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Receive Them Well

PRIDE in the triple victory of Prince Rupert's Job's Daughters drill team at Richmond was evident everywhere yesterday as news of their success was read from one end of the city to the other.

To whom should go the credit? First of all, to the girls themselves. They have given so much of their time and their very hearts for perfection in the varied manoeuvres they performed so expertly.

Then, to their instructor, Alex Mitchell. Always enthusiastic and keen for perfection, Mr. Mitchell has been able to spread his enthusiasm to his students, and they vie with one another to achieve the high standard desired.

And credit also is due to the parents of the girls. Often, at much sacrifice they back up the team to their limit. Now they have gratification. And to the many others who through their interest and support made the team possible, its success is their greatest reward.

More publicity has come to Prince Rupert through the success of our Job's Daughters than could be realized through years of organized paper work in public relations.

And in all their many contacts in the various centres they have visited in the last few years, nothing but praise has been given by the people they met for their circumspect behaviour. That is advertising and publicity of the highest character.

Prince Rupert has big reasons to be proud of the Job's Daughters. Their return to this city a week from today should be suitably acknowledged and a proper welcome planned and staged.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Hearken . . . O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways."—Prov. 8:32.

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As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Who Clogs Wheat?

A BRITISH official, who won't let the press print his name, says he is very worried because of the hold-up in Canadian wheat shipments.

If war were to break out this fall, he says, Europe would just about starve before the stockpiles could be built up again.

That fellow may be unduly alarmist. But on my visit to Saskatchewan I did come on one little mystery which needs a bit of explaining.

That is, when British ships came into Churchill this year, via the famous Hudson Bay route, there was not enough wheat on hand to fill them up for the return voyage.

Several of them had to go back to Britain in ballast—despite the fact that the supposed saving on shipment via the Hudson Bay works out at about six cents per bushel.

The only explanation that I was able to get—and I thought it pretty feeble—was that even the Wheat Pool prefers to ship through ports where it has its own elevators.

IN A RECENT speech to the Empire Society in London Mr. Graham Spry, the agent general for Saskatchewan, showed that 1950 shipments via Hudson Bay were the greatest in history. About seven million bushels of wheat went out, via The Bay, in a shipping season of 76 days as compared with the average of 66. Hull insurance rates were reduced for the second time in two years.

Mr. Spry is candid enough to say: "It cannot be said, however, that the Hudson Bay route has yet played an influential economic role as a competitive factor influencing the cost and direction of wheat movement outward or of finished goods inward."

Last year's wheat shipment of seven million bushels was less than four per cent of the prairie wheat deliveries—enough to cause complaints in Montreal but not enough to change conditions in Western Canada.

ACCORDING to an official survey made from actual documents by Mr. W. J. Hansen of Regina, here are the actual savings on shipments via Churchill against Montreal. The figures are in percentage of factory

Timber Becomes One Of North's Main Revenue Sources

The increasing development of the industries dependent on the forests in the Prince Rupert forest district naturally draws the attention of the people to the importance of the timber resources of the area. The district stretches from Cape Caution, opposite the northern tip of Vancouver Island, in the south to the B.C.-Alaska-Yukon boundary in the north, and from Queen Charlotte Islands in the west to Endako.

In figures this covers an area of 67,000,000 acres or over 100,000 square miles, almost a third of the province. This is an empire in itself.

In the northern unorganized part supervision is of necessity somewhat casual but generally speaking the whole area is adequately covered by a staff consisting of about 50 permanent employees and another 50 semi-permanent and seasonal workers. In addition to the headquarters staff at Prince Rupert, there are rangers, assistant rangers, look-out units and control centres. A private forest radio set-up has province-wide connections and regular telephone and telegraph services are used as supplementary aids.

Strangely enough, in a district that has heavy rainfall the problem of forest fires is very difficult. People do not regard

the fire hazards as imminent and when fires do not occur they become apathetic. Then when fires do occur the fine edge of preparedness has often worn off.

This present season had serious hazard periods but fortunately they were of short duration. One serious one occurred at Perow where four sawmills were destroyed as well as logs and lumber products. Fortunately, five other mills were saved. The fire was due to sawmill operation. One fair-sized fire occurred at Gardner Canal but it was checked.

