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SHALL PRINCE RUPERT OR VANCOUVER GET THE PEACE RIVER COMMERCE?

That the Vancouver newspapers are straining every nerve, stretching every point, twirling and twisting every available geographical and other fact to support a meretricious argument that Vancouver is the natural and only seaport for the Peace River country, many of our readers have noticed and commented upon, as it seems to them that if the Vancouver people are making such a strenuous agitation to secure the commerce of the Peace River country, surely Prince Rupert people should be taking some steps in the way of argument or otherwise in the endeavor to prevent this commerce being stolen from them.

It is wise, of course, to show that we are fully alive to the situation, but there is no apparent reason to ring up an emergency call or to get worked up about it. Prince Rupert is strong in her position. Vancouver is fighting a desperate chance. There is no reason for us to worry about it because by the time the Peace River country has any commerce worth going after the Grand Trunk Pacific's branch line will be tapping the immense coalfields in the Groundhog Mountain district and running spurs from this to the northward and eastward along the Peace River.

When a case is presented in a court the learned counsel for the defense generally first addresses himself to the arguments put up on the other side. Following this example it might prove interesting and probably instructive to dissect as briefly as possible the argument filed by Vancouver. Starting with the Vancouver Province of January 6th, we read:

"The management of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway has issued peremptory instructions to Messrs. Foley, Welch & Stewart, railway contractors, that the main line between Tete Jaune Cache, fifty miles west of Yellowhead Pass, and Fort George must be completed early next fall. The rapidity with which the 415-mile gap is to be finished has a direct bearing on construction to Vancouver, as the Grand Trunk Pacific has agreed to finish the main line before undertaking the construction of its proposed branch line from Fort George to this city."

In other words, before Vancouver can possibly have made connections with Fort George the main line of the railway will have reached Prince Rupert, the natural seaport, for the Peace River country.

In the Vancouver News-Advertiser of January 5th is a long report of a meeting of business men and of a resolution to be presented to Premier McBride praying for a railway to form a direct connection with the Peace River district, and the News-Advertiser says:

"Two of the main features (of the preamble) were that as there is very little timber of commercial value in the Peace River country it would open up a great market for British Columbia lumber, and that with the completion of the Panama Canal Vancouver would be the nearest and most direct seaport for the Peace River country."

There is no doubt about the Peace River country becoming a great market for British Columbia lumber, but that is no reason why it should be hauled all the way from Vancouver. There are untouchd forests of it north of here. But how in the name of the great Horn Spohn the completion of the Panama Canal can bring Vancouver nearer to the Peace River country, and what good it would do the Peace River settlers if it did, needs a very lucid explanation. One of the speakers, Mr. Frederic Buscombe (it is hoped that is the proper spelling), is quoted as saying at this meeting:

"The products of the great north should flow to the world through the ports of Vancouver, and through the ports of Vancouver should flow the supplies of the world for this country."

There is no earthly reason why they should, Mr. Buscombe, if they follow the natural law of the course of least resistance and take the quickest route. What competition can Vancouver make with a single company operating a fleet of steamers from Great Britain to Moncton, a railway from there crossing the continent to Prince Rupert, and a fleet of steamers from here by the shortest route to the Orient and around the globe to Great Britain? This is what Prince Rupert has to offer to the Peace River settlers in return for their trade.

Evidently those Vancouver editors are of the opinion that the opening of the Panama Canal will not only bring their port nearer to the equator, but also to the North Pole, for in the Vancouver Province of the 3rd instant one may read this little gem:

"When Vancouver is brought as near as it will be through the means of the Panama Canal, to the British manufactory, this city should become the distributing point for the whole interior country, almost to the eastern boundary of Alberta, and as far north as settlement can go. This is a simple business proposition. But the achievement of that result depends upon railway connection."

Of course it does. But it depends also upon the Panama Canal stopping at Vancouver and not making Prince Rupert a port of call, and upon the Grand Trunk Pacific transcontinental railway, with the vessels of that company circling the globe, being put completely out of business.

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Time: 1901.

(Enter Schwab, also a maker of millions.)

Schwab—Say, Andy, Morgan wants to buy our steel company, do you want to sell?

Carnegie—Yep, if he will pay the price.

Schwab—How much shall I ask him?

Carnegie—Well, two years ago we offered to sell for \$320,000,000, but Pierpont has the money. Let's soak him for an extra \$100,000,000.

SCENE 2.

Office of J. P. Morgan, the man who comes to the front and saves the States every time there is a panic.

