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PRINCE RUPERT AND NEW RAILWAY

OUTLET FOR COPPER RIVER COAL PRODUCTS BY C.N.R.

Construction of Railway From Vanarsdol Into Copper River Likely to Commence in Spring

Prince Rupert Will Be Port of Shipment for New Industry for Some Time at Least With Kitimaat Later Consideration

VICTORIA, Jan. 9.—It is confidently expected that work will commence early in the spring, possibly in February, on the construction of the railway connecting the mining properties recently purchased by the Melchett interests on or near Copper River with the Canadian National at or near Vanarsdol if the charter to build is granted, as it is confidently expected it will be. The remainder of the road to Kitimaat Arm is likely to lie in abeyance for some years, although the development of timber areas held by the railway promoters will eventually compel construction of the line as a timber road. It is not thought that the traffic from Copper River is likely to be diverted to Kitimaat, at any rate, not at present.

The railway to be built at present is approximately 40 miles in length and this will definitely connect the coal properties with Prince Rupert, through which port a good deal of business is likely to pass. It is not known where the big plants will be placed, but in any event connection of the line with the Canadian National insures the business going out very largely on their line. It is very probable that the line will be built of standard gauge and in such manner as to enable the C.N.R. to operate the business originating from it and thus save the new company the expense of providing railway equipment.

While nothing definite is known until the plans are finally approved in London, it is expected that large expenditures will be made in the neighborhood in installing plant for coking and manufacturing by-products. The representatives of the concern, who have been on the coast, are now in England, but they will be back here to place their proposal more definitely before the provincial government and the legislature in connection with their application for a charter.

RAILWAY BOARD ISSUES ORDERS

B. C. Electric Must Give Better Service to Burnaby Lake, Hearing Ashcroft Appeal

VANCOUVER, Jan. 9.—The Board of Railway Commissioners yesterday afternoon ordered the British Columbia Electric Railway to give a half-hourly service on the Burnaby Lake line in place of an hourly service after hearing the application of the municipality of Burnaby.

The Board also ordered the two daily trains of the Great Northern Railway to stop on flag signals at Ocean Park.

A complaint from the Ashcroft Cannery Ltd. that rates from Ashcroft to points on the prairies were discriminatory as compared with rates from other British Columbia canning points is now being heard with G. G. McGeer appearing for the company.

Four Immigration Schemes are Advanced to Solve Population Lack for Dominion of Canada

United Farmers Hear Interesting Paper on Subject in Which Whole Situation is Reviewed by Speaker

BRANDON, Man., Jan. 9.—(By the Canadian Press) —Four schemes, advanced to solve Canada's immigration problem, were outlined before the United Farmers of Manitoba today in the report on immigration, read by Mrs. F. Howell, women's representative for the Souris district. The report termed immigration "perhaps the most important question calling for public consideration today."

Virtually no comment was offered in the four mentioned plans, covered in the report, but an improvement in the immigration situation was reflected in the statement that "the attack on the minister of immigration and the controversy and discussion following have cleared the air and made possible a more intelligent understanding of the situation. An improved general view of the problem was recorded in the statement that the investigation of the parliamentary committee attacks "has also helped to remove from the public mind some ideas that had been carefully planted there, and perhaps encouraged for the furthering of certain purposes—partly political."

"No doubt there are still per- (Continued on page six.)

FOUR KILLED IN ENGLISH TRAIN WRECK

Accident Takes Place Only 30 Miles From Scene of Former Tragedy

ASHCHURCH, England, Jan. 9.—Working all night by the light of flares, rescue workers recovered four bodies from the wreckage of a passenger train which crashed into a freight near here last night. From 25 to 30 passengers were injured. The engineer of the express was killed and three passengers also lost their lives.

The accident occurred 30 miles from Charfield, where last October 15 persons were killed in a wreck.

FORMER PREMIER GETS SALARY OF \$8000

OTTAWA, Jan. 9.—Dr. J. D. MacLean, the newly appointed farm loan commissioner, started preliminary work in organizing the rural credits system. His salary will be \$8,000 yearly.

KING HAD A GOOD NIGHT

LONDON, Jan. 9.—It was authoritatively learned at Buckingham Palace shortly before noon today that King George passed a fair night and his condition remains unchanged. The King's physicians continue satisfied with his condition and it was generally recognized that only slow progress could be expected under the present circumstances.

