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OUTSIDERS CAN SEE FUTURE.

It has often been said that it takes outsiders to perceive the possibilities of Prince Rupert or any other place under similar circumstances for that matter.

Perspective seems to some extent to have been lost by many people who have been on the ground here for some time. Their anticipations were too high when they came and certain measures of disapointment have distorted some views till they are now unduly pessimistic.

Losing sight of possibilities diminishes the facility of grasping opportunities. The optimistic person is the one who is able to take occasion by the hand. There is everything to be gained and nothing to be lost by optimism. Pessimism is just the reverse.

The Edmonton Journal paints a pretty picture of the possibilities of Prince Rupert. Can it be that outsiders can see the future of this place and that local residents have lost sight of it?

ROYAL COMMISSION ON CAMPAIGN FUNDS.

The royal commission sitting in Victoria now to investigate campaign fund contributions does not seem, to date at least, to be serving much of a purpose. The commission has two duties—first, to find out any wrongdoing there may be, and, secondly, to make recommendations for its rectification. In neither case does it appear that the royal commission is going to be productive of much value. As for the wrong doing, if it may be called such, it has already been proven, before this commission ever started to sit, that both parties have been equally culpable. No less clear is the remedy for the situation and the application of that remedy lies only in the power of the political parties. Commissions can probe such matters and governments can legislate against them but it will be of no avail if the parties themselves are not inclined to clean house. The people have a fair enough idea now of what has been going on and it does not need a royal commission to tell them what must be done.

LONELINESS OF THE GREAT.

The wages of public life is loneliness upon retirement. Great careers do not always last until death, so in the interim between the end of the career and death there must be years of comparative seclusion away from the glamor and numerous associations of public life and with days of solitude. For those who outlive their allotted time in the public spotlight there are years to be lived in the past with memories for company.

Just as poverty is the cause of more misery to those who have always been rich than to those who rose from want to wealth and tasted poverty again, so loneliness, which may be sweet to those accustomed to it, may be torture to one who has lived in the very midst of things. The busy man weighted down with cares often dreams of the time when he can leave them all behind and seek sweet solitude only to find, when his dream comes true, that his own company is poor company. Habits of life are not so easily discarded.

But many men of affairs have experienced a feeling of loneliness at the height of their careers. It seems the greater the decisions they have had to make the more lonely have been the great figures of history. Nothing is so calculated to create this feeling than opposition—something, it seems, no great career has been without.

Premier Baldwin, of England, has joined the silent band of lonely men, announcing in a recent speech that with the passing of years he feels extremely lonely. Disraeli, Gladstone, Lincoln, Napoleon, Cromwell and Carlyle all voiced this sentiment. Milton was a lonely figure while writing his greatest works. These modern dictators, Mussolini and de Rivera, are pitiful in their loneliness, for the cares of state have crowded out of their lives cherished associations.

"Better be a poor fisherman than meddle with the government of men," cried Danton as he mounted the guillotine.

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Report of Engineers on Peace River Outlet Rapped by Lands Minister---Unfair to This Port

In an interview given out in Vancouver, Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands and member of the legislature for the constituency of Prince Rupert, took exception to the report of the engineers appointed by the Dominion government to investigate the question of railway outlet from the Peace River country to the coast.

In this connection, Mr. Pattullo said: "There is one paragraph in the report to which I would like to make particular reference and which in detail discusses the relative merits of the ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert as termini of a western outlet from the Peace River. It is an old saying: 'comparisons are odious,' and so it is in this case. This objectionable paragraph could have been deleted without detracting a particle from the value of the report and in fact it drew to my attention other phases of the report to which I feel sure exception will be taken.

"The report has all the evidences of prejudice in its inferences and I think I can show from a single aspect that what purports to be fact may very well be questioned.

"One sentence in the report says: 'Vancouver seems to have all the things to attract people and trade while Prince Rupert has but few.'

"No one questions the superlative natural advantages of Vancouver and it is already on the map as a world metropolis, but the inference left with regard to Prince Rupert is calculated to create an impression in the public mind not justified by the facts and to the injury of the city.

DEFENDS PRINCE RUPERT

"Prince Rupert is the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific portion of the Canadian National system and it is admitted has great natural advantage as a transcontinental outlet, especially by reason of its nearer proximity to the Orient than any other Pacific port.

