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Three-way Co-operation

The Canadian National Railway, so far at least, has no idea of what use may be made of the great port installations which the war brought to Prince Rupert such as the huge warehouse and cargo wharf. A nebulous idea is put forward that something eventually may be done through co-operative effort between the railway, the municipality and the government. This was disclosed before the civic court of revision yesterday by the railway taxation commissioner who unsuccessfully sought to have some special consideration given in the way of taxation in view of the buildings being idle with no immediate prospect of any use being made of them.

We are not particularly interested in discussing at the moment the advisability of making tax concessions on these installations in order to encourage their use for industrial purposes. It is timely, though, to suggest that once again we should be bestirring ourselves to "sell" them for active use so that the development of this strategic port may be speedily brought about.

Here in Prince Rupert we can continue the campaign along these lines no more effectively than by endeavoring, as we have been doing, to spur the railway company and the government into some action whereby Prince Rupert may be brought to play its part in the opening up of this port and area from a national standpoint. After all, the property concerned is theirs and we would think it only good business that they should endeavor to do something toward putting it into profitable use.

True enough, Prince Rupert should not expect the railway company or the government to do everything without any effort of its own but the fact is that the development of Prince Rupert and this great northwest country of Canada is something that would be of national much more than mere local benefit.

Further, the railway company and the government are in better position to make the contacts which may ultimately lead to the utilization of these great terminal facilities and the achieving of the development which will make for the common prosperity not only of the community of Prince Rupert but of the whole of Canada. We should pull our own load here in Prince Rupert but, when we seek the assistance of the railway and government, we have no reason to rest content with "it's up

to you" or "so what?" attitudes by the powers that be. We are tired of hearing that sort of thing. It should not be the attitude of authorities who are competent and willing to deal with their own business in a progressive way instead of expecting somebody else to do it for them. We at least have one railway official on record now going so far as to admit that "co-operative effort between the railway, municipality and the government" is needed. Prince Rupert people are anxious to "co-operate." We hope that the railway and the government are too.

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First man to cross the continent, Alexander Mackenzie's thirst for exploration was fired by intensive reading. The printed word spurs men to action—and that holds true of daily newspaper advertising as well!
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Talking of Population

There is nothing very extravagant in the Dominion Bureau of Statistics prediction that the population of Canada may reach 15,000,000 by 1990, half a century hence, and that the next quarter of a century may see a gain of 21 percent for British Columbia. Fifteen million people in Canada by 1990 would represent a gain of approximately 38 percent from the 1941 census figure. That would be a far cry from the 150 percent gain in population recorded by this country in the past half a century as is to be found in comparing the 1941 census of 11,506,665 with that of 1891 when 4,833,239 people were officially counted in Canada.

A 21 percent increase in population in the coming 25 years does not match by any means the 54 percent recorded in British Columbia as between 1941 and 1921.

In connection with speculation on the subject of the future growth of population, some official figures as to past census progress in Canada and British Columbia are of interest. Here they are:

	Canada	British Columbia
1871.....	3,869,257	36,247
1881.....	4,324,810	49,459
1891.....	4,833,239	98,173
1901.....	5,371,315	178,657
1911.....	7,206,643	392,480
1921.....	8,787,949	524,582
1931.....	10,474,786	694,263
1941.....	11,506,655	871,861

While there has been no census since 1941, it is conceded that British Columbia in the five years since then, due to the concentration of population on stimulated war industries, has gained probably more than any other part of Canada and now the postwar trend is for people to flock in even greater numbers to this province. It is quite possible that there are very close to a million people in British Columbia today.

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A grocer who started his business in an old post office building in 1941 attributes his 1945 business of over \$200,000 in a town of 2,000 people to "a steady, strong newspaper advertising schedule."

WILL PROVIDE SUN LAMPS FOR CIVIC CENTRE

A Prince Rupert electrical firm is prepared to provide and install free of cost the initial units of a battery of sun-ray lamps in the city's new Civic Centre building providing a room is set aside for that purpose.

Frank Howarth, manager of Mott Electric Company, said at luncheon meeting of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club Thursday that his organization was willing to provide the units which will do much to overcome the weatherman's parsimony of sunlight by allowing citizens to take

Whifflets

From The Waterfront

A short time before midnight last night, Northland Transportation Co.'s steamer North Sea, Capt. Jordan, arrived in port from Ketchikan with four carloads of frozen fish for transshipment East over Canadian National Railways. Early this morning the vessel sailed in continuation of her voyage to Seattle.

