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### BATHING BEAUTY CONTESTS

The elimination of bathing beauty contests in Vancouver and at other centres as part of the Jubilee celebration is probably a wise move. These contests are not in the best interests of the young people of today and tend to over-emphasize the physical development and sex development craze of the age. Bathing is a wonderfully healthy and stimulating recreation but for girls to strip in order to be looked at, is a totally different thing. We are glad to know that no such proposal has been made in Prince Rupert.

The employee who thinks the business can't go on without him probably does not realize that the head office is probably hoping he will fire himself.

### THE STEAMSHIP COMBINE ON PACIFIC

The pleasing methods of the North Atlantic Shipping Conference, from which Canada has suffered on various occasions, are now being extended to the North Pacific. The rapid growth of Vancouver as a port has been largely the result of the amount of free shipping of which it has been able to avail itself. There has in consequence been free competition; and Vancouver has profited by rates a good deal lower than those which the North Atlantic combine have been able to impose on the Atlantic. It could be predicted with certainty that once the shipping trade out of Vancouver assumed large proportions, the shipping combine would attempt to control it, for the purpose of laying additional toll upon it. The time, in the judgment of the allied shipowners, has now arrived.

There has been in existence for some years a Northern Pacific Conference, made up of United States, Japanese, Canadian and British steamship companies; but it is only now beginning to adopt the methods of the Atlantic Conference of which there was a charming manifestation a few months ago when it levied staggering increases upon Canadian agricultural and industrial exports to Europe. True to the example thus set, the North Pacific Conference looked around to find some thriving and growing Canadian export trade, strong enough to be made to stand and deliver. Such a business was found in the Canadian flour export trade to Japan and China. This trade has been growing for years; and at present with a good-sized British army stationed in China, the demand for Canadian flour is likely to grow. The combine marked down the flour trade as a victim; and proceeded to inform it as to the terms upon which it would be allowed to continue to do business in the Orient.

Every year it becomes more noticeable that practically everyone you meet is crazy.

### ULTIMATUM TO SHIPPERS

The rate on flour from Vancouver to China ports, fixed by free competition, is \$5.50 a ton. This is not enough for the combine, which has figured out that the flour business is profitable enough to enable an increase in the levy of about 30 per cent.—if the competition of tramps can be eliminated. It has therefore delivered an ultimatum to the Canadian flour shippers. It will continue the present rate of \$5.50 for six months longer—six months is not a very long time—provided the flour shippers agree to give ships belonging to the Conference all their shipments to Asiatic ports. Otherwise the charge will be \$7.00 a ton. If the shippers accept the terms they may safely count upon the rate going to \$7 in six months, by which time the independent lines which have been competing for the flour traffic would be frozen out. The proposition has been put up boldly to the Canadian flour mills without any pretence or camouflage; the shipping companies are out to put these mills in a position that they can ship only to the Orient in their ships and at such rates as they choose to impose.

The proposed transaction is a typical illustration of Conference methods. The people of Canada ought to realize more acutely than they do the danger to this country which arises from their defencelessness against the exaction of an organization which periodically checks over Canadian export trade to see if there is not an opportunity for shoving up shipping rates to a higher notch. The fact that this may check Canadian export business and result in this country losing markets which it has taken years and a vast expenditure of time and money to obtain does not mean much to the Conference; it is prepared to take a chance since, if it guesses wrong and kills the traffic by its exactions, the loss will be borne chiefly by Canada. This is a matter to which the Canadian Government cannot be indifferent. It cannot control ocean rates. It has no influence with the Conference. But it can see that Canadian export trade is not put out of business by extortionate shipping rates. A couple of ships of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, plying between Vancouver and Shanghai, would put an effectual stop to the monopoly projects of the Northern Pacific shipping combine.—Manitoba Free Press.

The born leader is one who does it without always letting the rank and file feel that they are being led.

Many a man who thinks he is a leader is simply one of the brakes on the wheels of progress.

The best way to give impetus to the "back to the farm" movement is to lead the procession.

## OPTIMISM AT B.C. SILVER

CHAIRMAN OF SELUKWE GOLD MINING AND FINANCE CORPORATION SPEAKS OF STEWART MINE

SIMILAR TO PREMIER

RICH STRIKE OF ORE MENTIONED SHOWING THERE IS ANOTHER BIG MINE IN PROSPECT

Great optimism in regard to operations on the extension up Premier Mountain of the rich ore zone of the Premier mine, was evidenced by Cromwell Hackley, chairman of Selukwe Gold Mining & Finance Co., London, at the annual meeting. He indicated that the opinion is held that both B.C. Silver and National Silver, sometimes referred to as Selukwe and Sebakwe, respectively, will work out as rich mines as the Premier.

