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FLY ON THE WHEEL

Most people remember the fable written by Aesop which tells of the fly sitting on the wheel of the chariot which thought it was the motive power that made the chariot go. So today we find many people who think the world would not revolve if anything should happen to them.

Usually when some event happens which benefits the city there are a dozen claimants for the honor of having brought it about and often those who get the credit are not those who did the real work.

There are often amusing instances of the fly on the wheel of the chariot, but the fly is swept off and the chariot goes on and few people ever knew the fly was there.

IS POOL LOSING?

What many people are wondering today is whether the Wheat Pool is losing out in its effort to stem the falling market. For some time they seemed to be successful but today the prices are down and there is still a great deal of wheat in the Canadian elevator bins.

The Pool reports that it has made regular sales of wheat each month and that will be some protection but if it has to sell the bulk of its holdings at present prices there will be murmurs of discontent from the farmers. There is also a possibility of the price going lower than it is today.

If you have nothing to give but advice, join the proletariat and become a leader of men.

Full Speed Ahead Soon

Many people do not realize that the Northern Power Company, a subsidiary of the Power Corporation of Canada, is really constructing a large hydro-electric plant to serve the city of Prince Rupert and adjoining territory. The site for the plant is being prepared and the right-of-way for the high-power lines connecting Big Falls on the Ecstall River with the city is being cleared and that during September next it is expected to turn on the power from the first unit.

What does this mean to Prince Rupert? It means that the largest power corporation of Canada has faith in the future of the city and district and already sees a market for its product.

Under the impetus of the new movement, Prince Rupert will grow. Industries will be developed and all will feel the benefit.

Prince Rupert people must prepare for the change. New buildings will be necessary. If there are no vacant houses in the city today, what will be the condition when people begin to come in?

The Daily News is alive to the situation and is laying its plans. Others must do the same if they are to keep pace with the new Prince Rupert.

NEW FISHERY REGULATIONS OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WERE DISCUSSED

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week. The only way we can get that is by keeping the total gear in any area below that set by the Dominion Government. The Provincial regulations take care of that by not permitting the canneries to fish more gear than the allotment. If more canneries were permitted they would require more gear, which, in turn, would prevent the five days fishing per week.

"I am told that these regulations of the Provincial Government have aroused certain fears in the minds of the fishermen. One is that a restriction of cannery licenses even for five years will limit their market, will create a monopoly and therefore limit the price at which they can sell their fish.

"Mr. Howe's answer to that was that if the committees of the canners and fishermen could not agree on prices then it would be put up to the arbitration act of B. C., which means that the canners would appoint one arbitrator, the fishermen another. These two then appoint a third. If they cannot agree on a third man then a supreme court judge appoints this third. Nothing could be fairer in the settlement of price disputes.

Regarding Trollers

"Another fear or concern is that certain trollers might find trolling unprofitable say during July and these men would want to go gill netting. They would go to the cannery and find their rating full up. This is a situation which is not likely to happen. It is not asking much of a troller to decide by June 20 whether or not he wishes to change over to gill netting for the next 60 days.

"I will say this—that not a single troller who wants to go gill netting and so decides previous to June 20 will be prevented from doing so. The men who own their own boats such as the trollers are invariably the best class of fishermen and the best fishermen are naturally the ones whom we are most desirous of having fish for us.

"Still another question asked is the one as to who is to be left out in cutting the gill nets on the Skeena from 1100 to 932.

The ones who will be left out will be the men whom we ordinarly bring up from other occupations to fill our sail boats. In other words, they are holiday-makers who come up for the 60 days of sockeye fishing between June 20 and August 20.

"I might say that the cut on the Skeena will not be quite so drastic as appears because included in the 1100 fishermen of last year were perhaps 100 spring fishermen and part of these will be fishing for cold storages and fresh fish dealers who do not come under these regulations.

Inherent Rights

"The final argument which I have heard is that these regulations will interfere with the inherent rights of our people. Gentlemen, that resounding phrase is one which is heard every time anyone wishes to appeal to your emotion and not to the intelligence of your mind. China at present is enjoying that inherent freedom and she will never have a decent standard of living there until she gives up some of those so-called inherent rights.

"On the one hand, the Dominion Government have made regulations which are wise and necessary for salmon conservation. But if extra closed season are imposed the industry will suffer a very serious loss. A loss which concerns not only the operators but every fisherman and merchant on this coast.

