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Industrial Advancement of Prince Rupert Stressed by Speaker as Chief Reasons Why Offer of His Company Should Be Favored

Quoting from the report of William Young, C.E., the engineer employed by the city to advise as to the merits of the respective companies bidding for the local power franchise, H. E. Pawson, speaking in the Westholme Theatre last night, said:

"It is the opinion of the writer after careful consideration of all factors, that, even omitting the gain to the city of the ornamental street lighting system, the cash offer of tender No. 1 (the Power Corporation of Canada) with the assurance of hydro-electric development and co-operation in further industrial development by a Canadian company of the first order is preferable to tender No. 2 by a foreign company with no assurance whatsoever on hydro-electric or industrial development"

Mr. Pawson emphasized very strongly the industrial advantages to be derived by the city of Prince Rupert in associating themselves with an organization whose ability demonstrated by results obtained in other territories covered by the operations of the subsidiary companies of the power corporation is so outstanding. This was illustrated by recitation of what had taken place during the past eight or ten years in that section of the province of Quebec known as the Eastern Townships wherein 39 industries have been located by them having a total capitalization well in excess of $40,000,000, producing an annual payroll in excess of $9,000,000 a year distributed among 9,000 employees and producing a contingent population following in, estimated at from 50,000 to 75,000 inhabitants.

The services of the same organization which has produced wonderful results, such as these, in other localities are offered to the city of Prince Rupert in the proposition submitted by the Power Corporation of Canada free of charge.

Extensive Developments

Mr. Pawson further recited the industrial and mining activities which had followed upon the development of hydro-electric power by other companies in which they are interested and in particular the extensive mining developments which have taken place in the past few years in Northern Ontario and Northern Quebec and East Kootenay. At the same time he spoke of their activity in the pulp and paper industry in Canada.

Mr. Pawson called attention to the prosperity that is being enjoyed by both their own companies and the municipalities or districts in which they operate, stressing at the same time the point that it is impossible for them to have a prosperous operation located in a community which is not prosperous.

If a community is not prosperous the company cannot be prosperous.

That the industrial productivity of the areas served by their associated power companies has not been overlooked is witnessed by the highly satisfactory position in which these companies today financially find themselves.

Strength Needed

From figures compiled by the electric power commission of Ontario for every hundred dollars spent in power development an expenditure of from $650 to $1000 follows in building and equipping factories to use the power, and Mr. Pawson emphasized particularly that it is not of sufficient importance that the operating companies should have sufficient financial resources behind them to take care of their own growth alone but should have the ability to follow through and participate in the financing of this industrial growth, as had been done in the case of their own organization and witnessed by their established record.

The Vancouver Ghost

Mr. Pawson alluded humorously to the Vancouver ghost which had been paraded before the ratepayers of the city of Prince Rupert from the moment of the offer of the Power Corporation being submitted, pointing out that his company had not accomplished the results witnessed or attained to their present position by being foolish in their investments.

His company under the terms of its obligation to the city will be committed to an investment of $2,000,000 or more in the Prince Rupert area. To any thinking person it is obvious that an investment of this magnitude will require to stand upon its own feet and in the event of the company not being able to do so it would be ridiculous to suppose that the shareholders of the B.C. Electric would permit of their money being dissipated too pay the debts of the Prince Rupert company.

Mr. Pawson further went on to point out that the management of the B.C. Electric is taken care of from Vancouver, whereas the management of the Prince Rupert operations would be looked after from the head office of the Power Corporation in Montreal.

The Board of Directors in the two cases would be entirely separate, comprised of an entirely different body of men and would undoubtedly have representatives of one or more of the citizens of Prince Rupert.

The securities of the company would be sold to a different body of clients and the shareholders would be likewise different.

Under these conditions it is patently obvious that no relationship whatever would exist between the company formed for the purpose of taking care of the Prince Rupert situation and that which either has in the past or now obtains in Vancouver.

The interest of the Power Corporation in the B.C. Electric though a controlling one is a minority and the Power Corporation does not own the B. C. Electric nor has it anything to do with the management of the B.C. Electric other than through representatives of two of its directors on the Board of the B.C. Power Corporation.

Mr. Pawson further alluded humorously to the futility of the city of Prince Rupert engaging itself in open battle with Vancouver, pointing out that each city has its place in the sun with their respective destinies to work out in their seperate ways and pointed out that the suggestion of having this city in open and aggravated competition with Vancouver was not calculated to be in the best interests of the city of Prince Rupert. (Applause).