This company owns Kafue Copper Co., which is carrying on the only large size alluvial operations in B.C. and in summarizing the situation, the chairman said:

"The B.C. Silver Mines, Ltd., has established, by reason of its own work, confirmed by that of the Premier and Selukwe Companies, that it has the potentialities of becoming a great ore-producing mine. The work to the south (the Premier) however reluctantly it may have been undertaken by our great neighbor, conclusively establishes, as shown by exploration on their fifth level, that massive ore bodies exist in the Oakville Fraction Claim, 700 feet below our workings. Again, the finding of \$20 ore 2,500 feet and more to the north in the fourth level of the B.C. Silver and on the same horizon on the Sebakwe ground indicates that the pay formation is not confined to some particular geological structure pertinent only to the Premier properties."

DICTATE TERMS

The chairman's remarks about "our great neighbor's" reluctance, etc., can best be understood when it is pointed out that Premier have a 38% interest in B.C. Silver and have certainly not fallen over themselves in assisting in the exploration work. Premier would like to have B.C. and National Silver groups, and undoubtedly all these will amalgamate, but the better the showings on these properties, the better terms they will be able to dictate on the consolidation.

Chairman Hackley's remarks on each operation will be of importance. "The Sebakwe Company (National Silver operation) notwithstanding that they only commenced work a year ago and are operating at one single point, have completed something like 3,000 feet of development work. They had the good fortune to encounter a 40-ft. ore zone of similar geological structure to those being worked upon by the B.C. and Premier Companies. It does not outcrop, and its existence was not suspected. It is not the ore body to exploit which the tunnel was driven, and in fact, it is proved that that ore body does not exist in the Sebakwe property at this horizon. The Sebakwe Company is installing electrical traction and hoist, so that not only is the desire to be up to date, but the management is most anxious to get on. Though I guaranteed to find \$100,000 only for working capital for the Sebakwe Company, twice that amount has been provided, so development on the present scale can go along comfortably for some time to come.

### B.C. SILVER MINES

"Turning to the B.C. developments, (Selukwe) at the time of last year's meeting shareholders will recall that we had just begun to sink the winze between the 'C' and 'D' ore bodies on the third level. This work is completed and is now known as the No. 1 shaft. It is constructed in an exceptional and careful manner, to be used for hauling ore as well as for development. The rock encountered was very hard and progress correspondingly slow. Its vertical depth below the third level is 170 feet, about 500 feet of driving has been drilled at the fourth level, practically all in ore of fair grade, indicating that the massive formation encountered in the level above persists. The fissured zone is exceedingly well mineralized, the best values being \$93 over seven feet. We trust these finds dispose of the fable that values would not be encountered below 600 or so feet vertical from the surface. The remaining exploration consisted in driving northwards beyond the great dyke. Though no special values were found, there exists a mineralized zone about 200 feet in width, indicating great tonnage possibilities if a low treatment cost some day becomes possible and further work at a lower level yields enriched values. We hope to secure further information on this subject during the current year."

### EARNINGS OF C.N. RAILWAY

INCREASE SHOWN IN GROSS TAKINGS NEARLY OFFSET BY OPERATING INCREASES

MONTREAL, June 2.—Increases of \$1,497,833.75, or 7.29 per cent in gross earnings, and \$57,219.47, or 2.75 per cent in net earnings are shown by the operating summary for the Canadian National Railways during the month of April, 1927, as compared with April of last year.

Working expenses during the month of April, 1927, increased by \$1,422,614.28, or 8.11 per cent, and the operating ratio for the month was 87.09 per cent as against 86.51 in April, 1926.

The working expenses for the period relatively reflect increases in rates of pay and greater activity in maintenance of way work, the latter being due to climatic and other conditions generally favoring an earlier start on the season's work in certain localities. There is an improvement in net earnings notwithstanding the fact that the month of April, 1926, and the four months period of last year represent the best previous system performance.

For the first four months of the present calendar year, gross earnings of the Canadian National System are shown to be \$94,289,166, an increase of \$4,963,189.37, or 6.26 per cent over the earnings for the corresponding period of 1926. During the period working expenses increased by \$4,509,648.67 or 6.52 per cent over those for the first four months of 1926.

## TOURIST TRADE STARTING AGAIN

COAST STEAMSHIPS START SUMMER SERVICES THIS MONTH TO NORTH

The month of June will once again see tourist traffic through Prince Rupert in full swing. Special summer schedules on steamship lines plying in and out of the port will shortly come into force.