For field work there are nine ranger headquarters in the district. These are located at Prince Rupert, Queen Charlotte City, Ocean Falls, Terrace, Hazelton, Smithers, Houston, Burns Lake and Southbank on Francois Lake. The Prince Rupert headquarters correlates and supervises the work of the stations in this large district.

Examination of records shows that there are 1378 logging operations, active or pending in the area. In the coastal area, there are 30 sawmills of which 24 are active. In the interior, the dividing line being the Cascade ridge at Terrace, there are 212 sawmills of which 198 are active. This gives a total of 222 active sawmills. For the six-month period ending June 1949 log scale production amounted to 89,747,000 feet board measure. For the first six months of 1950 the total\* was 100,108,000 board feet, an increase of more than 10 per cent over the corresponding period a year ago.

Much of this increase is due to the operations of the Columbia Cellulose Company. But an interesting development is taking place at Juskaia, where the Kelley Logging activities will likely expand into one of the biggest on the Queen Charlotte Islands. The Cellulose operation at Khutzamatzen Inlet is another expanding venture.

The total log production for the district for 1949 amounted to 258,000,000 board feet of which 84,000,000 were produced from the interior division. An increase for the coast area is anticipated this year.

The total value of production in 1949 at natural B.C. market prices at mills or loading points was \$8,000,000. This includes all timber products. The most valuable consists of saw logs, which may include logs for pulp. Other products include poles (chiefly cedar), piling (chiefly hemlock), hewn railway ties, cordwood and fenceposts. The present rates should increase. Actually there is an interesting development in the matter of comparative values of species of timber. A year ago spruce, coast and white, was the most valuable, but more recently western hemlock has moved into first place. About one-third of the value of production comes now from hemlock, one-quarter from spruce and one-sixth each from bassam and western red cedar. To the pulp and paper interests the hemlock is more valuable while for the lumber mills spruce ranks first.

The assurance of a continuous demand for products of the forests in this area will have an advantageous effect on the economy of the whole district. It will be no mere seasonal or temporary activity. In this connection it is interesting to recall that the first forest management licence issued in the province was that granted to the Columbia Cellulose Co. at Watson Island. One feature of this government measure is that through agreed-upon reforestation procedures a permanent stand of timber will always be assured. No more will there be logged-off areas without replacement. And as the growth of the forest will be assured so will the prosperity of the district be certain.

Costs, for goods landed at either Saskatoon or Regina: Motor cars 5.7%, Lathing 35.0%, Steel cabinets 7.8%, Window glass 17.0%. The lowest saving on any goods listed was 2.2 per cent.

HERE IS ONE of the ironies of history: The Canadian government is preparing to build a whole model city in northern Saskatchewan. It is to be called Uranium City. Recent visitors tell me there are warning signs out, telling workmen not to scatter tin cans or other trash about, or otherwise to deface the landscape.

Yet the planes of the El Dorado Mining Company (which is owned lock, stock and barrel by our Canadian government) fly into Uranium City with a tell-tale sign painted on the fuselage. It is a very graphic picture of an atom bomb explosion.

Don't blame our government for this. It is probably the work of some feeble joker in the Crown company service. But somebody should tell the guy "ain't funny, McGee."

Any atomic war would be a two-way affair, and I for one would not bet any money that Uranium City would indefinitely remain a medal for all town planners, able to concentrate on such matters as empty pork-and-bean cans.

Services in the Church

Saturday Sermon Not Worthy (By Rev. Basil Prockter, St. Andrew's Cathedral)

So you stayed away because you thought you were not good enough. You are correct in that self-estimate. You are not good enough. But while that might keep you out of any other association of human beings, it should never keep you from Christian worship or the Holy Communion.

We don't go there because we are good but because we are bad and know that we are bad. We go because we are sinners in the need of the Saviour. The Church is like the doctor's office. We go because we need to go. But whereas the doctor is concerned only with sicknesses that can be "fixed up," the Saviour is concerned with the inherent sickness of the soul from which we are never completely free in this world, though we believe that we shall be free by His forgiveness and power. And our only present peace and strength is in the measure of freedom and forgiveness that we can receive here and now.

On its human side the Church is an association of wicked people who desire goodness and forgiveness. It is an association of people who have failed and yet have found joy because they have learned to look away from themselves to Him who alone is worthy of their adoration and attention.

And having started to develop the art of looking away from themselves they catch the vision of the world and their communality as it is seen by God's Compassion and in His strength and for His sake they are glad to take a share in the spreading of His Love.

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