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OFFICERS ELECTED

Chamber of Commerce Confirms Selection of President and Vice-President and Chooses Executive

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, at its meeting last night, confirmed the election of W. M. Watts as president and W. R. McAfee as vice-president for the coming year, re-elected Arthur Brooksbank as secretary and chose the following as its executive council: W. P. Armour, Theo Collart, W. L. Coates, John Dybhavn, W. O. Fulton, Arnold Flaten, R. G. Hopkins, J. J. Little, Peter Lakie, C. G. Minns, G. C. Mitchell, D. C. McAfee, G. W. Nickerson, J. W. Nicholls, S. E. Parker and H. F. Pullen.

Radio Situation

J. T. Harvey, the retiring president, was in the chair and a number of matters were dealt with including a reference to the incoming radio committee of the local

radio difficulties with a view to securing the establishment of a central radio station in northern or central British Columbia in order to solve the present reception impasse.

In this connection a letter was read from the chief radio engineer who visited Prince Rupert in the fall in which he said there was better radio reception in Prince Rupert than in any other city of Canada. The difficulty was that the city was too far away from the stations the people wished to hear and the country was mountainous. The local interference was very small, the chief trouble having been removed by the power company.

On the suggestion of retiring President, it was decided to refer the whole matter to the incoming radio committee for action.

Those present at the meeting included J. T. Harvey, W. M. Watts, Weldon McAfee, W. O. Fulton, Bert Morgan, Trevor Williams, C. G. Minns, D. C. McAfee, Sheldford Darton, M. C. Brook, G. W. Nickerson, George Bryant, Theo Collart, J. J. Little, John Bulger, S. E. Parker, A. Lendells, Frank Skinner, D. G. Borland, Andrew Borland, W. L. Coates, Arnold Flaten, R. M. Winslow, H. F. Pullen and Arthur Brooksbank.

New President

Following the election Mr. Watts took the chair and thanked the members for the honor they had done him. He asked for co-operation with a view to working together for the common good. He referred to the good work done by the retiring president and said that, while he recognized his own handicaps, he hoped to be able to serve them acceptably.

The new president spoke of recently improved conditions in the city. He mentioned the value to the city of the defence work. He felt a year of achievement could be looked forward to.

Mr. McAfee said he appreciated the honor done him in choosing him as vice-president. It should be remembered that the country was at war and intended to win. All knew what happened during the previous war but this time conditions were different and, while every effort must be made to meet the common enemy, local people must also consolidate the position here and thus strengthen the commonwealth.

Hotel Arrivals

Central

Fred Timms and D. Grundy, Barrett Rock; J. Hawes, B. Nicholls and Jack Wells, Prince Rupert.

Prince Rupert

C. Dick and J. Thatcher, city; R. Nicholson, Port Edward.

Royal

R. Lee, Vanderhoof; Frank S. Perry and Joe Chykanda, city.

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USE OF ELEVATOR, SUBSIDY OF OCEAN SHIPPING, CITY MANAGER IMPORTANT POINTS

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National Railway that an excursion be run from Prince Rupert to Jasper in order to give Prince Rupert and interior people an opportunity to see Their Majesties the King and Queen during their visit to Jasper.

"Questioning the advisability of protesting to the federal government against the use of a valuable pulp, sawmill or other industrial site as an air base and suggesting that, if possible, they choose a location more to the east at Seal Cove.

"Recommendation to the federal government that it purchase silver at 65¢ an ounce in order to encourage mining in British Columbia.

"Co-operation with other local bodies on a scheme to send local children to Victoria to have the opportunity of seeing Their Majesties.

"Recommendation to the Federal government that a British Columbia man be appointed to the position of Deputy Minister of Fisheries in succession to Dr. Pound.

"Installation of silent type insulators on the main power line and other improvements to eliminate static in Prince Rupert and to improve radio reception.

"Improve marine markings in Metlakatla Passage, Rose Spit and Casey Point.

"Representations to the government and Canadian National Railway urging that the local dry dock and shipbuilding yard be made use of either in the making of war materials or the construction of vessels that could be used both for fishing and mine-sweeping purposes.

