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Prince Rupert's Plea for Reduced Railway Rates Laid Before Board Railway Commissioners Yesterday

Asked that City be made competing point with Vancouver on domestic as well as export commodities

COAL, DAIRY PRODUCE AND OTHER REDUCTIONS ASKED BY LOCAL MEN

The Board of Railway Commissioners gave a sympathetic hearing to representatives of the Prince Rupert Board of Trade for downward revision of railway tariffs to this port particularly on Alberta coal, on dairy products and on products of the prairies and also on the shipment of fish from Prince Rupert to the prairies and to the cities of Montreal and Toronto. Chief Commissioner H. A. McKeown presided and with him was Hon. Frank Oliver, of Edmonton, who asked numerous questions in regard to the effect of the present rates and the possibilities of business if a change should be made.

The general case for this port was laid before the board by G. W. Nickerson, acting on behalf of the board and with G. G. McGeer acting as counsel for the board and elaborating on the claims. In addition there were written pleas but in by G. W. Nicholls for the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Company, this having been prepared by the manager, T. H. Johnson. Also by M. Valentin on behalf of the dairymen, by T. Trotier and C. V. Evitt on behalf of the coal dealers.

In opening Mr. McGeer said it was not the intention to go into a lot of detail, but to point to a few instances of lack of co-operation and ask for relief. Prince Rupert wanted to be recognized as a competing port with Vancouver and given the same terminal rates. They were already in force for export but what they wanted was to have the same apply for domestic consumption.

G. W. Nickerson

G. W. Nickerson welcomed the commission on behalf of the Board and stated that the day of the mountain rate should be past as the present grade of the railway to Prince Rupert was even better than many of the prairie grades. He then read a memorandum prepared by the board as follows:

When the railway was completed to Prince Rupert in 1914, we had every reason to believe that a much greater volume of business would develop in this port as a result of the geographic advantages that its location possesses, than has taken place. It is the closest port at the terminal of a transcontinental system to the Oriental markets, and it is located at the end of a railway that connects the prairies with the Pacific ocean without suffering any disadvantage in the form of mountain grades or curvature.

Outside of the local business that we have been able to develop, little or no tonnage has moved through the port destined to foreign markets.

The port of Prince Rupert is specially equipped with dry dock, elevator, dockage, and the cold storage facilities. It is in a position to handle today a volume of trade much greater than is being carried on. We appreciate, in Prince Rupert, that our position, as a port, depends to some extent upon the settlement of the lands along the line of railway that serves the port, and we are of the opinion that a general reduction in freight rates on all commodities moving to or from Prince Rupert would result in increased settlement in Northern British Columbia, as well as a freer use of the port by the people of the northern prairies.

Business for Railway

Prince Rupert produces for the railways an enormous tonnage of fresh and frozen fish, most of which is shipped to Eastern Canadian and Eastern American points of consumption. The fishing industry is handicapped in many ways by the high rates to prairies points, and

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ROBBED SLUICE BOXES OF MINE

Cunning Method of Stealing Was Discovered on Cariboo District Property.

WILLIAMS LAKE, July 31.—Convicted of robbing the sluice boxes of the Kitchener Gold Mines at Likely, Frank L. DeLong, a workman, was sentenced to a term at Okalla prison. According to a confession made by DeLong he constructed a false box under the sluice box and bored a hole through which the gold nuggets dropped.

DeLong was arrested after he had brought two bottles of gold to town and boasted of having struck it rich in a claim which he had staked. Examination of some of the nuggets revealed that they were marked with the company stamp and then placed in the sluice box in order to trap the thief who had been working for some time.

CAMPAIGN IS WARMING UP

Labor Decides Not to Contest Vancouver Centre or Vancouver North.

VANCOUVER, July 31. — The political campaign is beginning to warm up considerably and both Liberals and Conservatives start in earnest during the coming week.

The contest in Vancouver Centre will be left to the two older parties, the labor group having stepped aside and allowed a straight fight between Hon. H. H. Stevens and D. Donaghy, the Liberal. It is claimed here that Stevens was elected last year largely owing to the intervention of the labor men. Labor will also keep out of Vancouver North.

TORRID HEAT INJURES CROP

Wheat Suffering, Especially in Saskatchewan, Owing to Lack of Moisture.

