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MARKET FOR PRODUCTS

British Columbia has a number of commodities which it can sell to the world such as fish, timber and minerals. With conditions as they are today it is difficult to sell anything. The price of food products is so low that the producer gets next to nothing. The demand for minerals has fallen until gold seems to be about the only metal that has a cash value sufficint to make mining profitable. Timber is different. There would be a demand for it in Britain were it not for the underselling of some of the European countries where the rate of wages is so low as to make competition most unfair.

This matter of markets will be considered at the Empire Economic Conference at Ottawa and many people look to see markets for B. C. products extended. If anything can be done to induce the sale of British Columbia lumber in England and other Empire countries it will help a great deal. With the lumber mills busy British Columbia would again begin to prosper.

Perhaps something may also be done to help the canned fish market. Fresh fish is traded in chiefly with the United States so comes outside the purview of an Empire conference.

WEEDS AND THEIR CONTROL

The provincial department of agriculture in collaboration with the University of British Columbia has just issued a very valuable publication on weeds and their control, designed particularly for the use of farmers. It is particularly well illustrated in color and also in black and white and should prove very useful in schools to enable pupils to recognize the bad weeds and check their spread when first discovered.

Weeds are a serious drain on the finances of the farmer and gardener and anything that can be done to check the menace means money in the pockets of those who cultivate the soil. The issuing of the publication seems to be work along right lines.

GOOD CROPS BEST CURE

One of the best cures for a good many weeds is to have a good crop of something more valuable that will choke out the weeds, not allowing them room to grow. Of course the moralist will say the same thing of life. The way to keep within the narrow path of virtue is to keep so intensely busy with other things that vice has no opportunity to take a hold. It is only when the crop is light that the weeds make progress. If the crop is heavy the weeds almost disappear.

THOSE SPIT BUGS

A reader of the Daily News called in yesterday to say that spit bugs could be washed off the plants with a garden hose, turned on as strong as the plant would permit without injuring it. The bugs are washed off and fall to the ground and continuous application will eventually rid the plants of the pest. We should like to know from others if they have tried this method and if it has been successful.

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Vancouver Financial Paper Declares That Development Of North Badly Needed Now

Only Lack of Faith Has Prevented Many Essential Projects Being Proceeded With Before This, Says Financial News

If there is to be any great accession to the wealth of cities on the western transportation slope of Canada it must come through the development of Northern British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan says an editorial article in "Financial News," published in Vancouver. Because times are hard now is all the more reason why it is urgently necessary that the wealth of Canada's Northwest should be released to the world, continues the article which is as follows:

Prior to the opening of the prairie provinces by westward extension of the Canadian Pacific Railway it was believed that the agricultural wealth of Canada would always be produced in Upper and Lower Canada and in the Martimes.

Trade and industry in Canada were founded on this premise and the average observer would not have been hopeful of the ability of these provinces to support great cities or to warrant the construction of gigantic manufacturing plants.

It was not known that the vast plains stretching their barren leagues from Manitoba to the Rockies, a grazing ground for buffalo herds, would grow wheat successfully. There was little knowledge of its potesntialities in the older provinces, therefore its worth was not appreciated. Canada was the country along the St. Lawrence. Many doubted the wisdom of paying British Columbia's price to enter Confederation, which was the building of a transcontinental railway from coast to coast.

But the road was built and one of the world's greatest colonization movements was initiated and lasted a quarter of a century until 1912.

Attitude of Canada

Is there not a parallel to be seen in the attitude of today's population in Canada toward the undeveloped northern regions of Alberta, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories Little is known of it, therefore it is barren land, not worth the sacrifice of preliminary development.

If there were not a lack of faith in the north country's future the Pacific Great Eastern Railway long since would have been built through to Peace River and another line would have traversed the Omineca and Cassier regions to Stewart at the head of Portland Canal. Peace River would eventually support them both, just as the fertile prairies have supported the colonization line of steel that ran westward from Winnipeg and brought down great wealth and growth to the cities and factories of old Canada.