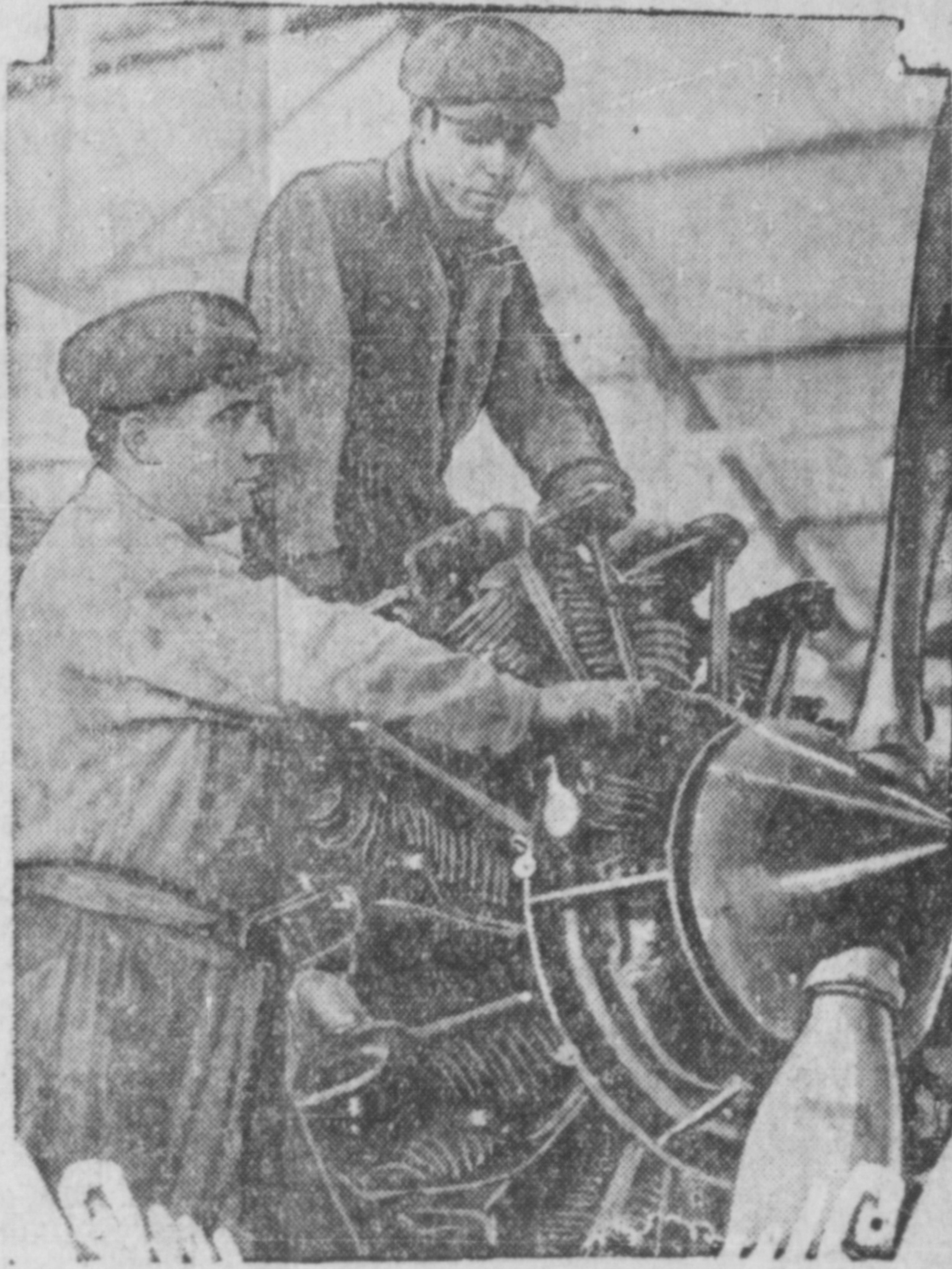
The 8:15 bulletin says: "The King had a quiet day. The local condition makes steady progress and there is a slight increase in strength."

PRESIDENT OF SURVEYORS

VICTORIA, Jan. 9.—Donald J. McGugan of New Westminster was today chosen president of the corporation of British Columbia Land Surveyors.

