NEWS OF NORTHERN B.C.

NFW HAZELTON

Road work commenced in this district this week. A crew is at work completing the Beament cut-off east of here and the main highway is being continued between Terrace and Usk and west of Kitwanga. The grader has been busy on local roads.

One of the subjects for discussion at the forthcoming annual meeting of the patrons of the Hazelton Hospital will be the matter of erecting a new building to replace the present hospital which has been in use for 25 years.

Matt Feigen, Ott Adler and Charles Ek have cleaned up well on this winter's trapping operations. They sold their catches to C. W. Dawson at the first of the week.

New officers of the Church Army were installed and a number of baptisms performed by Rev. T. D. Proctor in the Hazelton Anglican Church on Easter Sunday.

Mrs. R. S. Sargent entertained on Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. O. H. Wall of Vancouver who was paying a brief visit with her sister, Mrs. T. C. Berger, in Hazelton. A large number of ladies attended.

Rev. T. H. Wright, local United Church pastor, visited a number of points along the Skeena River this week. He con. ducted special Easter services here last Sunday.

Mr. Ede, teacher at Kitzegucla, is a patient in the local hospital.

D. R. McLean, first Presbyterian minister in this district is now teaching High School in Burnaby.

Many ladies attended a large tea which was held on Thursday afternoon of this week by Mrs. H. C. Wrinch in honor of Miss Craig, new lady superintendent of the Hazelton Hospital.

SMITHERS

Mrs. M. K. Bates has returned to Smithers after spending several months in Vancouver.

James Downey has been re-elected chairman of the board of directors of the local hospital. Other directors are Dr. R. C. Bamford, Mrs. N. P. Moran, Mrs. L. B. Warner, A. C. Fowler, F. V. Foster, W. J. O'Neill and Charles Bowland. L. H. Kenney is secretary of the board.

A number of local auto drivers were haled into police court here before Magistrate Hoskins at the first of the week and fined for not carrying their licenses.

Harry Gunderson, C.N.R. roadmaster on the division east of Smithers, has been transferred to Kamloops and Elmer Gunderson, who has had charge of the division west of Smithers, is moved to McBride. James Moriarity, former roadmaster at Smithers, has resigned on account of illness and will locate in Vancouver.

Easter weather here was very cold and unseasonable. There has been little snow, however.

A dance was held by the Fair Board last night with a view to wiping off the 1928 deficit. The event was a great success.

Three babies were born in Smithers last Saturday, all being girls. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. T. Taylor of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Gill and Mr. and Mrs. George Wright of Smithers.

S. Woodman's Guernsey cow "Lady" led the Bulkley Valley Cow Testing Association for March in production of butter fat, the percentage being 62.4. R. McGregor's Holstein "Fatty" produced the most milk.

The Bulkley Valley Automobile Association is calling for bids for the leasing of the pavilion at Lake Kathlyn.

FASHION FANCIES

CLOTH COATS FOR EARLY SPRING

The changing season retains the necessity for warm wraps. Here is a spring model with fashionable la ish fur trimming. Such coats are seen i such fine fabrics as Twill broadcloth, Norma, Velvona, etc., as trimmings of either kunk, beaver, caracul, fox, wolf, badger and others.

BRADY SPEAKS AT DINNER

Addresses Board of Trade Along Some Lines at Public Meeting

At the dinner meeting of the Board of Trade held last night in the Commodore Cafe, Milton Gonzales presiding, J. C. Bray, M.P., gave an address, much along the line of his speech at the public meeting the previous evening. He urged that there were three outstanding questions at present, the use of the elevator, removal of the shipping differential and the removal of the two-cent duty on halibut. He outlined the situation in regard to the closing of the elevator and urged that the citizens stand together in regard to the matter. He spoke of the fact that the Prince Rupert section of the railway was almost idle and mentioned the Peace River outlet. One of his duties had been to urge the use of this port.

