

THE DAILY NEWS

PRINCE RUPERT - BRITISH COLUMBIA

Published Every Afternoon, Except Sunday, by Prince Rupert Daily News, Limited, Third Avenue
H. F. PULLEN - - - Managing-Editor

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

City delivery, by mail or carrier, yearly period, paid in advance \$5.00
For lesser period, paid in advance, per month .50
By mail to all parts of Northern and Central British Columbia, paid in advance for yearly period 3.00
Transient display advertising, per inch, per insertion 1.40
Transient advertising on front page, per inch 2.80
Local readers, per insertion, per line .25
Classified advertising, per insertion, per word .02
Legal notices, each insertion, per agate line .15
Or four months for 1.00
By mail to all other parts of British Columbia, the British Empire and United States, paid in advance, per year 6.00
By mail to all other countries, per year 7.50

DAILY EDITION



Monday, May 13, 1929

HISTORY OF NEGLECT

The city of Prince was founded over twenty years ago. It was located in the woods at the end of the new transcontinental railway. Roads were not much in demand, except within the city, and these were constructed and paid for by the city from the time of incorporation.

The first demand was for a road around Kaien Island, which would be used largely for tourist purposes and for the pleasure of the residents. Even up to that time there was no conception of a trunk road connecting Prince Rupert with the outside world. So strong became the pressure for a road just before the 1916 election that the Bowser government started work about two miles from the city opposite the entrance to the harbor and a thousand feet was graded. It was intended to have this connected up with the city and continued to the mouth of the Skeena River and eventually around Kaien Island, including a road to the top of the mountain.

The Bowser government went down to defeat and work was at once stopped and so little was the matter pressed by the citizens that it was several years before a survey was made along the other side of the island and work commenced in a modest way, the construction being done by day work under a provincial government foreman.

Gradually the idea of a trunk road system was growing and when the Oliver government laid down its road policy the Skeena River highway was included through the insistence of the local member, who happened at the time to be minister of lands. The government was not very enthusiastic, for money was tight and population in the north was sparse.

As it became evident that the whole country from Terrace to McBride would be linked up before long and this system eventually be connected with the Alberta boundary and through to Edmonton, Prince Rupert people began to become impatient and insistent for more speed in road building. A contract was let for five miles, carrying the highway as far as Galloway Rapids, and some work was done on the other side of the rapids leading toward Port Edward and a survey carried a good deal beyond that point. There was an assurance from the government that the bridge would be built in 1929 and the work of construction also carried on without interruption. Then came the election. The government went out of power and Premier Tolmie was asked to form an administration, which he did. These men seem to be out of touch with the situation and out of sympathy with the aims and aspirations and just needs of Prince Rupert. We say "seem to be." Possibly they have definite plans which they will carry out, but, in the meantime, the work is stopped.

OTHER PLACES SERVED

There are roads at Terrace, roads at Hazelton and at all other points between there and Prince George. Construction is being carried on rapidly out of Prince George. Even McBride has good driving roads which extend for many miles. Little points on Queen Charlotte Islands are connected up, but Prince Rupert remains the only place of any importance in the whole country which is without a place to drive except for the six miles between here and Galloway Rapids. We cannot even get a bridge across the rapids so that we may get to the mainland.

Prince Rupert people have been accused of being a lot of submissive sheep, willing to stand for anything. It is time they denied the allegation by showing that they have spunk enough to demand either that they be given their rights or allowed to govern themselves.

Prince Rupert is the natural market for the people of the interior. It is entitled also to a share of the tourist business which other points enjoy. It is entitled to some of the modern means of transportation.

If the whole of northern and central British Columbia were to combine, to force the hands of the government to either develop the country or give them the right to form a new province, there would soon be action taken. It is to be hoped that a definite program will be formulated for the convention of the Associated Boards of Trade. All places in the territory are affected by the present lack of system in carrying on the development of the country.