WINNIPEG, July 31—The Free Press crop report today states that the torrid heat of the past ten days had taken a heavy toll in the wheat fields, particularly in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Saskatchewan was the worst sufferer and fears are expressed that unless rain comes soon there will be further serious deterioration. All the wheat is headed out and cutting will be general about August 15.

In Manitoba, it is reported, some of the districts will have a better yield than a year ago.

WOULD ARGUE PROSECUTION

G. G. McGeer Asks Permission to Appear Before Full Board at Ottawa.

WANTS INFORMATION

At the close of the session of the Board of Railway Commissioners here yesterday G. G. McGeer, counsel for British Columbia on the freight rates question, asked permission to argue before the full board at Ottawa the application of the province to prosecute the C. P. R. for failure to comply with the order of the board in making the freight rates westward equal mile for mile with those eastward.

Mr. McGeer also asked leave to file a supplemental request for information from the railways which would aid them in their rate inquiries. At present they were in the dark in regard to many matters. He thought the board should dictate what information they required in order that they might come to a satisfactory decision.

FISHING WAS MUCH BETTER

Total of 3,277,000 Pounds of Halibut Landed During The Month.

The total landings of halibut at this port during the month of July amounted to 3,277,000 pounds. Of this quantity American vessels landed 2,193,000 pounds and Canadian vessels 1,084,000 pounds. This is an increase of 377,000 pounds over the landings last month and 236,000 pounds in excess of the quantity landed in July last, when the total amounted to 3,041,000.

MANY HOMERS IN BIG LEAGUES

St. Louis is Making National Pennant Race Interesting By Cutting Down Lead.

NEW YORK, July 31. — Babe Ruth scored his thirty-second homer yesterday and the Yankees beat St. Louis in an eleven inning affair. Paschal of New York and Williams of St. Louis also hit homers.

St. Louis is making the National League pennant race interesting, and the defeat of New York yesterday cut down the lead of Cincinnati and Pittsburg. Bell and Flowers hit homers for St. Louis.

National League

Pittsburg 1, Philadelphia 6.
Chicago 1, Brooklyn 4.
St. Louis 5, New York 2.
Cincinnati-Boston rain.

American League

Washington 4, Chicago 5.
Philadelphia 1, Cleveland 4.
Boston 4, Detroit 3.
New York 10, St. Louis 8

FISH ARRIVALS

American

Trinity, 35,000, to Atlin Fisheries.

Paragon, 58,000, to Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

Akutan, 60,000, to Booth Fisheries.

Canadian

Rosespit, 15,000, to Atlin Fisheries.

W.T., 10,000, to Booth Fisheries.

Dolphin, 7,000, and Muirneag, 7,000, to Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

RAILWAY BOARD HEAD SPEAKER

Chief Commissioner McKeown Addressed Canadian Club Last Night.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO WEST

Forecasts Prince Rupert Will Shortly Become Great Shipping Port.

The womens Canadian Club of Prince Rupert departed from its usual custom last night by giving a banquet in honor of the visiting railway commissioners and inviting members of the men's Canadian Club and members of the Board of Trade to attend. The event was most successful, some 70 people sitting down together in the Boston Hall, the gathering being presided over by the president, Mrs. McMordie, with Chief Commissioner McKeown, who was the speaker of the evening, at her side. Others at the head table were Hon. Frank Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. McGeer, Fred Stork, Mrs. McLennan, Mrs. S. K. Campbell, F. G. Dawson, Mrs. Mackie, Consul and Mrs. Wakefield, Mrs. Frank Oliver and Mr. Richardson.

Mrs. McMordie did the honors in a most dignified and pleasing manner in keeping with the occasion and the vote of thanks to the speaker at the close was moved and seconded respectively by Mrs. Brady and Mrs. Gonzales, prominent members of the club. Mrs. Grieve and Mrs. Andrew looked after the finances.

After being formally introduced, Mr. McKeown spoke for three quarters of an hour and, in the course of his speech, paid some nice compliments to the City of Prince Rupert and prophesized a great future. He also spoke of the fact that Hon. Frank Oliver, who was with them, was a western man and always kept before the other commissioners the western viewpoint.

Recent Developments

Mr. McKeown remarked that all the developments so apparent in in the west had taken place within the life of one man.

