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PATROL BOATS AND AIRPLANES

MEMBER FOR SKEENA QUESTIONS EFFECTIVENESS OF LATTER IN REGULATING FISHERIES—SPEAKS OF OVERSEERS' WAGES

"I shall say just one word in regard to aeroplanes," said Mr. Brady, M.P. for Skeena, when fisheries patrol service was being recently discussed in the House of Commons at Ottawa. Though it first it was considered that the aeroplane might have met all the exigencies which it was called upon to meet, I do not think it does so to the extent suggested by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Neill). Aeroplanes cannot operate successfully in cloudy, foggy weather, and most of the poaching is done on obscure days when the visibility is poor. A good deal of it takes place also at night. The aeroplane cannot meet these requirements completely, and though the government may consider the advisability of using them, I still stress the importance of an efficient boat patrol. You want men as well as boats; the boats are essential but you cannot dispense with well trained men. So important is this fishing business to Canada that I am pleased to know that the government and particularly the minister is going the right way about it by providing up-to-date boats and, better still, men whose appointment will not be due to political pull. These men have charge of what may be considered a sacred treasure and if we did nothing else than provide for this great industry men of integrity we should be doing a good deal for the Dominion. Overseers should be given good wages so as to be removed from the sphere of temptation. I urge the minister to see to it that an up-to-date patrol system is put into operation in district No. 2 and wherever our fisheries demand them. Most important of all is it to pay the men good salaries. Just imagine a man engaged on these rough waters from morning till night from one end of the week to the other receiving a salary which any girl working in the post office on stated hours is paid—\$85 a month. That is what the overseers in my constituency receive. I am pleased to learn that the minister and the Marine department are alive to the importance of good overseers, and I would ask him to have guardians placed at the mouth of the more important creeks in district No. 2 and along the whole coast.

PLEASED AT INCREASE

I am pleased indeed to see there is to be an increase in the salaries paid overseers. I place great reliance on men of integrity, tact and ability, in other words, men able to resist temptation, than on any other factor in securing effective supervision of our fishing grounds. You will do far more for the protection of your fisheries if you have at the head of the patrol system men who are immune from the many temptations that beset them in their very difficult work. There was in the Naas district an overseer of considerable value to the government, a man who was faithful in every possible way. He has left that position. He was married and had two children, and he paid \$40 a month in rent. I want to impress upon the minister the fact that out of a salary of \$85 a month this man had to pay \$4.75 towards superannuation, and that meant a good deal to him. I know that an improvement is being effected in regard to better salaries, but the importance of the patrol system on the Skeena cannot be exaggerated. For those who regard the matter lightly I would point out that this great area comprises five distinct divisions starting at Rivers Inlet and going on to Smith's Inlet, north to Addenbrook Island to Bella Coola, Burke and Dease Channels. The central division extends from Namu to Lowe Inlet, and in the Skeena division there are Prince Rupert, Skeena River, Chatham Sound, Naas River, Fort Simpson to the boundary line.

The present system in district number two is hopelessly inadequate. As an illustration of that I might refer the committee to the boats now in use. There is the Gloya, 54 feet long. She is three years old and her rate of travel is seven miles per hour. The Heron is eleven years old, has 45 horse power, is 58 feet long and travels at eight miles per hour. The Hawk which is twenty years old is 32 feet long and has 14 horse power. I computed roughly the obligations in connection with these boats to enable them to cover the area properly. It would be absolutely necessary for each of them to cover 200 miles per day, and inasmuch as they have to stop vessels for examination, which takes time, it necessarily follows that they must be properly equipped in the matter of speed. I would urge the minister to place in that district up to date patrol boats capable of a speed of fifteen miles per hour. They should have accommodation for four persons with extra accommodation for the officials.

WHAT NEILL SAID

A. W. Neill, member for Comox-Alberni, had said previously:

My hon. friend from Skeena (Mr. Brady) I know will support me, as did his predecessor who was a Liberal. In his district the only remedy for poaching is for the department to again put the seaplane service in operation. I should like to know from the minister the policy of the department in this regard.



