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NEGLECTED SADLY

We wish it were possible to commend the Government for its activity on the Skeena River highway. On that subject the Government seems to be silent and so do local supporters of the Government. That is the sad thing. The men who were so keen to get the road when the Oliver Government was in office have lost their enthusiasm now. Possibly they will speak at the right time. We are hoping for better things, anyway. We cannot expect to get action unless all are united in the offort to secure it.

PROPOSED MOVE IS GOOD ONE

The proposed move of the Provincial Government to market to settlers the rich agricultural lands held by them along the line between Smithers and Prince George is a good one. Too much attention has been paid to the P. G. E. country and not enough to the Bulkley and Nechaco Valleys. What is needed is to have that country settled up as intensively as possible. We have more than once objected to the attention given the other sections of the country to the neglect of Central British Columbia valleys.

One thing it is to be hoped will be insisted upon and that is that sales will be made only to bona fide settlers. We do not want a repetition of Rattenbury lands fiasco. If some middleman makes a profit out of the lands the settlers make less. It is surely enough to have to clear those lands without having to pay for the privilege. If the Tolmie Government carries out the policy of settling the vacant lands of the interior, we feel sure it will receive the united support of the whole of Northern and Central British Columba in the enterprise.

MELBORNE AND PRINCE RUPERT

We have a communication from A. Tessier of Terrace enclosing a clipping in regard to high prices secured for real estate in the city of Melbourne. That city is 100 years old and Prince Rupert 20. He suggests that possibly Prince Rupert will be quite as wonderful a city as Melbourne in eighty years. He is right. It will be even more wonderful, for it will have had to overcome the inertia of citizens, the continual pounding of enemies, the snubs of friends and many natural handicaps. Yet, as he says, the city is wonderful already, for its age.

The Letter Box

FISH TRAPS

Editor, Daily News:—

In reference to the statement, given in your paper of yesterday's date to wit, that the commissioner, Judge J. N. Ellis, had given his finding in favor of traps, I would like to place before the public the following remarks:

It would appear that the commissioner favors traps to all and sundry, in the prescribed area for a limited time, to find out more conclusively in what direction the fish caught are travelling. This appears to me to be both foolish and dangerous, in the extreme. Why instal traps to find out the travelogue of salmon in these waters?

Fish can be caught, and tagging operations conducted on an extensive scale, which would provide the information desired, by already existent methods of fishing,i.e., either seining or trolling and as a fisherman, protest against this additional method of fishing, being granted to the canners under this guise.

If the reason is legitimate, then I consider, it is no kindness to the canners themselves, to allow them to spend considerable money for installation of traps, and then probably refuse them the following season.

One of the chief reasons submitted by the Canadian Fish Co. why traps should be granted to them, was because of the fact that they had run to considerable expense in 1925, and upon being refused these licenses in 1926 had lost heavily on their investment. I would call the attention of the public that right in the current issues of the Daily News there are nine trap sites being applied for, in this particular area, and this does not constitute any more than half of what will be placed there, as no mention is made of the B. C. Packers, who leave no grass growing under their feet in business competition.

FISHERMAN.

PLEA FOR SUPPORT OF THE PRINCE RUPERT MUSEUM

Editor, Daily News:—

The fact that there is in Prince Rupert a museum seems not to be generally known. As chairman of the Museum Board, I should like to lay before not only the citizens of Prince Rupert, but the whole northern portion of this province, the necessity of interesting ourselves in the matter.

Prince Rupert will, in the near future, be a great city, possibly the capital of a new province. It it already the terminal city of the greatest railroad on the American continent. It is the See city of two great religious denominations and is the natural distributing point for the whole of this northern district whether by land or water and will ultimately be the outlet for the coalfields and agricultural areas to the east of us.

It, too, is a central meeting place for the surrounding Indian tribes and will ever be the hub of the fishing industries of the North Pacific and will yearly be the objective of increasing thousands of tourists.

At the present time this district is rich in relics of a very ancient past—relics that represent an aboriginal civilization sufficient in itself for the natives were wholly self dependent There are homes both native and white possessing such relics or curios which in time will be lost if not properly carred for. The present owner may now appreciate, what a future one might deem rubbish and so destroy.

Why not present such articles to the museum where for all time they will bear your name. Few will ever see or care to see your tombstone, but hundreds of thousands in the ages to come will read that "you" presented "this" to the museum.

May I suggest that the canneries donate as complete outfit as possible of the old hand canmaking and canning machinery with samples of cans and labels.

This North Pacific is a veritable treasure house of interesting and unique marine life that can easily be preserved by careful drying. Fishermen and others might well make gifts of Medusa's hairs Crabs, Polyps (corals, etc.), Echinodermata (starfish, etc.), and hunters' and trappers' rare specimens of birds and fur bearing animals.

May I urge too, the natives of the various reserves both on the islands and mainland to donate sections covering, as fully as possible, their own peculiar tribal life.

It is hoped that every citizen will use his influence to boost so worthy an enterprise and help out financially by purchasing a 1929-30 membership ticket for one dollar. The money thus secured will enable the board to purchase, when it thinks advisable, articles that cannot otherwise be obtained.

Be loyal, give the youngsters an objective education, interest and entertain the old folk. Give visitors something to see, something to remember, and something to write and talk about.

W. F. RUSHBROOK.

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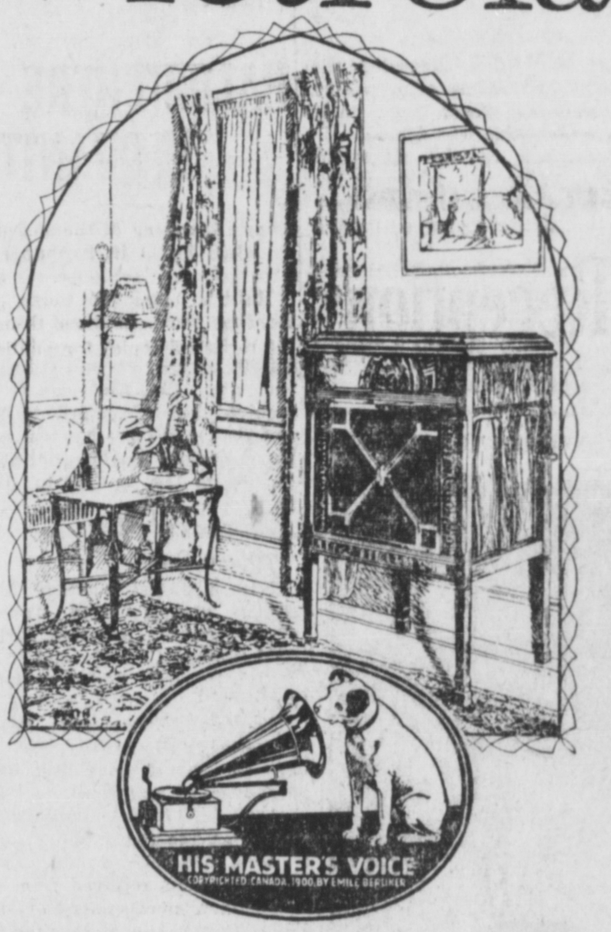

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