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THE NEW PROVINCE

The idea seems to have become prevalent here that the town of Stewart was opposed to the idea of a new province for the north. That fallacy is cleared up today by the publication of an article in this number written by a prominent Stewart man, who strongly urges the formation of a new province as an alternative to better treatment. We suggest that anyone interested in the matter of the development of northern British Columbia should read the article.

Either better treatment or sever the ties is the suggestion that comes from the mining centre of Portland Canal.

DAILY MAIL

The federal government has refused to give a daily mail during the summer for the district between Edmonton and Prince Rupert. The postmaster-general is not yet convinced of its necessity or desirability. The Prince Rupert Board of Trade has asked for it again and again. Individual Boards of Trade at the different towns and villages have asked for it. Edmonton has asked for it and the Associated Boards of Trade for central British Columbia have asked for it.

While we realize the desire of the postmaster-general to keep down expenses, at the same time, we think we are entitled to that daily mail. It is not a vital matter like the building of the road, but it is something we should have and we shall not be happy until we get it. All we suggest is that we renew our claim for it, not only through the Associated Boards, but individually early next year in time for it to be provided when the summer service opens. Perhaps by that time we can reinforce the demand by additional information. We are not asking for favors but simply for our rights.

SNOW ON PRAIRIES

There was snow on the prairies yesterday. It must not be thought that there was anything objectionable about that. Some districts were needing moisture and the snow will fill the purpose just as well as rain. Probably it is all gone now. While six inches of snow sounds rather wintery, it must be remembered that there has been snow in Prince Rupert in May without any particular harm to man or beast or growing things.



THE HUMBLE HOUSE WITH 7" SWELL GARAGE
—Evans in the Columbus Dispatch

COMPETITION ENDS NEXT WEEK

The suggestions for improving conditions in northern and central British Columbia have mostly been along one line. The building of a highway and the formation of a new province. While some valuable suggestions have been made, the last word has not been said and there is still plenty of room for others.

The competition will end definitely on Saturday of next week, after which the articles will be judged.

Must Have Roads or Sever Tie
That Binds North to South is
Opinion of a Stewart Writer

The location of the seat of government and the preponderance of population in the southern portion of the province has secured for the south a position which has been utilized to the fullest extent in forwarding the advancement of the southern area, and the general want of knowledge of the potentialities of northern and central British Columbia, coupled with more or less antagonism to the exploitation of resources outside of the south's immediate environments, has brought about conditions that must be remedied if the province is to maintain its unity.

It is much to be regretted that these conditions exist and unless a broader managed policy is manifested the now narrow breach between the north and south is bound to widen until separation results.

Throughout the south the general viewpoint—which has been largely fostered by one Vancouver newspaper—is that the province should be developed on lines that would mean the centralization of all traffic in Vancouver, the fact that the natural trend of traffic is by the shortest routes from the interior to the sea is ignored and in the carrying out of this policy the development of the northern interior on economic lines is retarded.

Vancouver, Prince Rupert, Stewart and the many towns as yet unborn that will some day occupy vantage points on the British Columbia coast are entitled to the business derived from the exploitation of the resources behind them, and with the natural development of these towns the real advancement of the province will have begun.

Independent Members

Prince Rupert has a vast territory directly tributary to it which should long ago have been rendered productive, but many years must pass under present conditions before much change for the better can be expected. With united independent representatives in the provincial legislature, pledged to no party, and with no policy other than the interests of northern and central British Columbia first, last and all the time, they would be in a position to obtain the just treatment denied by the many Liberal and Conservative governments that have come and gone, who, even had they wished could not have helped the north any more than southern influences would allow.

Failing the formation of an independent party the pledging of many present representatives to work for the good of the north even at the expense of party affiliations might accomplish results. Or the extension of the movement towards separation might be augmented, thus forcing on the south the decision whether to adopt a more generous attitude to the aspirations of the north or to suffer the loss of the greater portion of the province.

In the meantime, individually and through the Boards of Trade and publicity organizations, a wider knowledge of the potentialities of the north could be made more generally known, the compilation and publication of information in regard to mineral lands lying idle would undoubtedly stimulate prospecting by airplane, now extensively practiced in eastern Canada. Many discoveries of mineral by the placer miners in the early days which to them were valueless, today with these localities made known, the rediscovery of these prospective mines is assured.

Scenic Highways

Concurrently with the foregoing constant presentation to the government of the needs of the north in roads must be maintained, with requests based on scale in keeping with that in vogue in the south, where scenic highways have done much to increase profitable tourist traffic.

The connection of Prince Rupert with the road system of the province should be made the main issue for the people of northern and central British Columbia to unite on, and a movement started and prosecuted with vigor until the desired result has been obtained, with the creation of the Province of Cale-

donia the alternative.

Too long have we stood hat in hand for the meagre doles the powers that be have been inclined to give. The time has gone past when these measures would suffice, the northern half of the province has greater potential wealth in mineral and agricultural lands than is possessed by the south and only for the discrimination exercised the advancement of the north would have been many times greater than it is today.

What are we going to do about it? Waiting for better times under present conditions will mean that many years must pass before much advance can be expected, whereas by united efforts the whole situation can be changed, the power is in our own hands to force the recogni-

tion that is our due, or failing this, to sever the ever weakening tie that binds us to the south. (This excellent article is ineligible for the prize because it is too long.—Ed.).

TRY ESKIMOS
THIS SUMMER

Judge Dubuc to Officiate in Murder Case at Aklavik in Arctic

EDMONTON, May 15:—Two Eskimos now being held at Aklavik on criminal charges are to be tried at that far northern point this summer before Judge Dubuc, stipendiary magistrate for the northwest territories. According to word just received from Ottawa, E. C. Darling will be the crown prosecutor while Joseph A. Clarke will be counsel for the accused, both having been appointed by the minister of justice.

A charge of murder has been lodged against Okchina, an Eskimo, who is alleged to have killed another native named Ok-suk, at Bathurst Inlet. Lily Sarniyak will be tried on a charge of infanticide alleged to have been committed at Demarcation Point in the Yukon Territory. Both prisoners are now in the custody of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Aklavik. Arrangements for the judicial



"WHAT A GOVERNMENT"
—From The Humorist, London.

party to leave Edmonton for the kenzie River. The trip will take far north are being made by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, to complete. It is expected that the party will leave here about June 16 in time to take passage on the first trip of the s.s. Distributor after break up of the ice in the Mac-

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