In regard to the halibut duty, the speaker made it clear that he was opposed to the closing of the port against American fishermen, but he thought something should be done at Ottawa to secure the removal of the duty.

Mr. Brady said he had found the Ottawa government sympathetic toward Prince Rupert and he thought if a unified voice was raised in an effort to get what was wanted they would be successful.

R. G. Johnston, manager of Inverness cannery, who has been spending the winter in Victoria, returned to the Skeena River from the south on the Princess Royal yesterday afternoon. He was accompanied north by members of the crew of the cannery which will now be put in readiness for the coming season's operations.

DISCUSS BEST ENTRANCE TO PRINCE RUPERT

Also Comparative Distances From Panama Dealt With by Board of Trade

The question of the relative ices to Panama from Prince Rupert and from Vancouver, and the question as to which was the better entrance to Vancouver harbor by way of Dixon entrance or by the Hecate straits, caused considerable discussion at the dinner meeting of the Board of Trade last night, President Gonzales presiding. Finally, a committee consisting of Messrs. Pillsbury, Elford, Fulton and Ray was appointed to investigate the matter of distances and report to the board, so that the proper figures may be published in the board's literature.

In regard to the lighting of the entrance to the port or other aids to navigation and the relative merits of the alternative approaches, President Gonzales urged that the board press for the lights on Bonilla island and Butterworth rocks, as this would be the means of getting the differential against this port removed.

M. P. McCaffery explained that it was just a matter of insurance.

J. C. Brady, M.P., said it was the duty of the board to secure the removal of the differential. At a meeting which he attended at Ottawa, at which every person present was an expert and where they took the best possible evidence, it was the opinion of this gathering that the shipping men preferred Dixon entrance to Hecate strait. In taking a course from Panama they first picked up Cape Mendocino and then made a direct course for Dixon entrance. Taking this course made the voyage just as short as if they came in through Hecate strait. The evidence of deep sea captains was that if radio finding stations were placed at Dixon entrance the difficulty of ships remaining outside and not being able to find the entrance would have been removed.

Mr. Brady said Ottawa knew nothing of the report made by Captain Barney Johnson in regard to Hecate straits. It was the opinion of the authorities at Ottawa that if the radio stations were placed at the entrance the differential would be removed.

J. H. Pillsbury said that almost without exception the captains of vessels coming here had expressed the opinion that they would like to come in by way of Hecate straits. Two ships had arrived together. One, not knowing of the insurance disability in coming by way of Hecate straits, came that way and arrived 96 hours ahead of the other. It was not only shorter, but sheltered and perfectly safe. He did not expect Capt. Barney Johnson would consult Ottawa. He was Lloyd's agent here and no one was better qualified than he to give an opinion. What he recommended Lloyds were likely to do.

P. M. Ray confirmed what Mr. Pillsbury had said. The direction stations should be an advantage, but he favored getting the lights. The Hecate straits route was undoubtedly shorter.

Mr. Brady explained that the lights would cost from $150,000 to $200,000, whereas the radio stations could be installed for from $45,000 to $50,000.

DELEGATION IS THANKED

Mayor Says Other Two Members Placed Prince Rupert's Case Well

At the meeting of the board last night, Mayor McMordie, F. G. Dawson and M. P. McCaffery were thanked for giving a week of their valuable time in the interests of Prince Rupert without cost to the city, in going as a delegation to Calgary to meet the officials of the wheat pool and discussing with them the prospects of the use of the elevator. The resolution covering it was passed with enthusiasm by the members.

Mayor McMordie spoke of the splendid manner in which Mr. Dawson and Mr. McCaffery had laid the case before the pool and he regretted that they had not been able to get better results.

BOARD OF TRADE AND THE DUTY ON HALIBUT

At the meeting of the Board of Trade last night, S. E. Parker, on behalf of the fisheries committee, reported what had been done to try to secure the removal of the two cents duty against Canadian fish and the resolution which had been agreed upon. The board endorsed the resolution and adopted the report.

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