Clear Illustration

A similar situation was illustrated by the speaker in what had occured between the city of Hamilton and the Eastern Townships in the Province of Quebec, wherein, in spite of the fact that his company had a much larger investment at one time in the city of Hamilton, it had not interfered with the development of the smaller company to such a point that the latter had ultimately outstriped the larger concern.

Mr. Pawson emphasized the splendid work which had been done by Canadians in their own Dominion in the development of hydro-electric power and other fields, pointing out that from the latest figures compiled Canada occupies the first place in all the nations of the world in the amount of power developed per capita and in the quantity of energy sold per capita.

The Dominion, furthermore, today leads the world in the production of newsprint, is now exporting more grain and flour than the United States, is first in the production of asbestos, is first in the production of nickel and cobalt, is second in the production of copper, is third in the production of silver and fourth in the production of gold.

Figures were given which showed that the net results of Canada's export and import trade during the past twelve months had added the enormous sum of $130 per capita to the national wealth. "This is a record to be proud of indeed," said the speaker, "Canadians are not today in the unfortunate position of having to take off their hats to outside nations but on the contrary have established a record of their own to be justly proud of. (Applause).

In his opinion, Mr. Pawson said, all that Canada was suffering from today was, if he might be excused for making use of the hackneyed phrase, an "inferiority complex" and lack of population, and that no organization in the Dominion had done more to stimulate the industrial activity of the Dominion than the one which he had the honor to represent.

Mr. Pawson was well received by the large audience present and the chairman, H. B. Rochester, urged that Prince Rupert should not repeat the mistake which was made in 1912, when offers of Montreal assistance were turned down. He said that some of the members of the company were well and favorably known to him and he sincerely hoped the people would use their best judgment and give them a chance to come in.

ALASKAN BOAT WENT ASHORE

CORDOVA, Alaska, Dec. 19.—The steamer Admiral Rogers arrived from Yakutat yesterday and sent word that the gasboat Maryland of Tacoma went ashore six miles southwest of Ocean Cape in a blinding snowstorm last Thursday and was a total wreck. The crew of four were saved after a perilous trip afoot to Yakutat a distance of 60 miles.

LATEST WORD ABOUT KING

LONDON, Dec. 19. — The 8 p.m. bulletin from the King's physicians reads: "The King passed a quiet day. Both general and local conditions are continuing to make slow progress."

HOPEFUL FOR KING GEORGE

Whole Situation Regarded as Satisfactory Today

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The desperate battle King George is waging for life continued somewhat in his favor today. The morning bulletin, like the two of yesterday, recorded improvement, even though slight. Despite the fact that his gain is slight, there has been a definite and more hopeful atmosphere among palace officials. On the whole, the situation is regarded as favorable and satisfactory, although it must be emphasized that anxiety must continue for some time. Uninterrupted progress for several days would be necessary before real confidence could be felt. There was no disposition to minimize the fact that the King's condition is still critical. It was a month ago today that the public was first informed that the King was ill.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—At 11 o'clock this morning the following bulletin was issued:

"The King has had a restful night. The slight improvement noted yesterday continues."

LADY HEATH LEAVES; MAD

British Aviatrix Claims She Was Insulted By Toronto Paper

TORONTO, Dec. 19. — Lady Heath, British aviatrix, who arrived here yesterday, hopped off on her return to Buffalo today, cancelling all appointments which she had made for New Year's Day.

She resented the words attributed to her in an evening newspaper, which quoted her as saying: "I did get so fed up with hole and prohibition drinking. I need a drink of beer openly just to make me feel normal again."

Lady Heath indignantly denied the statement, saying she was practically a teetotaller and always endeavored to respect the United States prohibition laws.

After complimenting the United States newspapers for their kindness, courtesy and fairness, she said: "It appears I have to return to my own Empire to be insulted in this fashion."

Flying here yesterday Lady Heath battled snow and winds.

PRETENDED, ILL BECAME RICH

Sold Penknives to New York "Suckers" and Made $500 a Week

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Samuel Ansel, 23 years of age, of Revere, Mass., a panhandler, who employed a valet, secretary, and took $500 a week from New York "suckers" by selling penknives in a subway, was given a choice in the Harlem court of serving six months in a workhouse or posting a $1000 bond to leave the city. He posted the bond.

Probation officers reported that Ansel, in addition to a savings account of nearly $15,000, possessed $40,000 in first mortgages and owned several newsstands in Boston.

Ansel feigned a palsylike illness in his solicitations.

AFGHAN REBELS SEEM ACTIVE

Failure to Pay Army Cited as One Cause for Trouble

AIRPLANE SHOT DOWN

LONDON, Dec. 19. — King Amanullah of Afghanistan is having trouble in suppressing revolts, due to his failure to pay the army, it is said in dispatches today. A Karachi dispatch quoted by a merchant from Kabul says "the king used army funds to pay for purchases in Europe."

