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Plenty Of Good News Yesterday.

There was plenty of good news here yesterday. Perhaps the most important was the announcement that in two weeks work would commence on the erection of a new shingle and lumber mill at this port. Already much of the machinery is here and the work will be under way just as soon as the company is incorporated.

The loss of the big mill was a serious one and while the small mill will not replace the other, it will help to fill the gap caused by the big fire. It is to be erected alongside the burned-over area.

Must Be Another Mill In North Soon.

It is understood that the pulp limits held by the Prince Rupert Spruce Mills' Ltd., are held at the specially low pulp rate conditional on a pulp mill being erected in the neighborhood within a short time. That would seem to indicate that a mill must be built or the limits revert to ordinary timber limits and the higher rate be paid. So far these limits have not been touched. They are situated in the neighborhood of the Kluh-zammeen River and are said to carry a lot of good pulp and lumber timber.

Cannery Development On Queen Charlottes.

The cannery development on the Queen Charlotte Islands had been forecasted in these columns on more than one occasion. A dispatch from Skidegate before the holidays told of one of the new canneries to be built. It is excellent news that there is to be general activity on the Islands, all of which will tend to make this place busy. The interests of the Queen Charlottes and Prince Rupert are one. Anything we can do to help them should not be omitted. If they make progress, we shall naturally benefit. While Vancouver will also benefit, and so will other places, we must, owing to our position, reap some of the reward of the industry of the Islanders.

Just now this good news was needed to cheer up the local people who were feeling rather downcast at the loss of the mill and at the failure so far of any shipments of grain to head this way. The difficulty with us is that it takes very little to depress us. We see blue ruin ahead when there is really no reason to be downcast.

Speech From Throne Looks Like Business.

The speech from the throne at the opening of Parliament yesterday mentions a number of activities that will prove interesting to Canadians generally. On the whole it may be said to show the influence of the farmers on the Government. Yet it has much with which all will agree. We all agree that taxes should be as low as possible. We all agree that the land should be settled and brought under cultivation as quickly as possible. We want the tariff as low as possible. We all in the West would like to see grain flowing through Canadian ports instead of through American. We may not be in agreement with the building of the Hudson's Bay Railway, because many of us consider it a useless expenditure at the present time, but, as we have often mentioned, government has to be a matter of compromise. We cannot all agree with the whole policy of a government. What we have to consider is which group is most favorable to the district in which we reside. If in a group of legislative proposals there is but one to which we can take exception, we have to consider ourselves fortunate.

Peace River Is Not Mentioned.

So far as the first brief telegraphic report is concerned, there is no mention of Peace River development. It would seem to us as if the development of the Peace River country was of more importance to Canada than the completion of the Hudson's Bay railway. We expect to refer to this matter again at greater length at a future time.



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M.M. So far we have not met with success. The combined rail and boat rate gives southern farmers an advantage of about \$2.00 per ton. Again the interior has suffered through the quietness of the timber market. Should wheat start moving through here to the Orient, there is every reason to believe that we would again start shipping hemlock to Japan, as the demand for that lumber is 20 per cent. of Japan's total imports. This would greatly benefit the Skeena Valley.

Silk Trade

This year the Canadian National Railways made arrangements with the Blue Funnel line, whereby the latter company is landing its silk at Vancouver instead of at Seattle as in the past. It has always been the hope of this board, that this was the company that would ultimately make this their first port of call from the Orient, particularly as their boats are not as fast as other competitive lines, and it has been our opinion that the 480 miles saving in water haul would be an attraction that would offset any advantage that other ports might have by reason of their larger population.

It is hoped that the management of the G.N.R. will eventually have the road bed between here and Jasper in a condition that will allow the running of trains at a speed equal to if not greater than is possible for their trains from Vancouver to attain. When they reach that state of efficiency, I have no doubt but what the majority of silk and other highly valuable commodities from the Orient will move by the port of Prince Rupert.

