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A History-

Associated Boards of Trade Has Active, Useful Career

Born In Prosperity - Weathered Depression - Lapsed In War -Is Stronger Than Ever Today

Prosperity held the wand of destiny the year the Associated Boards of Trade, representing Central British Columbia, was founded. It was 1927 and throughout all of Canada there was optimism. In fice. He had served for some organized to collect and distri-Central B.C. development was forging ahead encour- time as city clerk of Phoenix, in bute poultry, eggs, vegetables and aged and stimulated by active Boards of Trade in the southern part of the prov- cattle on the hoof. Markets for every community. It was in this period of opportunity that cer- cers that have served the Associtain members of various boards ated Boards of Trade since it was mayor, was engaged in retail southeastern Alaska. Hay will of trade came to the realization founded: that a concerted effort to pro- 1927-28-President, L. B. War- The first resolution ever passed going to Alaska. mote the whole of Central Brit- ner; Sec. Treas., H. M. Mathews; by the Board of Trade was the Lumbering contributes a great ish Columbia would bring bene- Convention, Smithers.

Prince Rupert Chamber Born Nov. 17, 1908 (By W. J. Raymond)

It was on the evening of Tuesday, November 17, 1908, that the Prince Rupert Board of Trade (now Chamber of Commerce) was born. There were about seventy persons present. Fred Stork, who two years later, was elected lumber, game animals and sport fish.

the city's first mayor, was called The farmers of the district are to the chair and the Board's particularly active and, before first secretary, M. M. Stephens, the summer is over, they expect took over the duties of that of-, to have a Co-operative Exchange ince. Mr. Stork, who had come these products are expected to north from Fernie, where he was be found in Prince Rupert and trade and contracting. also be handled with most of it

Farming and Lumbering Also

Contribute To Its Prosperity

formal decision to organize for deal to the revenue of the distfits to every district in the area. 1928-29-Pres., R. C. McCorkell; that purpose, that a Dominion rict and several companies are So it was that on June 10, 1927, Sec., George Ogston; Convention, charter be obtained as soon as reported to be planning larger practicable and that no employer developments. The Loboe Bros. towns of the coast and interior . 1929-30-Pres., Olof Hanson; of Asiatic labor be eligible for are expected to erect a mill at gathered at Smithers to elect Sec., A. Brooksbank; Convention, membership. The mover and Babine Lake that will be the seconder were John Houston and largest in the district. A box stitution and bylaws for the 1930-31-Pres., H. B. Guest; J. F. Maguire. The former factory is planned by the Babine Association. The late L. B. War- Sec., J. O. Wilson; Convention, founded the city's first news- Lumber Company to operate in paper. The latter, who hailed conjunction with their present oric meeting. Delegates from 1931-32-Pres. A. M. Ruddy; from Ireland, was a trading rep- mill on Burns Lake. West of the town a site for a new planer mill Prince Rupert, in the late aut- is being made ready by the Brit-G. Dawson, Fred Stork, George 1932-33-Pres., H. W. Smale; umn of 1908, was still a long way ish Columbia Lumberman's Co-W. Nickerson, W. H. Tobey, John Sec., J. L. Falkiner; Convention, from being connected with a operative Association which sees transcontinental railway. Not the approach of the day when bank. Prince George was well 1933-34-Pres., L. B. Warner; until the early summer of 1914 finished and dimensioned instead represented by Wm. Coop, H. G. Sec., George Ogston; Convention, would that become a fact. Two of rough lumber will have to be more years would pass before produced. 1934-35-Pres., J. W. H. Day; there would be a municipality, In the matter of building, the O. Wilson, R. A. Renwick, Bruce Sec., George Ogston; Conven- duly incorporated. Yet, even as community is not lagging either. far back as 1908, there were dif- It is hoped to soon have a three-1935-36- Pres., W. L. Arm- ferent matters maturing at the storey war memorial hall-under Grand Trunk Pacific terminus. way. More than enough lumber justifying establishment of a to build it has been donated Board of Trade, as perusal of re- along with \$1,500. The two lower ports of early meetings would floors will serve all the purposes suggest. of a town hall while the third

Lakelse Largest American Springs The Lakelse Lake hot springs near Terrace, which have possibility of being developed A sign in the town of Burns Lake draws attention to it being the gateway to Tweedsmuir Park. That is into one of Canada's greatest spas, are in some cases 100 feet a distinctive asset that few communities of British in diameter and collectively are Columbia can top but Burns Lake also has others. the largest group of mineral hot Southward is the lakes district rich in farm and and springs on the North American continent .