"On the other hand the Provincial Government have proposed regulations which will avert this loss and which will permit profitable operation of the industry both for operators and fishermen for the next five years.

"I leave you to judge whether or not this proposed legislation is justified."

Fishermen's Views

Charles Lord, who replied on behalf of the Salmon Fishermen's Association, covering the same ground and using practically the same arguments used at the meeting with the City Council, which were fully reported at that time. He told of the meetings with Mr. Howe in Victoria and how the new policy was sprung on them at a meeting called for the purpose. The New Westminster fishermen's local had asked to limit the number of licenses on the Fraser River to those who had fished the previous year and this was taken as a pretext for the present scheme.

In regard to the Skeena River, there were 1108 gill net licenses issued last year and Mr. Howe's rating gave them 932, of which 295 were Japanese, in addition to the Japanese who had fought in the war and who were to be considered as white men. This would be 28 per cent of the whole. The fishermen were opposed to the new policy and asked for the open door. He questioned the right of the B. C. Packers to as many licences as were given them under the quota.

E. Skog said he considered the plan had good points and bad ones. He thought it would hurt the independent seiners and some others would benefit. He thought the independent seiners should be allowed to sell their fish anywhere.

G. P. Tinker, president of the Board of Trade, said this was an absorbing question. It was of vital importance to the members of the board. He assured all concerned that if the board took action it would be along lines which it considered were in the best interests of the industry.

Alderman Macdonald sympathized with the fishermen in their fear that if their markets were curtailed prices would be cut down. The proper way to settle such questions as this was to meet as they were doing and discuss it. He was pleased that the B. C. Packers had located in the city and he thought they should be treated fairly. He believed that information being gathered would result in the matter being settled later.

J. C. Brady, M.P., said he came to get information. He was anxious to study the question. The public was deeply concerned. He suggested that there should be the greatest co-operation and that the humblest fisherman would feel his interests were protected as well as those of the canners. He was impressed with the speeches of Mr. Mathers and Mr. Lord. Evidently the regulations were not yet thoroughly understood and the fishermen were not able to see them from every angle. The keenest desire existed for unanimity and confidence. The regulations had come on them quickly and no opportunity had been given to examine into them. They were favorable to some and looked upon as injurious to others. He had not yet come to a decision. Time should be taken to examine into them.

Mr. Mathers made it clear that it was the duty of the Dominion to see that the salmon were conserved and of the province to deal with the economic situation. Regulations were needed during the transitory period. A crisis had arisen in regard to the fishermen and canners and was it right the industry should suffer economic loss? Some fishermen favored the regulations. He would like to impress upon them the fact of the crisis and the need of regulations.

M. Anderson said he had fought for democracy in the trenches and, if this undemocratic plan was allowed, it would establish a precedent to other businesses.

Alderman Rudderham asked questions in regard to the unused canneries.

J. M. Morrison, secretary of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union, said his union was opposed to the proposals.

A number of other speakers took part before adjournment was taken.

NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE

Former Local Mounted Police Head Speaks At Annual Banquet in Edmonton

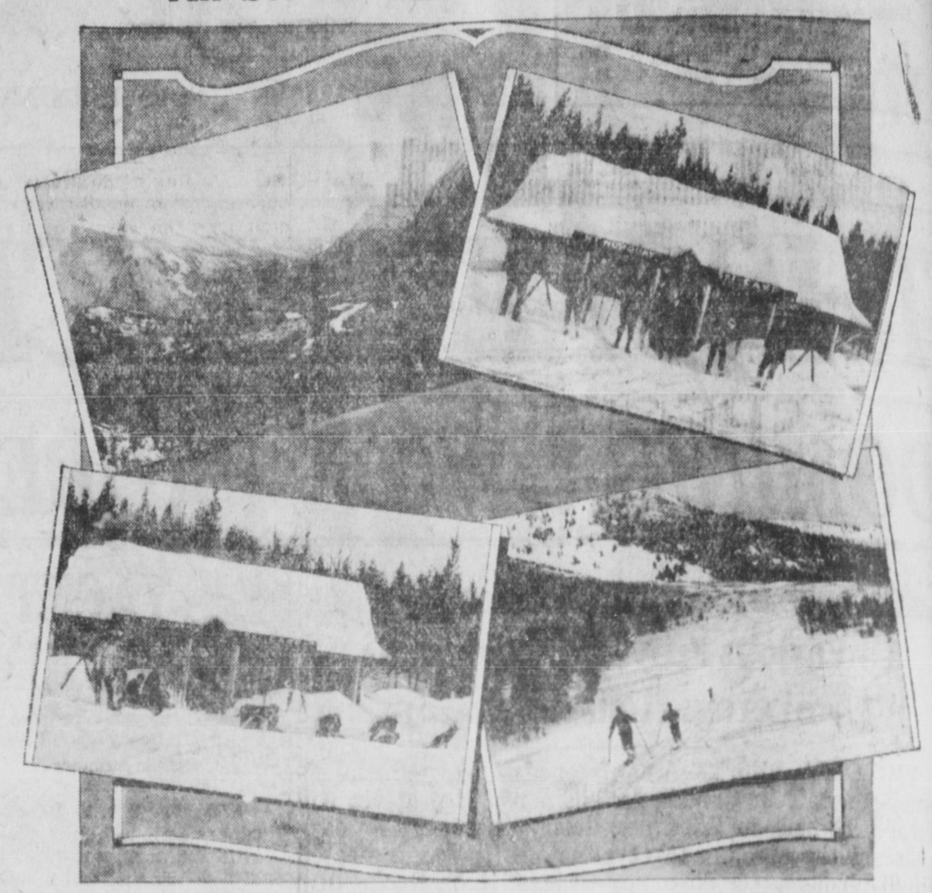
"People say the force is not what it used to be," declared Supt. A. E. Acland, commanding "G" division, R.C.M.P., in responding to the toast to the force before three hundred persons at the annual banquet last Thursday night in the Macdonald Hotel at Edmonton of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police Veterans' Association. "That is quite true, but then neither are people or conditions the same as they used to be. If the force today was the same as it used to be, it would be 25 years behind the times. With modern methods of travel, such as the airplane, motor cars, trains and other conveniences, the R.C.M.P. has had to progress in like measure. In the old days a policeman was expected to hold his area by his personality. Maybe he rode 30 miles a day and investigated one or two complaints. Today he takes his motor car and drives over the prairies, maybe 150 miles and investigate half a dozen complaints and then returns to his detachment and types out his report.

Same Principles

"But," said Supt. Acland amid thunderous applause, "the same principles and traditions that guided and governed the force are as strongly inherent in it today as they ever were. Conditions are different, but and when the time comes for those of us now serving to join the veterans' organization, we hope to feel we can do so as creditably as those who had gone before us."

He recalled that he had joined the force in 1898 and had then gone to the Yukon Territory, where the method of policing during gold rush days had been the turning point in the history of the force.

All Set for Banff Winter Carnival



A Paradise for skiers is a fair description of the country around Banff at this time of year and the dates for the Winter Carnival at that resort have been set with a view to getting the best possible weather results. February 1–8 all eyes will be turned to this beautiful mountain resort. Wonderful scenery and perfect runs are to be found in every direction and there is a special attraction for skiers in the Mount Norquay Ski Camp which can be reached in thirty minutes flat from Banff by skiers and in about 45 minutes by dog team, taking it easy. Pictures show (1) Banff from the Ski Camp; (2) the camp with a group of enthusiasts; (3) Ike Mills, famous musher, with his "huskieobile"; (4) a typical long ski run near the camp.

PROMOTING THE POSTMAN

"Why do you address the letter-carrier as professor?"

"It's a sort of honorary title. I'm taking a course by mail."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

WOMEN'S JAILS EMPTY

CAIRO, Feb. 1. —There are so few women criminals in Egypt that prisons for women are almost empty. While about 24,000 men are imprisoned each year, only some 800 women are so sentenced. Most of those are convicted for traffic in narcotics.

A Valuable Buying Guide

BEFORE you order dinner at a restaurant, you consult the bill-of-fare. Before you take a long trip by motor-car, you pore over road maps. Before you start out on a shopping trip, you should consult the advertisements in this paper. For the same reasons!

The advertising columns are a buying guide to you in the purchase of everything you need—including amusements! A guide that saves your time and conserves your energy; that saves useless steps and guards against false ones; that puts the s-t-r-e-t-c-h in family budgets.

The advertisements in this paper are so interesting, it is difficult to see how anyone could overlook them . . . fail to profit by them. Just check with yourself and be sure that you are reading the advertisements regularly—the big ones and the little ones. It is time well spent . . . always.

For example, read the grocery store "ads" this week.

Avoid time-wasting, money-wasting, detours on the road to Merchandise value. Read the advertising "road maps."