Co-operate on Grain

It is indeed gratifying to note that with the completion of the elevator, the building of which this board persistently advocated, Prince Rupert is now in a position to handle the out-going and in-coming of all commodities exported or imported by us. It remains now for the Government, the G.N.R. and the citizens of Prince Rupert to co-operate in an effort to have a continual flow of grain passing through this elevator to ships destined for those countries which are importers of grain, as well as making this the principal port of the Pacific for the export of salmon. Without being a bit pessimistic I cannot refrain from at this time impressing upon the citizens of Prince Rupert that we have in the city of Vancouver a very powerful rival whose position is very greatly enhanced by the fact that it has been a grain exporting port for the past four years. Grain and ship brokers representing practically all the buyers and sellers of wheat, as well as the agents for all ships in the wheat carrying trade have their offices at Vancouver, therefore they largely control the export trade of this coast, and as Vancouver is their home they naturally exercise all their efforts to have the wheat pass through that port. As an instance of the means that they are prepared to take to obtain their ends, we learn from their papers that the Merchants Exchange has broadcasted a half a cent a bushel premium as a freight rate from Prince Rupert as over that from Vancouver. It is possible that some carriers may demand that as a premium, but it is equally true that the C.G.M.M. has optioned ships for Prince Rupert or Vancouver loading at equal rates. This must have been known by the Exchange yet evidently to serve their own ends they failed to give this to the press.

Valuable Member Lost

It is with regret that I report that during the year, W. E. Williams, one of our most faithful and energetic members, has moved his residence to Vancouver, and correspondingly so is my sorrow at the prospects of J. H. Pillbury passing to larger fields of endeavor. This board has too few members equally imbued with the spirit of service in the public interest, to see these men go from our midst, without a wish that they might have stayed to help in the development of this great north country.

I take this opportunity of expressing to my fellow officers and members my appreciation of their co-operation. I regret that more of our members do not

She Could Never Do The Things Other Girls Did

Mrs. L. J. Ross, Seaward, Alta., writes:—"I am only twenty years old, but have suffered from heart palpitation and nerve trouble for several years.

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make an effort to attend our monthly meetings, and may say on behalf of my successor that this year, I trust that every member will make an effort to attend our regular meetings. At the most it is only for an hour and a half, and usually less than an hour a month and I can assure you that small attendance does not have a tendency to enliven our president whomever he might be.

Want Young Men

To me it is regrettable that so few of our younger men become affiliated with the Board of Trade's work, as it is to them that we must look to carry on the future work of the oBoard.

To the incoming officers I extend my congratulations and pledge my loyalty, and for their consideration pass on to them as work not completed that of a weekly service from here to the Queen-Charlotte Islands and return for nine months of the year and fortnightly service for the balance of the year.

The continuance of the agitation to have Prince Rupert published as a terminal point for tourist traffic from the East, as well as giving rail passengers who wish to embark or disembark at this port the benefit of the differential existing between here and Vancouver on the Alaska boats, instead of, as in the past, compelling them to pay the same fare as if the trip had been made via Vancouver both ways.

Jap Fishermen

I also submit for immediate action, the correction of the abuse in the allocation of Jap fishermen to canneries as now practised. It is now the policy of the marine and fisheries department to give Jap licenses only to those canneries in existence in 1922, and to further aggravate the situation they permit the closing down of a cannery and leave the owners of said cannery free to turn over their licenses to any cannery they wish.

To any of you at all familiar with the salmon fisheries, it became apparent that canneries without Japs having to compete with those that have them are at a serious disadvantage as they are compelled to go out and get fishermen who have never been on the river before, I am quite in accord with the effort to eliminate the Japs, but so long as there are Japs fishing, I contend that they should be allocated yearly on the basis of the number of canneries operating.

Last year the Somerville Cannery Co., opened a cannery with-in our city. They were refused any Japs and I believe that it is the intention of the department to continue this policy for the coming year. There is nothing that means more to this city than canneries operating within its limits, therefore it behoves the board to start an urgent campaign to have an equal distribution of these licenses.

Meetings

During my term of office there have been held, ten general monthly meetings, five council meetings, and two special meetings, besides a great number of special committee meetings. The attendance at the monthly meetings has not been of the best, the average attendance being twenty-six out of a membership roll of one hundred and one.

Summarized briefly the following subjects have received attention:

Hydrographic survey on west coast Queen Charlottes.

Dredging of Metlakatla passage.

Establishment of school for fisherman.

Marine insurance adjustment.

Aerial survey — Galloway

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