Burns Lake, Gateway To Tweedsmuir Par



Historic Fort Fraser Where the loped Railway Was Welded Now Is Important Interior Point

It was near the present Fort Fraser that am of men gathered April 7, 1914, to witness the well of the Grand Trunk Pacific's northern transCar lines. But Fort Fraser has a history that fare distances that great event. More than one hund years before, Simon Fraser visited the area and

ected a spot near the lake that well as a few hardy settlered bears his name, for a Hudson this trail to enter the bound Bay post. The fort was establand Canada north-west lished in 1806 and bore the name Today the new Fort Fran of its originator. A few years a small settlement supplying later the company, noting the needs of the farmers and agricultural possibilities of the bermen of the district. In country, began developing proximity to the beautiful tract of land along the lake shore. chako River Valley and P Today that farm is privately Lake, make it a potential owned and operated but it is still for tourists and sportsme the agricultural showcase of the Nearby is Fraser Lake, community. one of the largest sawmills For many years between the central interior. time of Simon Fraser and the coming o fthe railway, Fort Fra- Prince Rupert has one d ser was an important point on largest dry docks on the be the only overland route to the Coast with 20,000 ton came north-west. From the Cariboo and during the war this is adventurers hacked a trail operated by Canadian Nation through the Blackwater country Railways, built thirteen 1 to the Fort. Packers, prospect- ton freighters, two 150 ors, two telegraph companies crft and four minesweepers m and hordes of gold-rushers as 400 vessels were repaired.

group of men representing six Vanderhoof. officers and to draw up the con- Prince Rupert. ner was chairman of that hist- Prince George. Prince Rupert were Messrs J. C. Sec., C. R. McLeod; Convention, resentative. Brady, M.P., M. P. McCaffery, F. Burns Lake. Dybhavn and Arthur Brooks- Fort Fraser. Perry, M.L.A , at that time, Stan- Smithers. ley George, W. L. Armstrong, J. Parker, Dr. A. H. Bayne and W. T. tion, Vanderhoof. Watson. Vanderhoof sent along a ten man delegation: J. W. Pat- strong; Sec., George Ogston; terson, R. C. McCorkell, George Convention, Prince George. Ogston, E. B. Smith, H. V. Taylor, 1936-37-Pres., J. J. Little; Sec., Sam Crocker, J. M. Johnston, J. George Ogston; Convention, D. Charleston, M. Bunting, and Quesnel. E. Smedley. Burns Lake dele- 1937-38-Pres., Geo. E. Malgates were R Lowe. A. M. Ruddy colm; Sec., Arthur Brooksbank; and B. A. Smith. Delegates from Convention, Prince Rupert. 1938-39-Pres., Frank Dockrill; Smithers included: L. B. Warner. L. S. McGill, H. M. Mathews and Sec., L. S. Freer; Convention, J. G. Stephens. H. W. M. Rolston Smithers. represented Stewart and the only 1939-40-Pres., J. T. Harvey; lady present at the first meeting Sec., Arthur Brooksbank; Conwas Mrs. W. Wilson of McBride. vention. Prince George. 1945-46-Pres., J. T. Harvey; In the Association's constitution there is a paragraph that Sec., Duncan Kerr; Convention, reads as follows: The purpose Vanderhoof.

of this association shall be to 1946-47- Pres., George Mc-

There was a second motion floor will be the Legion Hall. passed and it emphasized the Hopes too are held out for the necessity of beginning with a installation of a \$60,000 village substantial membership. Forty- water system. two men stood up and gave their

Building in general is on the names to the secretary. Annual ciimb in the village. A new cafe membership fee was fixed at \$10. will be opened this summer and Here is the list of original a large garage is almost commembers of the Prince Rupert plete. The hospital plans to add another wing to its building and

