feasible routes shall be investigated, and that the railroad when built shall open up as much arable country as possible and at the same time link up with the main line of the C.N.R. at a point which will enable it to reach the Pacific coast by a westerly route as possible.

Oriental Silk Through Prince Rupert

As the Canadian National R.R. is now taking care of silk shipments from the Orient to the East, and as this Canadian National port is 480 miles nearer the Orient than Vancouver, and that with the completion of our grain elevator there should be trans-Pacific steamship service from here, this board feels that a trial silk shipment should be

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but it had been threatened that another boat would enter the business if the C.N.R. did not run theirs to Vancouver.

The president said they were now investigating the proposal to handle canned salmon from this port. The shipment of silk by this port had also been considered and probably a trial shipment would be made.

Peace River

In regard to the Peace River outlet Sir Henry said an outlet through B.C. as proposed would cost \$35,000,000 and from his experience he would say another \$35,000,000 would be required for feeders to the railway. This is an enormous sum to ask for just now. When the line was built, he thought it would be of great advantage to Prince Rupert.

In regard to bringing immigrants to the interior valleys Sir Henry said that owing to red tape methods, immigration had come almost to a standstill during the past few years. The two big railways were getting together in the matter, however, and he had reason to believe there was a better prospect of getting settlers in large numbers.

Alaskan Passenger Service

This port being 559 miles closer to Alaska than any terminal port to the south of us,

this board feels that Canadian National passenger service to Alaska should be through this port in conjunction with the Canadian National R.R. & Steamships, and requests that in time tables and tariffs in the United States, Prince Rupert be put on the same basis as Vancouver.

C.N.R. Tourist Hotels

You decided two years ago to build tourist hotels at this port and at other points east in order to link up with your chain at Jasper, realizing that the full development of the tourist traffic materially depended upon these. This would now appear especially apparent in view of the success you have achieved with your hotel and golf course at Jasper, and we trust that you still have this in mind, and that the near future will see this project consummated.

Development of the Interior

Our citizens realize that the growth of this port and the success of this line of the railway are linked up with the settlement of the fertile valleys adjoining us. This board recalls the promise of energetic co-operation by the railway company in furthering the settlement of the country along the line and would like to know what steps, if any, they have taken to develop these agricultural lands.

Sir Henry Replies

In replying, Sir Henry congratulated the delegates on the improvements in the city and especially in regard to roads. The various matters in regard to the Alaska service, he said, were under consideration. Nothing could well be done, however, until there was a proper service. This year the service was largely experimental. He explained the difficulties in regard to booking passengers on the American side and said efforts would be made to have this city placed on the American tariffs.

In regard to the service to the Queen Charlotte Islands an attempt had been made to operate the steamer to this port only

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