"Recommendation to the Canadian National Steamships that an excursion be run on Labor Day to Stewart.

"Urging the federal government that it either sell or lease the old Post Office site in order that practical use might be made of it.

Urging the Department of National Defence that one Canadian destroyer be stationed at Prince Rupert and that other vessels visit the waters adjacent to Prince Rupert more frequently.

"Considering the advisability of re-establishing technical education in Canada, especially in connection with aviation.

"Establishment by the federal and provincial governments of some method that would do away with duplicatory taxation.

Publication by joint Chambers of Commerce of Alaska and Canadian points adjacent to the proposed most westerly Alaska Highway route of material stressing the advantages of a most westerly route.

"Recommendations to the federal and provincial governments that more apprentices be employed and that old men of sixty years, unable to follow employment, be granted pensions.

"Recommendation to the steamship companies that moving pictures be used on their voyages describing to passengers places to be visited on the following days.

"Consideration of suggestion that a recommendation be made that Canada make a contribution of quantities of food stuffs to Great Britain as a war token.

"Recommendation to provincial government that other means than taxation on real estate, to take care of school costs, be adopted.

"Recommendation that city take steps to replace Hays Creek and Morse Creek Bridges.

Alaska Highway

"A matter which created a good deal of interest throughout British Columbia and Alaska last year were the sessions held by the Canadian section of the B. C.-Yukon-Alaska Highway Commission at various points in Central and Northern British Columbia. Several alternative routes for the proposed highway were advanced at the meetings held in various centres. This Chamber of Commerce went on record as supporting the most westerly route and, in this respect, we had support from all Boards of Trade from Vanderhoof west. We co-operated with the Hazelton District Board of Trade in the preparation of material for presentation to the Commission at Hazelton. When, as a result of our request, the Commission decided to hold a session in Prince Rupert the highway committee took the matter in hand and an extensive brief was prepared which was presented at a well-attended meeting here. The highway committee is deserving of thanks for its efforts in this matter as well as in other matters concerning highway problems in this district. From independent sources it has been learned that material gathered by the highway committee

from outside sources and presented to the Commission met with very favorable consideration.

"The Chamber of Commerce again had the pleasure of entertaining members of the Vancouver Board of Trade on one of their annual excursions this summer. It is felt that such visits as these do a great deal to create a friendlier attitude between the two ports and to gain sympathy in Vancouver for the projects which we are endeavouring to further here.

"In connection with the subsidized steamship service the Board had pleasure in meeting Commander Heenan, Inspector of Trade Routes and Subsidies, Ottawa, and every effort was made to bring to the attention of this gentleman the potentialities of Prince Rupert as a world port.

"A number of our meetings were featured by addresses of interest to the members and our thanks are extended to Frank Dockrill, President of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia, for his address on "Prince Rupert's Hinterland," to T. W. Brown, Northern British Columbia representative of the Provincial Tourist Council for his address on "The Work of the Tourist Council," to Dr. Neal Carter of the Fisheries Experimental Station for his address on "Experimentation in Local Fishery Matters," and to Mr. Diffin of Vancouver for his address and moving pictures on "Thrill."

"As in past years, this Chamber of Commerce supported the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia and sent delegates in the persons of the President and Mr. Peter Lakie at the annual convention at Prince George. Resolutions were presented on the following questions:

Reduction in telegraph rates from Prince Rupert and interior points to Eastern points.

"Completion of the highway from the Alberta boundary to Prince Rupert.

"Installation of a broadcasting station in central British Columbia.

"Settling up of interior lands by financed immigrants.

Mr. Hanson's Help

"Of necessity a great deal of the work of the Chamber of Commerce involves communications to and contact with ministers and departmental officials in Ottawa. In all such matters the Chamber of Commerce has had the loyal and effective co-operation of the Member for Skeena, Olof Hanson, M.P., and many of the matters taken up by this Chamber would not have been given the attention they were had it not been for Mr. Hanson's help and persistence. I take this opportunity of extending our hearty thanks to our Honorary Vice-President, Mr. Hanson.

