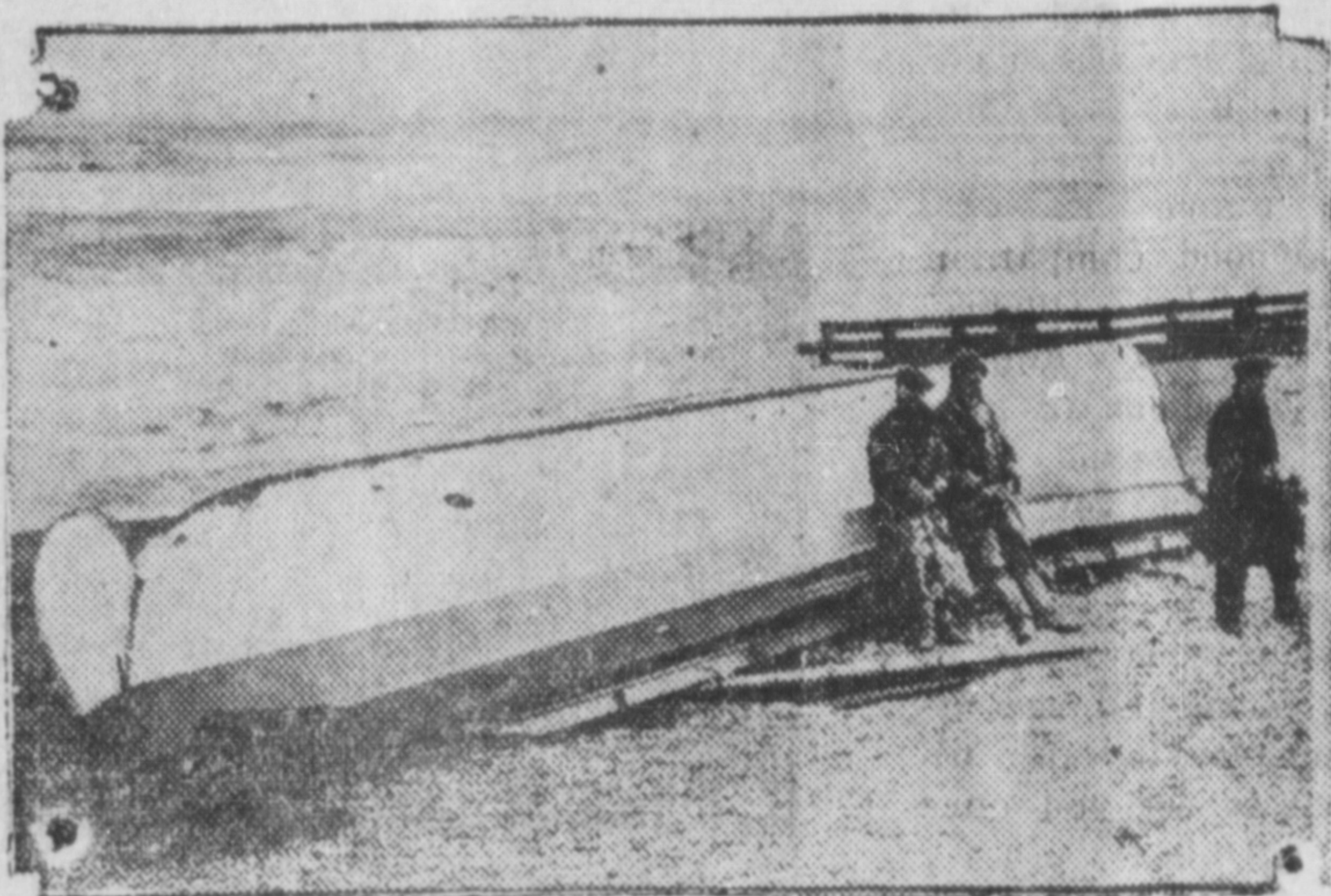


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## STRONG PLEA FOR CANADIAN RECOGNITION

Farmers of Manitoba Object To Present System of Census Classification and Other Anomalies

BRANDON, Man., Jan. 10. — (By Canadian Press) — Demand for the recognition of "a Canadian race" and for legislation to permit personal naturalization of married women stood out most prominently in the report of legislation read today by Mrs. Fred Downing, Marquette district representative, at the annual convention of the United Farmers of Manitoba.