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Urgently Necessary

Development of the north will be worth the sacrifice. And because times are "hard" now is all the more reason why it is urgently necessary that the wealth of Canada's Northwest should be released to the world.

With Peace River development and opening of the Great Bear Lake country to mineral exploitation, the north central region of Western Canada is receiving the attention, if not all the transportation development, it deserves. But northern British Columbia, highly mineralized and possessing the fertile Peace River Block as a locale for a large scale colonization effort, is not actively pressing any program of northward expansion.

It would be folly to shift any large group of unemployed into northern British Columbia beyond the reach of economical transportation. But under the right kind of leadership and working on a plan envisioning moderate expenditures for the next two or three years, hundreds of idle young men in the north could be induced to build wagon roads, pack trails and airplane bases in the great region north of Canadian National's Grand Trunk line.

Extend Stewart Road

One of the first projects that should be undertaken is to use the unemployed men at Stewart, now on relief, in extension of the Bear River Wagon road through Bear River Pass and down to Meziadin Lake, ideal airplane base of the northern interior. The road would be only 40 miles long, it is now one-third built, surveys have been completed and camps and tools are waiting for the workers.

Given this road into the rolling, open country of the Naas Valley and the Groundhog coal fields beyond, a great area would be given easy access to the sea.

If, in southern British Columbia, a stretch of 27 miles in length through a pass less than 2000 feet above sea level could be built to open the resources of a country richer than the Okanagan and Kootenays combined, would it be built?

Because northern British Columbia has not the political weight that goes with population it does not share in the road-building appropriations of British Columbia in anything like the proportion its latent wealth would justify.

For Vancouver the opening of the country that lies inland from Stewart is just as important as was the development of the border region by the building of the Kettle Valley Railway more than 20 years ago. The business will come to Vancouver via Stewart and Prince Rupert.

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SHREDDED WHEAT— per pkg.	9c
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PASTRY FLOUR—Wild Rose, 7-lb. sacks, per sack	30c
EGGS—Swift's Fresh Seconds, per doz. Market Advancing	14c
MAZOLA—The All-Purpose Oil 1-lb. tins, each	26c
2-lb. tins, each	49c
DOLLAR SODAS— per box	41c
JELLY POWDERS—Malkin's Best, All flavors, 4 for	18c
MALKIN'S BEST EXTRACTS—Lemon and Vanilla 2-oz. bottles, per bot.	16c
SUGAR—Fine Granulated, 10 lbs. (Limit 10 lbs.)	43c
SUGAR—Yellow 5 lbs.	21c
SUGAR—Berry 2-lb. pkgs., per pkg.	15c
CANADA DRY GINGER ALE—Pints, per bot. (Bottles Returnable at 3c each)	16c
DUTCH MAID MAYONNAISE, per 8-oz. jar	21c
TEA—Broken Pekoe per lb.	25c
JIF—(Quick Suds) per pkg.	16c
CLEAR STRAINED HONEY 12-oz. jars, per jar	16c
CLARK'S PORK & BEANS— per 18-oz. tin	8c
SINGAPORE PINEAPPLE, per tin (Limit 5 tins)	10c
CHRISTIES' ASSORTED BISCUITS, per 1-lb. pkg.	33c
TOMATOES—Royal City, Choice Pack, No. 2½ tins per tin	11c
FRESH VEGETABLES	
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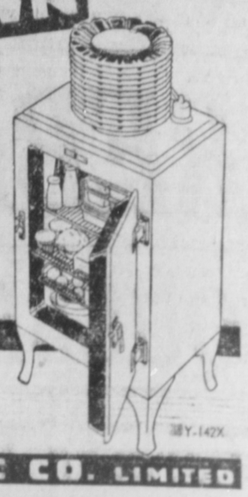

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