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Mayor Blatchford And Port Of Prince Rupert.

We are particularly glad to have the belated denial from Mayor Blatchford that he opposed the giving of equal terminal rates to Prince Rupert and to hear that he is with us in connection with grain shipping to this port. The charge was published nearly two months ago and was made in good faith. We are still informed that a protest against equal rates was made to railway officials but we do not wish to impute the veracity of the Mayor and we are very glad to know that we can look to him to help us in our efforts to secure grain shipments this way. What he says is absolutely true, that co-operation of all who are interested in the western route is very desirable. We cannot have too many friends and are glad to reckon Mayor Blatchford as one of them.

Small Amount Of Interest Regrettable.

The small amount of interest taken in the civic elections this year is rather regrettable. These conditions do not make for the best in government. Every citizen should take an interest in the affairs of the city and make himself heard through the ballot, but if nominations are not made there can be very little expression.

However, there is a contest for mayor and alderman, and it looks as if there would be a large poll on election day.

Try To Ignore Position Of West.

Every effort is made to ignore the position of the west in regard to the grain export trade. Toronto Saturday Night in an article reprinted in this paper today does that. The paper devotes a good deal of attention to the eastern maritimes but the western maritime province is dismissed with a line. The paper says it sympathizes with Vancouver but of course does not even see Prince Rupert. It will take time to open the eyes of the east to the strategic position of the west. It will need a lot of effort on our part to force the hands of the eastern brokers and put a little urge behind the brokers of the west. That we shall eventually win goes without saying, but it will take some time and persistent effort.

Queen Charlottes And Prince Rupert.

The relation of Queen Charlotte Islands is partly determined by the transportation arrangements and partly by the attitude of Prince Rupert toward that part of the district. Just now the Islands are on the eve of an awakening. New canneries are to be built there. The Queen Charlotte City mill is working double shift. Logging outfits are getting busy and there are other things in the offing that look like development. To what extent Prince Rupert will share in the prosperity will depend to a large extent on the amount of push they put into the business. The Islands are right at our door and we should use our influence not only to make profits for ourselves but to help them wherever possible.

Trappers And Coal Merchants Suffer.

Both the trappers and coal merchants have suffered as a result of the low temperatures that have prevailed this year. Others have benefitted, especially those who have to heat large buildings. To some firms it will mean hundreds of dollar saving. "It's an ill wind that blows no one any good," says the proverb, and every kind of weather helps someone.

Someone Made Money From Rupert Bonds.

Someone made money from Prince Rupert bonds. Some of them originally sold at a discount but today they vary in price from 103 to 106. That is what is being asked for them in Vancouver today. While they originally bore six per cent interest, they are now all sold to give the investor five and a half per cent.

TIMBERMEN'S NEW OFFICERS

George W. Nickerson Chosen as President for Coming Year With Olof Hanson Vice

George W. Nickerson, local lumber broker, was elected president of the Northern British Columbia Timbermen's Association at the annual meeting of the association which was held yesterday afternoon at the office of the retiring president, Olof Hanson.

Other officers elected for 1926 were:

Vice-president, Olof Hanson.
Secretary - treasurer, Arthur Brooksbank.

Advisory committee - George McAfee of Georgetown; George Little, Terrace; Olof Hanson of Prince Rupert; W. E. Williams of Vancouver; M. P. McCaffery of Prince Rupert, and G. W. Nickerson of Prince Rupert.

Those present at the meeting were: S. W. Taylor representing W. E. Williams, R. E. Allen of Hanall; A. H. Edwards of Usk; G. W. Nickerson, M. P. McCaffery, Olof Hanson, Arthur Brooksbank, J. A. Ward Bell of Vancouver, and Joe Dalpra of Vanarsdol. There were proxies from John Willman of Usk, Geo. Little of Terrace, and A. Y. Wilson of Remo.

The matter of exporting cedar and hemlock squares from Prince Rupert to the Orient and also of exporting logs was discussed and the secretary was requested to get in touch with the markets, be possible of having such shipments made from Prince Rupert is once again much to the fore in view of the likelihood of large vessels shortly coming to this port to load grain. In connection with the possibilities of log export, the secretary was instructed to obtain a list of crown granted timber in the province.

Reports from the forestry department regarding fire protection were discussed and the action of the department met with the approval of the association.

Report of President

The report of the retiring president, Olof Hanson, who was tendered a vote of appreciation, was as follows:

"In reviewing another year's activities of this Association, it must first of all be said that conditions in the world's markets have been such that the industries in this line in our district have not been very active.

"In spite of this, a good deal of work has been done both by our Association and by individual members. Matters such as the equalization of freight rates, adjustments of royalties and general market conditions have had our constant attention. In the matter of equal freight rates, this Association is in full accord with the actions taken by the provincial government, the Prince Rupert Board of Trade and other public bodies.

"The question of royalty has been settled in a way which in our opinion will give the operators in our district equal advantages with other parts of the province.

Market Conditions

"No great progress has been made by the Association as regards market conditions but I am firmly of the opinion that, if we had a live, local brokerage firm keeping in touch with the markets and working in conjunction with our Association, it would greatly assist our mills in finding an outlet for their production.

"We are not in a position to compete with mills in the eastern section of the province in supplying lumber to the prairie provinces on account of the differential in freight costs except if be on higher grades of lumber. Therefore, it is my opinion that the solving of the problem of our timber industry will in the future be found in utilization of water transportation.

During the year just past, market conditions have been very poor from the lumberman's point of view with prevailing low prices for lumber, high freight rates, equipment and supplies expensive, making it very hard for the mills to operate and break even.

Revival Expected

"With the local grain elevator practically completed and in operation, there should be a tendency to revival in the export market for timber products as well as an added local consump-

tion.

"However, even the darkest cloud has a silver lining. I am inclined to believe that the worst is over and that conditions will improve from now on. There is no reason for becoming discouraged but we should keep up the good work already under way through the efforts of our Association and I am sure we shall have better things in store in the near future.

"In conclusion permit me to express my sincere appreciation for the splendid support accorded me by the secretary, officers and members during my term of office."

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

January 12, 1926.

The Daily News and the Morning Journal are supporting the candidature of M. P. McCaffery for the mayoralty while the Evening Empire is supporting Mayor Newton.

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AND of course I also like the native son for a similar reason.

I NEVER could understand how a man could be mistaken for a deer. Now with a lady hunter it might be different.

JAKE says you can judge a man by the cigars he gives you.

THERE is nothing like a game of poker to expel a delusion. I used to know a man who thought he could play but the morning after he decided he could not.

THERE'S one thing about those Mexican bandits, they certainly are thorough.

THE Free Press funny man says if disarmament comes into effect she knows a number of smooth bores he will be glad to see disarmed.

THERE'S one thing about these bad times we don't have much income tax to pay.

THOSE who go to bed early live longer but just think of the miss.

THE Duke of Argyll recently said: "The innate quarrelsomeness of Presbyterians in all places where they have settled is notorious and remarkable." The Duke ought to know better than to say what he thinks he knows.

WE get out of life just the same amount we put in. The reason so many get so little is that they put in almost nothing.

Discretion

"You never refer to the American eagle in your speeches."
"No," replied Senator Sorghum. "Aviation has provoked so much controversy that I am afraid to mention anything that flies."



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