(Enter Schwab.)

Schwab—I just saw Andy and

he says you can have the steel company for \$420,000,000. Do you want it, Pierp?

J. P.—Why, Andy is losing his grip. I am willing to pay at least \$520,000,000. I will use that extra hundred million buying European art treasures.

(Morgan then sits down and writes his check for \$420,000,000 and Schwab hands him the Carnegie steel company. Morgan pushes button—enter Perkins.)

Morgan—Mr. Perkins, I have just purchased the steel trust for \$420,000,000. Go to work now, form a new company with a capital of \$1,464,000,000, deduct the \$420,000,000 for Andy and credit my bank account with the other \$1,044,000,000. Now good bye, I must hasten to Europe, where there are some art treasures I have overlooked.

(Cutrain.)

And some of us think it is hard to make money.—Denver Post.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE

Skene Land District—District of Cassiar. Take notice that I, James T. Fullerton, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation engineer-student, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted 52 chains east of Naas River and 40 chains south of pre-emption No. 397 (SEC.), thence 40 chains north, thence 24 chains west, thence 40 chains south, following the Naas River; thence 52 chains east to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

J. T. FULLERTON, R. H. Stewart, Agent. Dated Prince Rupert, Dec. 11, 1911. Pub. Dec. 13.

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Skene Land District—District of Coast, Range 5. Take notice that I, Michas Begonis, cook, of Victoria, B. C., intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the north side of Williams Creek, where the Kitimat branch of the G. T. P. Ry. crosses Williams Creek, and about ten (10) chains from the creek shore, thence south 30 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 30 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 120 acres, more or less.

MICHAS BEGONIS, Fred E. Cowell, Agent. Dated Oct. 31, 1911. Pub. Dec. 9.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE

Skene Land District—District of Coast, Range 5. Take notice that I, Samuel Bellites, gardener, of Victoria, B. C., intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the north side of Williams Creek, about ten chains back from the creek bank, and about fifty chains southeast from where the Kitimat branch of the G. T. P. right-of-way crosses Williams Creek, thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

SAMUEL BELLITES, Fred E. Cowell, Agent. Dated Oct. 31, 1911.

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Skene Land District—District of Cassiar. Take notice that I, John Argiraclis, carpenter, of Victoria, B. C., intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about one and one-half miles northeast from the intake of Trout River, on the west side of Lakeelse Lake, and about five (5) chains back from the waterfront, thence south 30 chains, thence west 30 chains, thence north 30 chains, thence east 30 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

JOHN ARGIRACLIS, Fred E. Cowell, Agent. Dated Oct. 31, 1911. Pub. Dec. 9.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE

Skene Land District—District of Coast, Range 5. Take notice that I, Dagobert Aurio, of Nanaimo, B. C., occupation miner, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of Lot 484, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 30 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

DAGOBERT AURIOL, Fred E. Cowell, Agent. Date Nov. 10th, 1911. Pub. Dec. 9.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE

Skene Land District—District of Cassiar. Take notice that Frank Furey, of Seattle, Wash., occupation lands, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about six miles east of the Naas River and about seven miles north of Aiyansh, thence north eighty chains, east eighty chains to point of commencement.

FRANK FUREY, H. P. Rutter, Agent. Dated Oct. 31, 1911. Pub. Dec. 14.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE

Skene Land District—District of Queen Charlotte Islands. Take notice that Ellen Marion Young, of Victoria, B. C., occupation spinster, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner of Lot 1552, thence west to the northeast corner of Lot 1553, thence south to beach, thence along beach to point of commencement, containing one hundred and four (104) acres, more or less.

ELLEN MARION YOUNG, George Young, Agent. Dated Nov. 15, 1911. Pub. Dec. 15, 1911.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE

Skene Land District—District of Queen Charlotte Islands. Take notice that John Scott Young, of Saanich, B. C., occupation farmer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of Lot 1553, thence south to the north boundary of Lot 1551, thence east along the said boundary to the seashore, thence following along the shore to the point of commencement, containing three hundred and sixty-one (361) acres, more or less.

JOHN SCOTT YOUNG, George Young, Agent. Dated Nov. 15, 1911. Pub. Dec. 15, 1911.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE

Skene Land District—District of Coast, Range 5. Take notice that I, Theodore Nichalis, driver, of Victoria, B. C., intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Lot No. 2287, thence east 80 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 180 acres, more or less.

THEODORE NICHALIS, Fred E. Cowell, Agent. Dated Oct. 31, 1911. Pub. Dec. 9.

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