It was a great land of promise. No limit could be set to the imagination in picturing the future of such a great country. The board was now acquainting itself with the problems of the west. They wanted to know if there were any hindrances to commercial life in order that, if possible, they might be removed. Material advancement depended largely on transportation and the success of the railways to a large extent indicated the condition of the country. To advance the interests of the railway companies was one of the duties of the board. They were not antagonistic to the companies, as was sometimes thought. The first aim was the prosperity of the country. But the prosperity of the country was bound up inseparably with that of the railways.

The speaker referred to the progress made within the last two decades. Even though the ten years from 1914 to 1924 were partly war years, statistics showed that they had made much material progress. The natural wealth of the country had increased by twelve billion dollars, whereas the war debt was two billions. He told how honorably Canada had come out of the war and urged that she proceed along honorable lines.

Tribute to West

As an eastern man, Mr. McKeown said he paid tribute to the west. Its progress reacted on the eastern section. Even though side by side with a great nation they had made great headway and they had earned the respect of the other nations. Satistics showed that man for man Canada was the busiest country in the world with the solitary exception of New Zealand. The lesson he wished to leave was that Canada was making progress even though competing with so great a nation as the United States. Canada had passed the stage of experiment. Many things which had seemed impossible had been accomplish-

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CATHOLICS ARE BARRED MEXICO

Government's New Regulations Provide for Taking Over of Church Property by State.

REMARKABLE SCENES

Twenty-Seven Couples Married by Priest in Bulk at One Ceremony Simultaneously.

MEXICO CITY, July 31. — Ten million Catholics throughout Mexico today were without benefit of clergy. Putting into effect the government's new regulations was inaugurated with the stoning of officials and shooting affrays between the police and the crowds about the churches and the turning of water hose on the malcontents to disperse them when the officials began the work of taking control of the treasures and other property of the church last night. In one church a priest was desperately attempting to minister to the needs of the multitude requiring various services. He performed the marriage ceremony in bulk, 27 couples kneeling simultaneously at one ceremony.

It is estimated that 25,000 priests ceased to function this morning and economic boycotts were ordered by organized Catholic paymen, their purchases to be limited to actual necessities.

ATTACK MADE BY DONAGHY

Declares He Knows All About Customs Campaign and Will Tell It All.

VANCOUVER, July 31. — D. Donaghy, Liberal candidate for Vancouver Centre in opposition to H. H. Stevens, was given a rousing reception at the nominating convention last night and delivered a slashing attack against the Conservative campaign in connection with the customs. "I know it all and I will tell it all. That's the reason I am running in Vancouver Centre and when I'm through I'm not going to let go my grip on my opponent until he's answered for his failure to let constitutional practice takes its course and permit the Governor General to give his assent to the legislation passed last session," he declared.

OLIVER SEES PROSPERITY

Member of Railway Commission is Much Pleased with Pr. Rupert.

Hon. Frank Oliver, who is here today as a member of the Board of railway commissioners, expressed himself as extremely pleased with the progress Prince Rupert was making. He was here in 1910 and at that time the city was without form and void. Today he found it a modern city, clean and solid and prosperous and he was immensely pleased with the outlook. He so expressed himself to the Daily News. He is planning to tell the eastern people what he saw here.

HUSBAND OF DEAD WOMAN IS HERE

Hilmer Mork Arrived This Morning From Fishing Grounds

Hilmer Mork of the fishing boat "Eureka," whose wife and child died this week, arrived in port this morning from the fishing grounds at 3 o'clock.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked
C.P.R.	164.00	
Dunwell	1.88	2.00
Premier	2.14	2.18
L. & L.		.12
Marmot	.08¼	.11

EXPANSION OF PRINCE RUPERT FISH BUSINESS

Cold Storage Show Railway Commission Some of Present Handicaps.

RAILWAY RATES COMPARED

Say They Could Increase Volume of Shipments if Sympathetic Encouragement Given.

J. W. Nicholls appeared before the Board of Railway Commissioners yesterday and read a statement prepared by the manager of the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Company dealing with the fish situation as affected by the railways and suggesting means of developing business through railway co-operation. The statement follows:

Prince Rupert can be properly called the capital of the fresh fish industry of the North American continent. Last year, by fishing vessels operating out of this port, there were captured and made available for Canadian trade twenty-seven million pounds of halibut, twelve million pounds of salmon, one million pounds of flat fish and two million pounds of other fish, making a grand total of forty-two million pounds of fish.