NEW DELHI, India, Dec. 19.—The rebels are reported to have seized two forts overlooking Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, and are awaiting reinforcements to press the attack. A British airplane was shot through the radiator and made a forced landing near Kabul. The plane had been attempting to establish communication with the British legation with a view to the evacuation of British and Indian women and children if necessary. The two airmen sent a telegram stating they were "safe and well."

ALASKAN APPOINTMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19:—Julian A. Hurley was nominated by President Coolidge for reappointment as United States attorney for the fourth division of Alaska.

HERRING BOAT MISSING

SEWARD, Dec. 19:—Concern is felt for the safety of Captain Charles Swanson and two men of the herring boat Emma S. which left Kodiak a week ago.

VANCOUVER MAN WAS KILLED

VANCOUVER, Dec. 19.—Thomas Stewart was killed when an auto truck driven by James McAslan, his partner in business, in which he was riding was struck by an interurban street car at the Arbutus and 10th Avenue crossing last night. McAslan was arrested charged with manslaughter and was latter released on bail. The accident occurred in a fog.

Major C. B. North, superintendent of the B.C. Silver mine, is a passenger aboard the Prince Rupert today returning to Stewart after a trip to Vancouver.

AMERICAN STATES PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

THE following is a tabular comparison of the offers submitted by the American States Public Service Company and by the Power Corporation of Canada as published in the Press on Saturday, December 15.

		The American States Public Service Company offer:	The Power Corporation of Canada offer:
1.	Price	$400,000.00 Cash.	$375,000.00 Cash.
2.	Street Lighting	Modern street lighting equipment over entire city.	Ornamental street lighting over business streets only.
3.	Street Lighting Rates	On this point the offers are identical.	
4.	Domestic Rates	Guaranteed not to be increased.	Right reserved to increase rates in event of cost of service being increased by Federal or Provincial taxation.
5.	Power Rates	Guaranteed not to be increased.	Present schedules to remain in force or rate schedule used by Company in Eastern Canada at City's option.
6.	Future Development	5000 additional horse-power hydro-electric development within two years and as much more as at any time may be required.	5000 additional hydro-electric horse-power within 2 years with reservation of 6 months grace and up to 100,000 horse power if as and when required.
7.	Municipal Taxes	Neither Company claims exemption.	

The above tabulation sets out the important features in both offers. On this fair comparison we submit it is clear that our offer is the better.

THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY HAVE A LARGE INVESTMENT IN VANCOUVER AND IN PRINCE RUPERT. HAS PRINCE RUPERT GAINED OR LOST BY SHARING THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY WITH VANCOUVER?

Last year at this date much more grain had been shipped from the port of Prince Rupert than has been shipped to date this year, and yet Prince Rupert's elevator is full of grain awaiting shipment. **Is this because the Alberta Wheat Pool has now an elevator in Vancouver?**

Prince Rupert never has gained by sharing interests in large enterprises with Vancouver. **If you vote for the Power CORPORATION OF CANADA, you will again be overshadowed by Vancouver.**

The following is copied from an article entitled "How to invest your money," appearing in the Daily Mirror (Overseas Edition of Nov. 8).

"I have before me as I write extracts from the Montreal Gazette of September 22 last, in which Sir Herbert Holt predicts a great future for British Columbia in general and Vancouver in particular.

"Sir Herbert drew attention to the fact that the port of Vancouver has the advantage over Montreal of being an open port, which naturally contributes very materially to the rapid progress being made.

"'There is no question' he said, 'that wheat and other grain from Alberta and the Peace River Valley will be shipped that way, while flour for the Orient—a trade which is assuming very material proportions—is finding Vancouver the natural shipping point.'

"Asked as to the hydro-electric industry on the coast, Sir Herbert, who is identified with the British Columbia Power Corporation, merely presented the example of the growth of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company in proportion to the growth of the City and district of Montreal.

"His inference obviously is that the growth of the coast utilities will keep pace with the growth of the urban centres, particularly the city and port of Vancouver."

According to the above statement Sir Herbert Holt is identified with the British Columbia Power Corporation in which Power Corporation of Canada according to its annual report, has a substantial interest.

This statement shows clearly that Vancouver is the chief concern of the British Columbia Power Corporation on the coast.

American States Public Utilities Service Company has no interest at all in Vancouver and must therefore use all its resources to develop Prince Rupert.

Vote for American States Public Service Company and industrial independence for Prince Rupert.

Voters can obtain transportation to the poll by Phoning 14 or 15