Fred Stork, M. M. Stephens, J. so does the school. A new liquor F. Brandt, F. G. Dawson, J. D. store and possibly a government

Board of Trade:

A GREAT AND WEALTHY DISTRICT, A SPORTSMAN'S PARA-DISE—The map indicates a country great in minerals, timber and agriculture surrounding the centre of Burns Lake, a thriving community. It also abounds in fur bearing animals and is famous as a sportsman's paradise what with its superlative fishing and hunting possibilities. To the north is the Babine Lake country and to the south, Francois Lake and Ootsa Lake and then on to famous Tweedsmuir Park. In summer, they go there north and south from Burns Lake for trout fishing and the fish are so big that they do not bother about anything under five pounds. For the big game hunters in the colorful autumns are the big moose

To DELEGATES OF THE ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE

We extend Greetings, Best Wishes and Good Luck on future activities

Fashion Footwear

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

| discuss and take action upon any and all questions affecting the welfare of the Province and the people of British Columbia and Canada, with particular regard to the welfare and development of Central British Columbia. During the past twenty years | G. Stewart, D. A. McKinnon, A T. Parkin, H O Richer, Thomas Dunn, A. J. Morris, Thomas Tro- tier, Napoleon Dupres, Harry Smith, Geo. Milner, George A. Sweet, F. B. Deacon, George Din- Sweet, F. B. Deacon, George Din- | favored by those who only "shoot" pictures since the scenery is so magnificent.For the past quarter century Prince Rupert has been the hub of a mining industry rangingAs the northern section of B.C grows and develops, there is no doubt that the port of Prince | |
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| the Association has done its best to live to the resolution that was laid down in 1927. There have been times of stress such as the years of depression following 1928 but the organization kept fighting the odds against it and remained strong. The only thing that could stop a conven- | oon, A. D. Campbell, H. L Dick- son, E. E. Yager, J. A. Kirkpat- rick, Alex Yule, P. R. Backus, H. A. McClure, J. M. Christie, H. Hoffman, A. W. Edge, C. D. New- ton, C. E. Burgess, John Houston, F. M. Davis, H. R. Fullerton, I. Director, R. E. Grant, J. J. Scott, J. E. McLellan,, John R. Beattie, Prince G. W. Arnott, B. R. McDonald the town. For summer sports the town is the centre of a large area well supplied with streams and lakes that provide excellent fishing, boating and swimming but in winter the whole district goes ski-minded. The ski club is an active one that gets things done. | south from the Portland Canal, but in war years interest has ex- panded to mountain ranges and prospectors have uncovered promising deposits of composite ore close to railway facilities. Promising strikes have been made in the Coast and Babine ranges. Rupert will become an increas- ingly important factor in the commercial industrial and tour- ist development of the province, and as a start in this direction strong agitation is now being carried out in Prince Rupert for the creation of new hotel facili- ties in this city | LIFE INSURANCE TELEPHONE |
| the years of 1940 and 1945 the association let annual conven- tions go by the board. It was revived at Vanderhoof in 1945, had a highly successfuly conven- tion at Terrace last year when Alaska was given associate mem- bership. The convention in Prince Rupert this year looks like | 500; 500; 2elton, Yelkwa, Falls, Source and W. G. Dennis. Of the foregoing, a good many have passed away, but some have remained in the city all of the 39 years interval, active and en- joying good health. One of the most pressing items of business introduced and dis- cussed with some vigor was the et and w. G. Dennis. In a ski tow and, if power is avail- able, they will flood-light their slalom hill. This fall there will be gangs of the members out on the hill below the forestry lookout slashing a trail for a two- mile downhill run. Fort George Dates | TO THE DELEGATES OF THE ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE | A Hearty Welcom |
| The following is a list of offi- Is almost landlocked, being tered in the west by Digby Is Greetings to the to the | Service to the Wheen Charolle Back Many Voana | : Greetings : and wish GOOD LUCK TO YOUR CONVENTION | :: to Delegates of the :: ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE CONVENTION |