Next Monday, the Canadian Pacific steamer Princess Louise will open the tourist season for that company on her arrival from Vancouver enroute to Alaska. She will be followed on the



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next Monday by the Princess Charlotta and these two vessels, with the assistance of the Princess Alice, will carry out the summer service.

On June 15, on her arrival here from Vancouver, the C.N.R. steamer Prince Rupert will inaugurate the Alaska service for that company. The Prince George will follow the next week and the two boats will carry out a weekly Skagway service until September. There will be a general change in schedule with the Prince Charles arriving Mondays from the south, sailing that afternoon for Anxox, Stewart and Massett Inlet, and sailing to Vancouver from here, Thursday afternoons. Weekly one of the large boats will arrive from the south on Fridays, sailing that afternoon for Anxox and Stewart and returning south from here Saturday evenings. The Prince John will operate on a weekly schedule between Vancouver and Prince Rupert via the south end of the Queen Charlotte Islands. The Union Steamship Co. also expects to bring many tourists north this year although there will be no diversion from the present services carried out by the steamers Catala and Cardena.

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## WILSON RESIGNS AS BAND LEADER

DIFFERENCES IN CONNECTION WITH ADMINISTRATION REASON FOR QUITTING—EXPRESSES THANKS

Thomas Wilson, who has been bandmaster of the Prince Rupert Boys' Band since its inception and under whose direction the organization has been brought to a splendid state of efficiency, announced last night that he had resigned the leadership and that his resignation had been accepted. Differences in connection with the administration of the band were given by Mr. Wilson as reason for his resignation.

Mr. Wilson asked to be allowed, through the medium of the Daily News, to extend his sincere thanks to all members of the band for their friendship, loyalty and interest during the time he was in charge. The splendid spirit which had prevailed had aided greatly in bringing the band to its present state of efficiency. Mr. Wilson also wished to thank the citizens and various bodies for their assistance.

## SCOUT CONCERT AT BAPTIST CHURCH WAS GREATLY ENJOYED

The Boy Scouts of Rupert Troop No. 3 gave a concert last evening in the Baptist Church. Rev. W. F. Price presided and explained the work of the scout movement and paid a tribute to the success already attained and the efficiency of the troop. The boys sang campfire songs and told anecdotes and gave recitations to the amusement of all present. Those contributing to the program were as follows:

Vocal solo—John E. Davey.  
Vocal solo—Mrs. Allen.  
Violin solo—Mr. Smith.  
Recitation—Miss Adella Thurber.  
Vocal solo—Scout Harry Quick.  
Vocal duet—Messrs. Clapperton and Davey.  
Vocal solo—Mrs. P. C. Miller.  
Minstrel jokers—Scouts Gilker and Gay.

These accompanying the soloists were Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Ross and W. Vaughan Davies.

The singing of the National Anthem brought a pleasant evening's entertainment to a close.

## "MALE MINIMUM WAGE ACT" TO EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting, for the purpose of discussing the provisions of the "Male Minimum Wage Act" and its application to adult male employees in every occupation other than those already dealt with by the Board, will be held at the Court House, Prince Rupert, B.C., on Wednesday, May 25th, commencing at 2 p.m. To hear those who may be unable to attend during the afternoon a meeting will be held in the evening commencing at 7:30 o'clock.

Before further Minimum Wage Orders are made for any industry or group of industries the Board desires to hear the views of those interested. After an inquiry is made throughout the Province the Act will be made to apply to all persons who come within its provisions.

Written statements are requested from any group or organization of employers or employees.

J. D. McNEIVEN (Chairman)  
F. V. FOSTER  
T. F. PATERSON

Members—Board of Adjustment, administering the "Male Minimum Wage Act."  
Victoria, B.C., May 18th, 1927.



## MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 10th June, 1927, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for a period not exceeding four years as required times per week on the route between Prince Rupert and Railway Station (C.N.R.), and Wharves (C.N.R. and C.P.R.), and Transfer of Mails between Railway Station and Wharves (C.N.R., U.S.S. Co., and C.P.R.) from the Postmaster General's pleasure.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Prince Rupert, B.C., and at the office of the District Superintendent of Postal Service, Vancouver, B.C.

J. F. MURRAY,  
District Superintendent of Postal Service.  
District Superintendent's Office,  
Vancouver, B.C.,  
April 29, 1927.

## LAND ACT. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO LEASE FORESHORE.

In Prince Rupert Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situated at Moresby Island, Queen Charlotte Islands.

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