"Certain of the work undertaken by the board during the year has been hindered or delayed by the war but I do not believe that the effective working of the board has in any sense been nullified—nor do I think that the activities of the board should be relaxed in any way.

"Unquestionably the war of 1914-1918 retarded the development of this city and district, more so than was inevitable throughout the whole country, by almost a generation. It is our duty to do all in our power to prevent a similar course of events this time. It is the wish of the War Council that business in Canada should carry on not only 'as usual' but at a faster pace and greater volume. This board can not, therefore, be accused of selfishness or lack of patriotism by bending every effort throughout the war to build up this port as an industrial and shipping centre.

"I do not feel competent to discuss business conditions generally throughout this district during the past year or at the present time. I feel, however, that it should follow that the substantial gains in Canadian business during the last few months of 1939, and still continuing, will reflect in business gains throughout this district. Farming and lumbering particularly stand to benefit heavily from the demands of war. It is not too much to expect that the war demand for minerals may stimulate development of some of our great latent mineral wealth in this district. The 1939 Christmas trade throughout the Dominion is reported to have been in record figures and reports from Prince Rupert indicate that we shared in the general up-trend.

"The rationing of a substantial garrison of troops in the city together with the supply of their personal requirements and amusements is reflecting itself in increased business in many quarters. "Local construction for the De-

partment of National Defence, which has been active during the past year and is continuing, has taken up the slack in employment and has created a considerable local market for supplies and building materials. It is a sad commentary on our economic structure that it required a war and the threat of war to lift business from the effects of the 1929 depression. Nevertheless, the construction referred to is necessary and its immediate effect has been beneficial to local trade.

The Industries

"An able report from S. G. Preston, district agriculturalist at Smithers, on agricultural conditions for 1939 in the Bulkley Valley and adjoining districts shows a favorable season throughout for the farmers and he predicts another big crop this year. It is perhaps not realized how much a good year for the Bulkley Valley farmers means to Prince Rupert but it is a fact that our prosperity to quite a large extent depends upon theirs.

"Dr. Joseph T. Mandy, provincial government mining engineer at Prince Rupert, in a review of the mining industry in Northern British Columbia during 1939, states that the mining industry in this area has progressed steadily and soundly during 1939 and that the outlook is encouraging for a progression of new producing mines in future years. He adds that the government ore sampling plant here has attracted increased numbers of shippers during the last year and has greatly stimulated prospecting and exploratory activity, especially in the region tributary to the Canadian National Railways.

"An interesting summary of the lumber industry during 1939 in the Prince Rupert Forest District, submitted by R. C. St. Clair, district forester, shows that, as the industry was at a low ebb during the early part of the year, the quick advance when war broke out and pulp mills went on full time came too late to reflect any important improvement in statistics for 1939. Mr. St. Clair states, however, that the lumber industry looks forward to 1940, especially on the coast, with considerable optimism. It is expected that the demand for pulp species, especially spruce and hemlock, will continue unabated as long as the war lasts and that the demand for high-grade spruce logs for certain types of airplane construction will be more active.

"The major industry of Prince Rupert is, of course, fishing and the prosperity of this port definitely rests upon the prosperity of the fishing industry. Landings of halibut in District No. 2 for the year 1939 were 192,490 hundredweight as compared with 159,558 hundredweight in 1938. Of this amount, the Canadian total was 99,261 hundredweight, valued at \$618,678, and American 93,229 hundredweight valued at \$669,042. This shows a substantial increase over last year, the amount paid to Canadian halibut fishermen in this district alone being \$105,641 in excess of the amount paid in 1938. The total value of all fish of all species landed in District No. 2 last year amounted to almost four million dollars, approximately three-quarters being Canadian and one-quarter American. It is interesting to note that the value of livers alone amounted to approximately \$177,236. The above figures are only approximate as final returns in all instances have not yet been received. A report from James Boyd, Supervisor of Fisheries, on the fishing industry of this district, reveals that the industry progressed in a

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