This industry commenced in 1914 with the opening of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and has continued from that date until today, when it has reached its present proportions. Recognizing the value of northern fisheries, our company established in this port one of the largest cold storage plants in the world, and we have given to the railway system operating out of this port a volume of business that has produced a substatial portion of its revenue in British Columbia.

One would have thought that our production of tonnage would have entitled us to favorable consideration from the railways, but we have not found their co-operation expressed in any definite form. For instance, there is a freight rate from Seattle to New York of $1.88. We enjoy the same rate from Prince Rupert to New York, but when we come to sell our commodity in Toronto or Montreal, although the distance is shorter, we are compelled to pay $2.19, or 31c higher than the rate to New York. Frozen fish is not shipped from the East to British Columbia points, but smoked fish shipped in a frozen state is shipped from Hawksbury, Nova Scotia, and from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to this port.

When we ship our commodity to Eastern Canada, and such points as Montreal and Toronto, we pay a rate of $2.19, but when the producer on the Atlantic seaboard in Hawksbury and Halifax ships to Prince Rupert, he gets a rate of $1.79 and $1.75, respectively.

Extraordinary Rates

It is rather extraordinary that our rates should be higher to Montreal and Toronto than they are to New York, and considerably higher to eastern points than the shipper of the same or similar commodity to Pacific Coast points.

It is difficult to understand the reason why Canadian railways are allowed to discriminate against western industries that are basic to the development of our national trade.

I do not want to go into detail as to our situation on the prairies, which has been reviewed extensively by the fish dealers of Vancouver, but I would ask your board to consider why the express rate on fish from Prince Rupert to Edmonton, a distance of 956 miles, should be $3.35, when the man producing the same commodity in Halifax can ship it to Finlay, Ontario, a distance of 960 miles, for $1.70. In the settlement and development of Alberta, we believe that the proximity of that section of the Dominion to the Pacific Coast is an advantage. We can supply the people of Al-

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KING REPLIES TO STEVENS

Deplores Tory Tactics and Points Out Unfairness of Their Campaign.

WINDSOR, July 31.—Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, in a statement issued here yesterday afternoon, replied to Hon. H. H. Stevens' open letter saying: "With the Ferguson government in power in Ontario, will we make a new issue in the campaign on liquor smuggling? If I made that kind of an appeal it would be similar to the present Conservative campaign. The very point of my remarks was to make it clear that it is manifestly unfair to hold any government responsible in all particulars for smuggling and also to make it clear to the public mind just how unfair are the methods adopted by Hon Stevens and other members of the Meighen cabinet in seeking to place the responsibility upon my colleagues and myself for certain smuggling which we are doing our utmost to suppress."

LOCAL MAN'S FATHER DIES

F. H. Worlock, Pioneer of Victoria and Once of Dawson, Passes Away in South

VICTORIA, July 31.— Fred H. Worlock, aged 78, resident of Victoria for the last forty years, died yesterday. He was in Dawson during the gold rush.

The late Mr. Worlock, who was well known here, having made frequent business visits to Prince Rupert, was the father of Ray Worlock, a member of the staff of F. G. Dawson, Ltd., of this city. The latter will arrive from Pacific and proceed by tonight's boat to Victoria to attend the funeral.

RESTORE FISH FRASER RIVER

J. P. Babcock Recommends Establishment of Commission to Control Situation.

VICTORIA, July 31.—In his annual report to Hon. William Sloan, J. P. Babcock, assistant commissioner of fisheries, makes public the details of a scheme providing for the restoration of the Fraser River salmon fisheries by the creation of a commission representing Canada and the United States similar to the international halibut commission to control the Fraser River fisheries and to enforce the necessary restrictions to overcome the alarming depletion the river has suffered in recent years.

LOG BOOK OF MARGARET TO BE INVESTIGATED

Meighen Instructs Drayton to Take Steps With This End In View

BATHURST, N.B., July 31. — The secrets of the log book of the customs steamer Margaret will be revealed, Premier Meighen having yesterday requested Sir Henry Drayton, acting prime minister, to take steps to have the whole matter investigated as quickly as possible.

BRISTOL BAY PACK THIS YEAR IS FAR AHEAD LAST SEASON

JUNEAU, July 31.—The United States Bureau of Fisheries is advised that the red salmon pack in the Bristol Bay district for the season which closed on July 23 was 1,445,879 cases as compared with 578,000 cases last year.