The Market Place

SPACE, the last frontier, is being conquered by the telephone. At the time of Confederation, Canada's communication within her borders and with the markets of the world was arduous and slow... News and the stuffs of commerce travelled slowly... To traverse Canada was high adventure.

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LOCAL ELEVATOR IS MAKING GOOD.

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The Prince Rupert elevator has taken but a short time to prove that it is not, as the political opponents of Prince Rupert contended right through the struggle to get the plant, a political expediency. Nor does it look as if the much-criticised lease is going to turn out to have been a mistake. The Alberta Wheat Pool has yet another season to experiment with a plant with which its officials have already expressed satisfaction. There seems to be little doubt now but they will buy the plant outright or tie it up with a lease satisfactory to all parties when the specified time comes to take such action.

The admission of the Wheat Pool that this has been developed into a grain port with facilities and advantages equal to those of any on this coast is a momentous one for Prince Rupert. A good start has been made and developments may follow that it is difficult to estimate. The situation should be most gratifying to all those who are in any way interested in the welfare and progress of this great and promising port.

WILL BE PEACE RAILWAY SOON.

The question of a Pacific Coast outlet for the Peace River, as far as any definite action may be concerned, has been shelved for the time being at least by the federal government which, however, has undertaken to keep continuously in touch with the situation. There may be no action this year but the question will undoubtedly come up again next year and continuously until something is really done. The minister at Ottawa may say that there may be no such railway in one hundred years. We think he is rather wide of the mark in his prediction. There must and will be a railway to the Peace River in a very short space of years and there is more than a good chance that Prince Rupert will be its most direct terminal.

CANNERY LEGISLATION BEING THREATENED.

The suit brought by the Somerville Cannery Co. in Supreme Court against the federal department of fisheries is of signal interest to the entire salmon fishing industry on this coast. Mr. Millard, the principal of the concern, has for some years been agitating for radical changes in the administration of the fisheries. The demands he now makes in his suit are even more surprising than might have been expected. It looks as if there is a big battle in store on the elementary principles of canning legislation, the whole structure of which is threatened. It is something that has been coming to a head for some time and which should soon be definitely settled one way or the other.

THE OLD SWIMMIN' HOLE.

For the man who was born in the country but who migrated to the city there are recollections which are undying always associated with the springtime.

Strongest of these for many is that of the old swimmin' hole. No matter how long since its delights have been experienced, its appeal is insistent. The desire to revisit boyhood haunts makes him a member of that band of boys—some of them six and others 60 and a bit, but all members of the same lodge whose dues are payable in ineffaceable recollections of the deep pool under the edge of a bank shaded by willow, sycamore or maple trees.

The love of the old swimmin' hole will always endure in the heart of the Canadian boy, young or old, and hundreds of thousands of them will turn their faces toward the old places and yearn for the companions of their youth; and deep down in their hearts will be the memories of the mother who more than once convicted them of playing hooky by running her fingers through their damp hair.

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and natural gas over and under the following described lands, situate on Skeena Inlet, Graham Island:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Section 31, Township 1; thence 80 chains east; thence 80 chains north; thence 80 chains west; thence 80 chains south to point of commencement.

Located March 14, 1927.
H. F. LEONARD,
A. J. GORDON, Agent.

NOTICE

Under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 28 of the "Mineral Act," notice is hereby given Messrs. Malcolm Smyth, Edmund Langis, Harold Hansen and Albert Moore, that there is owing to the undersigned for Assessment Work performed on the Cordilla Group of Mineral Claims, Princess Royal Island, Skeena Mining Division, the sum of \$390.88, and that unless said persons pay their proportionate share of the cost of such Assessment, together with all costs of advertising, etc., to the undersigned at Butedale, B.C., on or before May 12, 1927, application will be made to the Gold Commissioner, Prince Rupert, B.C., to have their respective interests in the said mentioned Mining Group of Mineral Claims vested in the undersigned.

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