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ELEVATOR SITUATION

We are receiving several proposals to criticise the local elevator and the conduct of the business of the Alberta Wheat Pool. We do not think it would be wise to carry criticism any further at present. The Pool has publicly intimated that the business done through Prince Rupert will likely be better during the coming season. Until they show that they are not making good here, we suggest that criticism be withheld. Should the Pool again fail to give Prince Rupert a fair deal we shall ask all friends of Prince Rupert to join in a barrage which will make itself felt right through the prairies. Let us all hold back our ammunition but store it carefully.

CAN IT BE DONE?

There are those who say it is impossible to form a separate province without the support of the southern part. "It can't be done," is their dictum.

Is it possible? We think it is. In these democratic days most things are possible. If the northern part of the province is a unit in its demands for a separate government, it can be secured. All depends upon unity of action. If the people are to be divided into groups and parties in regard to the matter, then nothing can be achieved.

There is no doubt but that northern British Columbia is the richest part of the province and most people will agree that it is being exploited for the benefit of the south. Money going from this part of the province builds the roads in the other sections. Huge sums are being sent south from Queen Charlotte Islands in timber rentals and stumpage and the country is allowed to remain undeveloped. One mine in Stewart pays over \$100,000 in taxes and the district gets about \$35,000 back in appropriations. Prince George, which is the best treated of the districts, pays large sums into the provincial treasury and gets nothing like as much back as it pays. So with the other districts. See what a stumpage is paid on the poles and ties cut, and imagine what will be the mineral tax on the output of the mines at Smithers, Hazelton and Topley within the next few years. Yet the north is outvoted by the south and development will be retarded because of the loss of the money which is sent south.

It is difficult to secure figures to prove just how much money is collected in the north and sent south. We are, however, quite sure that we do not get anything like as much as we ought or as much as we should if we formed our own province and expended our own money.

NATIONAL HOLIDAY

Tomorrow is a national holiday and doubtless Prince Rupert people will enjoy it to the full. If the weather is suitable there will be games and sports at Acropolis Hill grounds that will prove most attractive. There will be a big civic dance in the evening which will doubtless be well attended. Some will go out on the water and enjoy life at the beaches or at the Salt Lakes. It should be a fine holiday if the weather man is kind.

IT DEPENDS ON YOUR POINT OF VIEW



(As Germany would have us see her, and as the Allies see her.)
—Doyle in the Philadelphia Record

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Trek of Homesteaders
Into Peace Country
is Wonderful Sight

Land of Open Type Is Gone; Most of Homesteads Left
Have Bush; All Along Main Roads Settlers
Working From Sunrise to Sunset

This is one of a series of six articles by H. F. Mullet dealing with the rapid concentration of settlers in Canada's great "inland empire," the Peace River district.

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By H. F. MULLETT

EDMONTON, May 23.—Though there are millions of acres of splendid land available to the homesteader in the Peace River country, there remains today very little open prairie land.

The terms "Grande Prairie," "Pouce Coupe prairie," "Rolla prairie," "Spirit River prairie," etc., are misnomers today, so far as the homesteader is concerned. There is no more prairie left. The axe and the brush-work must precede the plow.

This applies, too, to the million acres of land in the forest reserves of the Peace River block and its environs, which are rapidly being surveyed and thrown open to homestead settlement. Squatters going in ahead of the surveys, long ago sought out the open lands and settled them. Their claims are prior ones when the survey stakes run past the homes of these squatters, and so again, even in the new lands, there will be more or less brushing and light clearing to be done.

Today, all the way along the main roads both north and south of the river, settlers are pulling off into the bush, clearing a space for a house with the axe, and working from sunup to dark, carving out new homes, and apparently enjoying it.

Beyond Hythe, we pulled off the road into the bush, for a chat with Leonard Eid, of the Tupper Creek settlement, formerly from High River. We were attracted by the neatly piled stacks of cut wood, on the clearing facing the little log cabin, the evidence of much real hard work in the clearing of that first eight acres.

"We're 22 miles from Hythe here," said Mr. Eid. "We got hailed out at High River, so came up here into the bush. Yes, we've cut about 25 cords of wood off this eight acres."

"Fairly heavy bush, isn't it?" we commented. "It isn't anything at all to us folks who came originally from Wisconsin," grinned Eid. "There is lots bigger brush there, and you have to pay for your land, too, and then you get no price for what you grow. Here, the land's ours for the asking, and if they can grow A1 wheat at Pouce Coupe, reckon we can do it here, too."

Railroads Big Factor

All talk in the north this year is of railways—and the speculation is natural, in view of the fact that on June 1, the northern railways will be taken over from the province of Alberta, and operated jointly by the two transcontinentals, as the Northern Alberta Railways.

Undoubtedly, the rush into the new lands both north and south of the Peace this year, is in anticipation of early railroad extensions and the later hope of a coast outlet.

The possibility that the two "forks" of the existing railway, north and south of the river, may join again at some suitable point on the Peace adjacent to Hudson's Hope, and be thus continued as one line through the Rockies to the Pacific Coast is undoubtedly a factor in the settlement north and south of the river, beyond Rolla to Fort St. John on the south, and over the old Fort St. John trail, north of the river.

Pouce Coupe definitely counts on a railroad through there, within the next two or three years. Whether it will come first by way of the grade laid some years ago from Spirit River, or up from the south from the present end of steel at Hythe, the old-timers don't care much. All they know for certain is that there will be a railway into Pouce Coupe in short order!

Such a line passing through the highly mineralized ranges of the Rockies, with the best of coal, unlimited timber, vast and

untapped water power, and the possibility of precious minerals in addition, would do two things—it would stimulate settlement of the agricultural lands of the Peace still open, and it would provide industrial growth, too, thus giving to the Peace River country, that happy dual development of agriculture and industry, without which no country can be truly great.

This optimistic spirit that pervades the entire Peace River country is exemplified in a little incident at Pouce Coupe, when two men staged a race into the land office there, to see which would be the first one to file on a certain tempting homestead that had fallen vacant.

Hare and Tortoise

One man secured an auto the other, nothing daunted, set out on foot. The pedestrian homesteader got into the land office just as the would-be entrant, in a car that had given him every possible trouble on the road, shot around the corner into town, in a cloud of dust. A modern exemplification of the hare and the tortoise, this.

It is a wonderful sight, this trek of homesteaders into the fertile lands of the Peace. At the new towns—Fairview and Hythe, or at Grimshaw, from where settlers head for the Battle River country, there are scenes that fire the imagination and stir the blood, for here one senses the heartbeat of a new land in the making.

The sidings are a jumble of farm implements, household goods, bedding and all the impedimenta of the newcomer. Box cars hum with activity as their gaping maws disgorge still more assorted miscellanies to add to the piles already there.

Cattle mill restlessly round the corrals and there is a medley of sound—horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, chickens, geese, turkeys—all vocally protesting against this hurly-burly of activity which is the movement of settlers into the new lands far beyond the end of the steel.

Forty, fifty—a hundred miles beyond the railway north and south of the Peace, the homesteaders are going in, confident that that shining steel ribbon will follow them, on some happy day in the future.

But then, as one of them put it to us, "this here ain't pioneering. Why, look at the roads—look at the trucks rushing out

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