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VICTORIA AS GRAIN PORT

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PORT CHARGES LOW

Financial Paper Doubts Wisdom
of Municipal Guarantee of
Bonds

Victoria, B.C., has ambitions to be a grain port—the grain port of the Pacific Coast says the Financial Post. Two weeks ago the ratepayers of the city approved a bylaw which guarantees the bonds of the company to build an elevator. The elevator will cost \$700,000 and \$500,000 of the capital will be raised by the sale of the guaranteed 5 per cent bonds.

The bins of this elevator will hold 1,000,000 bushels and the Victoria voters and the promoters think that the elevator can be filled and emptied 15 times a year.

At first blush it seems silly to build

an elevator on an island to handle the export of grain grown on the prairies. Some day it is predicted that fat yields of wheat and other grains can be obtained from the interior of Vancouver Island. But until that day comes, say opponents of Victoria's ambition, Victoria has as much use for a grain elevator as a steamship company has for a transfer warehouse on the prairies.

C.N. PROMISES GRAIN

The foregoing is the conclusion one might reach from study of the map and the grain routes. But a visit to Victoria evinces the arguments which apparently have swayed the majority of voters.

The only way that the Canadian National Railway can get grain into government elevators at Vancouver is by paying toll to the Canadian Pacific Railway—the switching and other charges total about \$17 the car. Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National, says that he can take grain from the mainland to Nanaimo in car ferries and sell it down to Victoria at from \$3 to \$4 the car. Thus there is a saving to the National Railway for the grain handled by it of from \$12 to \$13 the car. Sir Henry let it be known to Victoria that he hoped a grain elevator would be built there and reviewed daily to put several train loads of grain there during the season.

Victoria (continues the argument pro) is 60 or 70 miles south of Vancouver. Ships from Seattle and other Puget Sound ports pass Victoria, while it is a day's run to and from Vancouver. A great deal of grain shipments are in various quantities and grades. Ships with partial cargoes from American ports will stop at Victoria for additional thousands of bushels. And Victoria port charges are infinitesimal compared with the port charges at Vancouver.

ARE GUARANTEES PROPER

There were other arguments presented to the voters, but these were probably the soundest and most convincing reasons why Victoria could hope to develop, with Vancouver, as a grain

port. Undoubtedly, Sir Henry Thornton's influence was considerable in the circumstances.

But some folks assert that the grain elevators at Vancouver should have been built at New Westminster, where they would have been accessible on equal terms by both railroads and where the vessels would have lain in fresh water while loading. It is not evident if it was a parochial spirit which led to the selection of Vancouver itself as the grain terminal, rather than New Westminster, which is a scant twelve miles farther from the deep sea.

Aside from the serious questions as to whether Victoria can hope to develop as a grain port via the Nanaimo car ferries, is the question of the propriety or wisdom of a municipality guaranteeing the bonds of an industrial enterprise. The city's guarantee of the bond assures the raising of the necessary capital, but it does not assure success of the venture. It can be argued with force that if the elevator project is commercially feasible, it should have been possible to convince private capital of the attractions of the venture, and if it is not commercially feasible, the city should not have guaranteed the bonds for the reason that such guarantee is fairly certain to be exercised at the taxpayers' expense.

MOVE COMPANY, TOO

Victoria is being criticized somewhat for its recently developed penchant for civic guarantees of industrial enterprises. The most startling, perhaps, was the guarantee of bonds of a company which will manufacture motion-pictures. In this instance, the best and perhaps the most novel safeguard of the civic funds is a provision that bonds shall not be marketed until the producer of the films has a market for his films. It is whispered that many a potentially successful movie is reposing in vaults because all the movie houses are booked with attractions provided under contract by the big companies which dominate the industry.

OPPOSITION TO COL. PECK DEVELOPING

SIDNEY, Vancouver Island, Sept. 1.—It is announced that Singleton Wise of Deep Cove will be an independent candidate for The Islands constituency at the next provincial election. Two of his platform planks are said to be "Beer and light wine with meals," and "Water for North Saanich," a municipality near Victoria, which has suffered considerably from lack of adequate water supply.

This is the constituency at present held by Colonel C. W. Peck.

BOY BUSTER AND THE BABE

Gehrig Takes Place Among Big
Hitters of Big Leagues

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—If Babe Ruth is beaten by his wallowing young teammate, Lou Gehrig, in the 1927 race for home run honors it will be the first time in nine years that the battering Bambino, in full health and strength and during a full season, has bowed to any rival.

Ruth has been outslugged twice in eight seasons of home run carnage, on both occasions by Rogers Hornsby, but the Babe had a good alibi each time. In 1922, when Ruth after his banner year, yielded home run laurels to Hornsby, the Bambino spent the early part of the season on the side lines, under suspension for defying Commissioner Landis in making a barnstorming tour of the country. Starting late Ruth made a gallant effort to overtake Hornsby but fell seven homers short, their respective totals being 42 and 35.

Again in 1925 Hornsby got the advantage of an early start, while the Babe was out of action with his famous stomach-ache. The "Rajah" led the pummeling parade that season with 39 homers while the inviolated Ruth, below his customary form even when he did return to the lineup, collected only 25.

The only other year, outside of the current campaign, when Ruth's supremacy has been checked was in 1923 when the Yankee cloutier was tied with Cy Williams of the Phillies at 41 homers apiece.

BOY BUSTER

Gehrig, the "Boy Buster," has hit as many home runs this season, so far, as he did in his two previous campaigns with the Yankees put together. Columbia Lou bagged 21 in his first full season, 1925, and 15 last year.

Whether or not he beats out Ruth in

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