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## What of Alaska?

ALASKA was represented by only one delegate at the annual convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia and the Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of South-eastern Alaska. A well-known and popular young lady—Miss Elizabeth Winn, Juneau newspaper-woman—came, bearing a number of resolutions on important matters of mutual concern between Alaska and central British Columbia, particularly the port of Prince Rupert, which she capably piloted through the convention.

So there could be no complaint about the quality of the representation which Alaska had at the convention. However, it was something much to be regretted that there should not have been more quantity and broader representation.

It is some years now since forward-looking members of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, realizing the importance of Prince Rupert's strategic position as gateway to Alaska, commenced the goodwill movement in relation to the territory. We remember the response which we received from enthusiastic business men and community leaders, particularly of Ketchikan, our nearest neighbor, who brought lively energy and new ideas to Associated Boards' conventions of recent years. In 1947 we even had the Governor of Alaska here. And, in other years, there were strong delegations at Associated Boards conventions here and elsewhere. But where were they all this year?

In view of the new industrial development of southeastern Alaska—the pulp mill at Ketchikan, the plywood mill at Juneau, the newly reopened sawmill at Wrangell, the expanding fishing industry, the increasing tourist travel—the service that the port of Prince Rupert, the Canadian National Railways and the Skeena River highway have to offer, to say nothing of the market that could be created in Alaska for central interior agricultural products, would appear to be of more significance than ever today in relation to the territory.

It is particularly disappointing, therefore, that we should have seen so few of our Alaska friends at the convention.

There are, of course, powerful influences at work to keep trade and traffic with Alaska within the old channels and away from its natural course through this port. But the new arteries of transportation such as a ferry service between the Haines Highway and Prince Rupert as well as from other southeastern Alaska ports to Prince Rupert will in time help to release the territory from its shackles.

The Alaskan resolutions, most of which would have effect along such lines, were endorsed with enthusiasm by the convention.

Now, it would be well if we continued to do everything in our power to see that Alaskans themselves maintain their interest in this port and district now that prosperity is again coming their way after a season of dull days.

For it is as certain today as it ever was that the trade and economy of Prince Rupert and Alaska, particularly southeastern Alaska, must become more and more closely associated.

## As I See It



by  
Eimore  
Philpott

IT IS one of the strange facts of these queer times that the most important news is buried in a few lines on the financial pages of our papers.

One such item says that Hon. Douglas Abbott, Graham Towers, John J. Deutsch and Louis Rasminsky are flying to Washington to "try and find relief for Canada's hard pressed gold mining industry."

But—the B.U.P. report states quite frankly "prospects for success of their mission, however, appear dim." I would call that a masterpiece of understatement. For what Canada's top money men are asking is that the International Monetary Fund permit Canada to sell gold on the free market, for as much as it is really worth. But the International Monetary Fund is controlled by the U.S.A., and its basis is that gold can only be legally sold by member nations at the rate, fixed by the IMF governors, of \$35 per ounce (U.S. funds).

That means, over the years, that the U.S. is accumulating most of the gold of the WESTERN world at a price far below its real value.

CANADA is the most gullible goose in all the world, for Canada lays her golden eggs plumb in Uncle Sam's lap by means of this high-sounding International Monetary Fund.

Incidentally, the Social Crediters were the only political party in Canada who were wide awake enough at the time to warn the country of the dangers that might result from the Bretton Woods Agreement, out of which came this International Monetary Fund. No matter how far off the beam the S.C. party has gone, since it "struck it rich" and went arch-conservative with the upgushing oil, it was surely right then.

The IMF is a fool arrangement, so far as Canada is concerned, when it forces us to sell our gold at \$35 per ounce when we could get \$40 per ounce for it in New York on the free market—or over \$50 for it if we sold it in Hong Kong or India.

NOBODY outside Russia knows how much gold is being produced in the Soviet Union—but it is known to be large. But the figures for the rest of the world are significant. In 1949 production was 30,900,000 ounces. South Africa was highest producer, with 11,705,000 ounces, and Canada next with 4,104,000. The U.S. produced 1,922,000 ounces.

In most of 1950 the U.S. was a heavy seller of accumulated gold—no less than \$1,800,000,000 moved outward. But most of this was due to the flight from the U.S. dollar.

In other words the arch-capitalists of the U.S.A. were using part of their vast financial resources to buy up real properties—like oil wells in Canada and other countries. Moreover, the sudden, sharp inflow of gold to Britain and other sterling countries was a short-lived trend.

Uncle Sam still has more than two-thirds of all the gold in the world (outside Russia) buried in those caves in Kentucky.

Canada's gold is a mighty asset in these troubled times. But Canada should cut loose from the International Monetary Fund if that is the only way in which we can regain our own right to sell our own gold for what it is really worth.

How dumb can we get? Why should Canada make to Uncle Sam what amounts to a straight gift of \$5 to \$15 per ounce on every ounce of gold mined in this country?

J. C. Arseneau, after visiting here, left today on the Camosun to return to Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. James Goodacre have been visitors in the city since the week-end.



## Thinks C.N.R. Hotel Needed

George Murray, M.P. for Cariboo, who is getting known as one of the most enthusiastic advocates of the port of Prince Rupert and who sees potentialities here that some of the regular residents may not perceive, told the Daily News that there should be a Canadian National Railways hotel here. He felt that the city should not be backward about asking for it.

"What other city is there in the country the size and importance of Rupert that has not a first class hotel?" asked Mr. Murray.

He felt that a real sumptuous hotel could be supported here. Many tourists would stop over here if they were offered good hotel facilities.