We do not wish to make this a political question. The former Conservative government was lax. The Liberal government was lax and now it seems as if this present administration had both beaten a mile in laxity over the road situation. They are exploring but not building. We shall be the first to give them credit when we see activity but at present there is none, at any rate, none visible on the surface.

FASHION FANCIES



CLOTH OF GOLD AND SATIN FOR EVENING WEAR

Noted Parisienne designer, Agnes, creates this costume of white satin, with beaded silk trimmings, for evening wear. The wrap is cloth of gold, with same trimmings, and collar and cuffs of gray fox.

The Letter Box

WANTS ANCIENT DOCUMENTS

Editor, Daily News,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

For many years the archives department of British Columbia has been collecting the records of the pioneers and has amassed a great quantity of manuscript material, photographs, etc., which forms a wonderful repository of historical information and is also a tribute to the memory of our pioneers. It is well that there should be in the capital of the province a department, one of whose duties is the collection and reverential care of material relating to those who pioneered in our great province and laid the foundations for our present prosperity. In your district there may be some pioneers or their descendants who have in their possession original letters, diaries, account books, journals, note books, photographs or other material which ought properly to find a resting place in the provincial archives. If so, I beg to make an appeal to them to deposit the same with the department, which would be proud to receive them, and to take every possible care of them for all time. All too often the original manuscripts or papers of our pioneers disappear. Sometimes they are unthinkingly

destroyed. In other cases they are simply buried away and forgotten, and there is in any case always a danger of loss by fire, whereas at Victoria the documents are kept in an absolutely fireproof building. No matter how trivial or unimportant certain papers may seem to their owner, they may have a distinct value in after years. The undersigned will welcome correspondence from any persons in your district having any class of the above mentioned material in their possession, with a view to the same being acquired by purchase or gift for the provincial archives.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN HOSIE,

Provincial Archivist, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

Union steamer Catala, Capt. A. E. Dickson, arrived in port at 7 o'clock last evening from the south and sailed at 9 p.m. for Anyox, Stewart and other northern points of call whence she will return here tomorrow morning and sail south at 3:30 p.m. Passengers coming north on the Catala included: C. Chalberg, George W. Kerr, H. C. Gibbs, R. C. Willis, S. F. Smith, L. Sheppard, E. E. Orchard, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. W. Duff and J. Felber, for Prince Rupert; A. W. Blaney, for Stewart; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Pickett, for Alice Arm, and Mrs. Bozick and D. C. Robertson, for Anyox.

WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST MEANS TO ADVANCE INTERESTS OF NORTHERN AND CENTRAL B. C.? PRIZES ARE OFFERED

The Daily News invites suggestions as to the best means of advancing the interests of northern and central British Columbia. As a recognition of our interest in the subject, we offer three prizes for the best suggestions put forward in a brief newspaper article not to exceed 500 words. First prize, \$5; second prize, a year's subscription to The Daily News; and third, six months' subscription to the paper.

A school boy or school girl is just as likely to win the prize for this as is a grownup. Write on one side of the paper only and mail addressed: Contest Editor, The Daily News, Prince Rupert, B.C.

THE

William Booth Centenary



Self Denial Campaign

MAY 1 TO MAY 15

In Aid of Our Missionary and Home Work

When called upon please give liberally

The true purpose of a Budget

EVERY year you spend a large proportion of the money you get. So much for clothing. So much for shoes. So much for things to eat—for house furnishings, books and what not.

Here is the way to get the most for your money.

Keep a budget. Decide what you can afford to spend for each item, and hold yourself within this amount.

Then—to get the most for your budget money read advertisements carefully. The advertisements you read tell you what is newest and best. They give you the latest ideas and improvements. They help you to get more from each dollar you have apportioned in your budget—and so live better and dress better with the same income.

The true purpose of a budget is to enable you to spend wisely—and only by careful reading of advertising can you hope to accomplish this result.

Read advertising regularly. It points the way to better living.

Daily News Want Ads. Bring Quick Returns