"Then what of the local situation within the confines of British Columbia? If British Columbia were an island, there would be a line of railway from Prince Rupert to what is now the Alberta boundary, which would be supported entirely by the country through which the railway passes. I doubt if there is another similar stretch of territory anywhere in the world more favored than the portion of British Columbia from Prince Rupert to the Alberta boundary. Northern and central British Columbia constitutes one of the most highly mineralized belts in North America; contains vast stands of excellent quality of timber, the largest area of high quality mixed farming lands in British Columbia; more than a quarter of the fishing business of Canada; game, than which there is no more valuable in the province; climate exceedingly favorable; lake, river and mountain scenery unsurpassed, while the townsite of Prince Rupert is picturesque to a degree and offers no real difficulties in development as the efforts of its indomitable people have already evidenced.

"Prince Rupert survives and continues to grow in spite of accidents of fortune over which it had no control.

"The inspiring head of the Grand Trunk system went down in the 'Titanic.' The war came on just as the road started. The railway went into the hands of a receiver, under the same conditions that confronted the Canadian Northern and is now merged with the Canadian Northern in the Canadian National system. Instead of remaining a separate entity to fight for itself, it is controlled by a single authority divided in its jurisdiction.

FORGING AHEAD

"Yet, the little city of Prince Rupert continues to forge ahead and does so because of its strategic position in the midst of a wealth of natural resource.

"I submit that the report of the engineers as a whole will create a harmful and a wrong impression. It smacks of the same kind of stuff as the report on the Pacific Great Eastern railway made by J. G. Sullivan."

CANBERRA MADE TO ORDER CITY

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL HAS BEEN 11 YEARS IN MAKING—GARDEN CITY OF CLIMATE AND SCENIC BEAUTY

MELBOURNE, Australia, March 24.—(Canadian Press.)—Canberra, Australia's new Federal Capital, to be formally opened as the seat of government by His Royal Highness the Duke of York on May 9 next, has already a population of about 5,000 persons. Incidentally, it is CANberra, not CanBERRA, the accent being properly on the first syllable. Canberra is 75 miles inland from the east coast of the continent and in respect to population, is practically centrally situated, being 150 miles direct from Sydney, 240 miles from Melbourne, and 500 miles from Adelaide, Brisbane and Hobart.

The "made-to-order" city has been 11 years in the making. Canberra was first settled in 1823. It was accepted as the seat of future government and was ceded to the Commonwealth by New South Wales in 1909. Commonwealth ownership became active in 1911, and constructional activity commenced with its official naming by Lady Denman in 1913. Designs for the best possible city were called for, and engineering works and some architectural construction was proceeded with until 1916. The activities which ceased then, were renewed in 1921 when the government appointed the Federal Capital advisory committee. In 1923 the sitting parliament decided its successor should meet at Canberra, and appointed a Federal Capital Commission, which concentrated upon the question and accelerated all activities. Private enterprise was admitted to share in the development in 1925, leases being sold in the city in December, 1924. Canberra land is not to be disposed of for any estate in freehold, so that land surrounding the actual city is leased for terms not exceeding 25 years. Land within the city limits is leased for not more than 99 years, and buildings constructed must be approved by the government.

ATTRACTIVE CITY

The result of this guardianship is that Canberra, now an established city, is growing gradually according to the accepted design, and is already exciting the admiration of visitors. It has prospects of becoming not only a city of political and commercial importance, but also by reason of its fine climate and scenic beauty a city particularly attractive to tourists.

The city area is of 12 square miles. The Government Area lies around the major central elevation on the slope of which Parliament House has been erected—a massive white structure fitly dominating the surrounding landscape. Department buildings are also in the Government Area, as well as the National Library and Public offices now under construction, and the already-erected post office and telephone exchange. The areas between the various buildings are in course of preparation for gardens, for the city itself is designed as a "garden city."

The main commercial area surrounds the second central elevation on the opposite side of the river, the focal point of which is a large hexagon containing the Civic Centre. This will be occupied around its circumference by more important buildings of a public or semi-public character, and its centre will form a parked hill, the summit of which will probably be the site of the Town Hall. Certain shopping blocks have been leased in this area, and development is being undertaken. The complete scheme for city ornamentation includes the formation of artificial lakes in the centre, the flood area of the Molonglo being the basin.

SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES

The social condition of Canberra is advancing with the progress of construction. A finely-equipped public school has been erected at Telopea Park, and now provides accommodation for 50 pupils. The early erection of an additional public school at Ainslie is contemplated, as is also the provision of technical education. The establishment of a small university is under consideration.

The only ecclesiastical buildings at present in the city area are the eighty-year-old Anglican Church and rectory—the latter now a Girls' Grammar School—and a newly erected vicarage. Sites have been allotted, however, to the other principal religious denominations, who are now preparing to undertake construction.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

MARCH 24, 1917.

Sergeant J. M. Campbell is now editor of "The Listening Post," one of the brightest and best known trench papers.

Harry Hamblin, formerly of the city police force, returned from Vancouver today. He has enlisted with the Forestry Battalion and will return south shortly.

Captain L. W. Kergin has reached Bombay en route to England after serving with the British Military forces in Mesopotamia.

The Marquis of Queensbury left for Toronto this morning on business and expects to return to Prince Rupert very soon.

The steamer Prince George will leave the dry dock tomorrow and take the run south in place of the Prince Rupert which is stranded on Genn Island.

Arrivals from Seattle say that the southern city will attempt next year to introduce regulations which will cause the halibut fishing fleet to land their catches there instead of Prince Rupert.

The Red Cross sales yesterday netted $36.30 for the fund.

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Re PRINCE RUPERT HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED

SALE BY ORDER OF THE COURT

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the order of Mr. Justice D. A. McDonald dated the 18th day of February, 1927, in a bondholders' action intituled In the Supreme Court of British Columbia between The Royal Trust Company and Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Company Limited and others, being R.1602/1916, brought to enforce the trusts of an indenture dated the 30th day of June, 1911, tenders are invited by George Edward Winter the Receiver appointed by an order of this Court dated the 15th day of September, 1916, and the decree in the said action dated the 21st day of November, 1916, for the purchase of all the remaining properties and assets of the said Company. The said properties are described as follows:

1. That certain parcel of land and premises situate in the Province of British Columbia more particularly described as Lot 636, Range 5, Coast District, containing 160 acres more or less.

2. That certain parcel of land and premises situate in the Province of British Columbia more particularly described as Lot 1386, Range 5, Coast District, containing 37 81/100 acres more or less, excepting thereout a strip of land one chain in width measured from highwater mark.

3. That certain parcel of land and premises situate in the Coast District Province of British Columbia, and more particularly described as Lot 695, Range 5, containing 32 50/100 acres more or less.

4. Maps dealing with surveys of drainage areas rainfall and runoff data, designs of dams, power plants, transmission lines and receiving station for Falls and Khatada Rivers development, and plans of works.

The Receiver is informed that the above lands parcels 1, 2 and 3 were selected by the engineers of the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Company Limited as being suitable sites for the construction of water power plants.

Tenders may be made for all the said parcels together or for one or more separately.

Particulars and conditions of sale may be had upon application at the office of Messrs. Riddell, Stead, Hodges & Winter, Bank of Nova Scotia Building, Vancouver, or at the office of the undersigned.

DATED the 2nd day of March, 1927.

WILSON, WHEALLER & SYMES
Solicitors for the Plaintiff,
640 Pender Street West, Vancouver, B.C.
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WATER NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, by and with the advice of His Executive Council, has been pleased to order:

THAT the reservation of the unrecorded waters of Brown's River and McKnight Creek, tributaries of Ecstall River, established pursuant to Order in Council Number 808 approved the 13th day of June, 1921, be cancelled.

The cancellation of the said reservation will be effective on April 19th, 1927.

DATED this 11th day of March, 1927.

T. D. PATTULLO,
Minister of Lands.

RECOVERY OF TAXES

Publication of Names of Persons in Arrears

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Section 144-A of the Taxation Act, where Income or Personal Property taxes remain unpaid after the expiration of two years from the date upon which such taxes become delinquent, a Notice will be published giving a complete list of the names and addresses of the persons liable to pay the taxes, unless a satisfactory undertaking has been entered into with the Provincial Collector for the liquidation of such arrears.

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