NEW COMMAND—A wartime pilot who rose from the ranks. Group Capt. Robert S. Turnbull, 33, of Winnipeg, has been named director of personnel administration in the R.C.A.F. With a heavy bomber squadron in the Second World War, he rose from sergeant to wing commander in 11 months.  
(CP from National Defence)

## ray.. Reflects and Reminisces

Due to a more regulated life, animals, observes a contemplative friend, seem to live longer in captivity than in their wild state. The same goes for married men as statistics prove.

### HOPE ON!

While the summer of 1951 was divinely fair, it was not quite possible to convince everybody that this was the banana belt. But with a beautiful and roomy orange-colored bus now in use here, there should at least be some further encouragement.

### SOME OTHER TIME

How many Canadians have seen their own Federal Parliament? We cannot say, but it ought to be a good guess that, out of the twelve or thirteen millions, there are not so many. We'll bet that hundreds of thousands have lived a lifetime within convenient reach of Ottawa and never been across the city limits. Everyone knows about the reluctance of Tom, Dick and Harry to get up and shout for Canada. But you would think they could have enough curiosity to spend a day in Ottawa. It's not that uninteresting.

### LOAFING IN GALLERY

We were in Ottawa once, long before the wartime fire that destroyed the first parliamentary building—sent from a Montreal newspaper office, with instructions to return with a copy of Mr. Fielding's finance speech. This was a business and not a sight-seeing trip. But it was not unpleasant to sit in the press gallery, look down on the austere heads of the Dominion's lawmakers, and watch the correspondents making hurried notes.

As for Laurier's Minister of Finance, he was a calm methodical, grey-bearded man with a renown for the prudent handling of state funds. It was hard to say if he made a speech, or read a number of documents and prosy sounding statements, placing page after page, as he concluded, on his desk. At any rate, his colleagues appeared to find satisfaction in what they heard.

Food rations overseas are being further trimmed. There are certain kinds of food consumers like a bit better than something else. How about bacon at breakfast? Nothing to equal it! It's that way you feel sometimes anyhow. And cheese? Why of course. A craving comes lots of times... both are rationed good and plenty.

Labor Day's Trout Derby was largely a failure but, perhaps, that's jumping at conclusions. All know it's taken for granted that mountain-girl Lake Khattada is where all the hefty ones come from. That's been the rule ever since there was a Prince Rupert. But possibly there was a misunderstanding somewhere about competition the first Monday. It seems agreed that fishing flopped but there are more experts with rod and line that fish—as well as haunts in the hills where you feel that alluring "tug."

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## Freight Trucking To Prince George

PRINCE GEORGE — Prince George looks for a heavy trucking business to develop here from the Peace River district and off the Alaska Highway once the Hart Highway through the Peace Pass from Fort St. John is completed and opened to traffic next year.

## twenty years ago In Prince Rupert

Ald. S. D. Macdonald was named as delegate last night to represent Prince Rupert at the annual convention of the Trades and Labor Council at Vancouver. Ald. James Black was named alternate delegate.

HMCS Skeena, Canada's new destroyer, arrived here this morning from Esquimalt on her first visit to this port. Captain is Commander Victor G. Brodeur.

Mayor Orme announced this morning that definite arrangements had been made for 100 men to get relief work Monday. The men will prepare camps for those who are to work on the highway in winter.

## Court Frees Mr. Pattullo

VICTORIA — Former President T. D. Pattullo has been freed by Magistrate H. C. Hall in police court here on a charge of dangerous driving. The case arose out of a collision which Mr. Pattullo had several weeks ago with another driver, Frank Sails.

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## VOTE MICHAEL KRUEGER FOR ALDERMAN



## "What's new?"

AS HE PULLS UP at the end of his day's run, it's just his friendly way of saying "hello". But if there is some important development in town, he expects his friend the bank manager will know about it: ... plans for enlarging the school ... the chance of a new factory opening up ...

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## To the Electors of Prince Rupert

Having been requested by a large number of Ratepayers of this City to allow my name to go before the Electors' office of Mayor at the forthcoming Election, Thursday, September 13th, I have consented to do so.

In doing so I fully realize the responsibilities of the office, and, if elected, will press upon the Council for a progressive and sane administration of Civic affairs.

In the matter of providing the City with Electric Power for the next 25 years, the City should explore every avenue available before submitting to the Taxpayers any contract, nature, as we have seen requirements unprovided for by Northern B.C. Power Corporation during their present term with the City. And in view of the Hydro development the Alcan operation adjacent to this City we should with caution before any future contract is consummated electric energy for this City.

Our domestic water system must be given first consideration by the Council. With the present use of water by the B. C. Power Corporation, there should be some improvement regarding Woodworth Lake water, so that the City is relieved of booster pumping costs, and an assurance of a flow of water to our reservoir. The question of an extension of water should also receive serious attention. It is suggested that the old Grand Trunk water system on Cliff Street be surveyed and a report made to Council as to renewing the Dam, length of pipe required to connect mains, and amount of water storage to be obtained.

A survey of assessments on City and Industrial should be carried out so that Taxation on land and buildings would be made equitable.

A plan for the complete drainage system of our City should be drawn up without delay.

An investigation by Council as to why street improvements were not carried out this season and if steps should be taken to reorganize the department, so that better service can be given the ratepayers of the City.

I stand for an immediate commencement of the Problem of this City, and will do all in my power through council to see that this project is carried out.

If elected I will do all in my power to see that there is given an administration that will reflect in accordance with growth and the wishes of the Taxpayers for progress and development.

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