AFGHAN REBELS GAINING GROUND AROUND CAPITAL

NEW DELHI, India, Jan. 9.—Messages from Kabul, Afghanistan, today indicate that the rebels are gaining ground and pushing back King Ammandullah's troops in the neighborhood of the capital.



MOTOR OF WILKINS PLANE BEING USED IN THE ANTARCTIC THIS SEASON

Restriction of Immigration From Central and Southern Europe Is Policy of Dominion Government

OTTAWA, Jan. 9.—It is reported here that Hon. Robert Forke, minister of immigration, is planning to restrict immigration from central and southeastern Europe. The report suggests that the government will decline to renew the continental agreement with the railways which expires in October, 1930. The agreement enables the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific to bring agricultural and domestic workers from these countries to Canada if they are suitable.

BRANDON, Man., Jan. 9.—Renewal of the continental immigration agreement is impossible unless the department of immigration overrules the move of the house of commons, Hon. Robert Forke pointed out today. He indicated that the recommendation of the agricultural committee that the agreement should not be renewed had been accepted by the house following an investigation. Cessation of the agreement would be equal to a restriction of immigration from central and southwestern Europe.

"The government has the situation in its hands and it can squeeze tighter if it wishes," Mr. Forke said.

Premier Mackenzie King Replies to Labor Congress in Regard to Outstanding Questions of the Day

OTTAWA, Jan. 9.—The government proposes an expenditure on the establishment of laboratories for scientific research which will exceed many times its contribution to technical education, Premier Mackenzie King told the Trades and Labor delegation which waited on him yesterday outlining various changes that labor, as represented by them, would wish brought about.

The prime minister also forecast amendments to the Dominion Elections Act at the coming session. In this connection Mr. Mackenzie King asked the delegation if the Trades and Labor Congress had placed itself on record as favoring compulsory voting. President Tom Moore replied that it had not.

The Trades Congress had requested that the Dominion continue grants to the provinces for technical education. The government felt, the premier said, that it should get away from special grants to provinces. If there were to be any contributions they should be made as an adjustment of the subsidy payable to the province. The government felt that the provinces had been given a pretty good start in the matter of technical education.

Provincial Government Is Asked For Definite Reforms at Victoria

Returned Soldiers Have Their Demands and Railwaymen Also Make Number of Requests For Legislation

VICTORIA, Jan. 9.—The provincial cabinet yesterday heard delegations representing British Columbia's returned soldiers and railway workers.

The returned soldiers asked: Aid for soldier settlers in interest payments on federal loans.

Enfranchisement of Japanese who served with the Canadian expeditionary forces.

Inauguration of a new Oriental survey. Provision for higher education of disabled or deceased veterans' children.

Protection of the rights of returned men in the civil service.

The railway workers asked for: Reduction of provincial income tax to the federal level.

Increase in benefits under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Free text books for school children.

Elimination of level crossings and regulations forcing automobiles to stop before crossing railway tracks.

Establishment of a public utilities commission and to put an end to alienation of waterpowers.

Inauguration of a definite program of reforestation.

Adoption of health insurance immediately.

Medical inspection of persons handling food for public sale.

Dawson and Orme Throw Hats In the Ring for Aldermanic Honors at Forthcoming Election

P. H. Linzey Will Run Again and Tinker Is Considering the Matter, but W. J. Greer Is Retiring Definitely

"Yes, my hat is in the ring. You may tell your readers hat, at the request of some of my friends, I have consented to allow my name to be placed in nomination as aldermanic candidate at the forthcoming election," stated F. G. Dawson this morning. "I have made no promises or pledges, nor will I make any, except that, if the majority of the electors see fit to vote for me on January 17, I promise to keep faith with them and serve the city to the best of my ability for the next two years."

"We have had a long up-hill pull and have met with many disappointments, but I am convinced that the dawn is just about to break for Prince Rupert. The spade work carried out during the past few years by the city council, the Board of Trade and the citizens generally to produce results and the taking over of the hydro-electric system by the Power Corporation of Canada, which is pledged to the development of another 5000 horse-power within two years, means bigger things ahead for the city directly."

"If the electors think that I can in any way further their interests and the interests of the city, I am (Continued on page two.)

POWER COMPANY IS NOT BOUND TO SUPPLY POWER

VICTORIA, Jan. 9.—Under a ruling of the court of appeal today the West Kootenay Power & Light Company is not bound to supply electricity for Granby Consolidated's operations at Copper Mountain and its concentrator and other workings at Allenby.