Deploping the fact that the word "Canadian" is not permitted on census forms under the heading "racial or tribal origin," Mrs. Downing's report contended that the "time has come when a Canadian race must be recognized."

Thousands of native born Canadians are recorded whose forefathers have lived in the Dominion for many generations and their designation as of any other racial origin than Canada is inaccurate, the report contends; adding, "it has a decidedly destructive effect" to tell new Canadians, adopting Canadian language, customs and institutions that they cannot in time become part of the Canadian race."

The drawing of racial lines through the paternal side of the family was characterized as "manifestly incorrect and unscientific," by the report, which went on to question the value of statistics which would speak of King George as of German racial origin because his grandfather was Prince Albert of Coburg, Saxe-Coburg.

"S'r Robert Falconer, president of Toronto University, says there is a Canadian race of distinctive characteristics," read the disposition, which concluded: "Let us, then, be proud of the fact and change our census forms in accord. This is a vexed question and by taking our part in bringing about an improvement, we will make ourselves worthy of the tradition of the United Farmers of Manitoba."

**Naturalization for Women**  
Appealing for continued agitation in favor of personal naturalization for married women, the report pleaded on behalf of the Canadian-born woman who cannot take part in the affairs of the Dominion, due to the fact, for instance, that she was deserted by an alien husband who failed to take out naturalization papers.

Protestation of an inequality as between men and women came with discussion in the report of the matter of legal domicile of married women. The findings of the legislation committee pointed deprecatingly at the law which grants to a husband wherever he may be, the right of legal domicile, whereas an estranged wife must bring legal action in the place where her husband resides.

The committee expressed the hope that an amendment would be enacted during the coming government session to grant to either husband or wife a one-third interest in all their real estate following the presentation of a resolution in December.

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We are not suggesting to Prince Rupert people who they shall vote for at this time. It is well that all sections of the community be represented on the council. All we suggest is that if the offers of successful men are not accepted, the loss will be to the city and not to those who are so offering their services.

The coming year is likely to be an important one in our history. We see greater possibilities ahead than have been in the offing for some time past. What we need is men who are able to cope with the situation and make the most of it for the city. With a good mayor and strong council the possibilities are great.

### IT SURE LOOKS PROMISING

If the Copper River Railway is to be built this year and much money expended in that neighborhood for coal development, and if at the same time something like a million dollars is to be spent here for installing a real power system to supply the city and neighborhood, in addition to expenditures on mills and various other improvements, as well as the general mineral, agricultural and timber development of the whole district, we should see good times in Prince Rupert during the next year or two. The outlook is very promising.

In the past we have often expected great things, but have been generally disappointed. Today we see the development along more rational lines than ever before. Our natural resources are the attraction. When Sir Henry Thornton first visited Prince Rupert he said the most important thing for this city would be the development of the latent resources of the country. Today we are seeing this coming about. British money is vying with American money in trying to help us and Canadians are for the first time in history doing their part. Under these conditions we have reason to be optimistic.

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The fame of British Columbia's Whaling Fisheries is of long standing, and has materially increased the value of the products from this industry. The yearly catch, now about 400, is taken between one station on Vancouver

Island and two stations on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Much as has been done to develop and conserve our fishing industry, there still remains a great deal to be accomplished. The vastness of our waters and the extent and ruggedness of our coast make organized protection and administration extremely costly.

But the safeguarding of our fisheries is a matter which now commands the earnest attention of our government, who realize the importance of conserving this basic industry.

As the oldest industry of our Dominion, fishing has been one of the largest revenue producers, and it is significant that Canada's youngest Province, in less than twenty years, should secure a leading position in the world market. This aggressive search for foreign business has been an asset which undoubtedly has created one of the most amazing records of our basic industries. Well may we be proud of our Fisheries!

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