Included among the passengers of the steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. E. B. Caldwell, in port last night southbound from Ketchikan to Vancouver, were half a dozen survivors of the steamer Yukon which was wrecked a week ago Sunday on the western Alaska coast near Seward. They had boarded the Canadian vessel at Ketchikan and are going through to Seattle—all except one, Miss Irene Leposky, who entrains here tonight for her home in Pittsburgh.

BRITONS BUILD

LONDON, 0.—About 500 to 600 houses are built every week in the United Kingdom and the Ministry of Health has stated that there is sufficient timber in the country to satisfy all building demands for at least a year. Plans have already been made for the provision of more afterwards.

gates to Victoria in connection with the proposed lobby there. W. H. Brett, M.L.A. requested to act on behalf of the council in the interim.

The secretary was instructed to write the industrial committee requesting them to call a general meeting of all interested parties for the purpose of discussing post-war problems.

PULP MILL DISCUSSED

Power Franchise Also Up at T. and L. Meeting—Cold Storage Dispute

The proposed building of a pulp mill at Prince Rupert and the extension of the power franchise to the Northern B. C. Power Co., were the main topics of discussion at last night's regular meeting of the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council. It was finally decided that, until such time as the company has submitted its proposals to the city council in writing, further discussion on the subject would be premature.

Delegate Paul Taranger from the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union reported on the dispute existing between his union and two of the Cold Storage plants in the city—the Atlin and the B. C. Packers. He stated that his union felt the companies were unfair in not being willing to negotiate collective agreements with the "closed shop" clause going to a conciliation board for decision. The entire proposed agreement should be submitted for conciliation, it was felt. He said it could be that they might have to come to the council for assistance in this connection. He was assured that any assistance that could be given would be gladly rendered.

The secretary was instructed to write the executive of the C.C.L. regarding the establishment of a second Truck Drivers' Union in the city, pointing out that inter-union strife was the most destructive force that true unionism has to combat and requesting that they reconsider their decision.

David Crocker reported on the meeting of the "Jobs For All" Association held Sunday night last in the Fishermen's Hall. It was decided, pending the decision of the labor movement in Prince Rupert to send dele-

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Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. Shouldn't an acknowledgement be written in the first person when one is accepting or declining an invitation?

A. Yes, if the invitation is in the first person; but if the invitation is in the third person, the answer should be in the third person.

Q. Isn't it proper to butter a whole slice of bread, and then bite into it?

A. No; the proper way is to break off a small piece at a time, buttering each bite separately.

DOMESTIC MISHAPS

Accidental injuries occur in American homes at the rate of one every six and a half seconds.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver	
Bralorne	18.25
B. R. Con.	.21½
B.R.X. 1935	.17½
Cariboo Gold	2.95
Dentonia	.41
Grull Wihksne	.23
Hedley Mascot	2.76
Minto	.07½
Pend Oreille	4.25
Pioneer	6.50
Premier Border	.12½
Premier	3.05
Privateer	.76
Reeves McDonald	1.55
Reno	.14
Salmon Gold	.25½
Sheep Creek	1.95
Taylor Bridge	1.05
Whitewater	.04
Vananda	.56
Congress	.15
Pacific Eastern	.15
Hedley Amalgamated	.15½
Spud Valley	.30
Central Zeballos	.22

Oils	
A. P. Con.	.21
Calmont	.38
C. & E.	2.50
Foothills	1.80
Home	3.50

Toronto	
Amague	1.35
Beattie	1.59
Bobjo	.28
Buffalo Canadian	.36
Cons. Smelters	.88½
Eldona	1.10

LEGION HAVING MEMBER BOOM

Following the heavy forward of returning ex-servicemen from the various theatres throughout the world, the Canadian Legion is experiencing a heavy gain in membership. More than 20 new members were initiated at the monthly meeting of the Legion this Wednesday night. Applications were received from more prospective members. The meeting, which had large attendance and was presided over by President Hugh Killin, named A. M. Davie, D. McGillivray as delegates to the convention of Provincial Command to be held in Vancouver March 17 to 20. A donation of \$25 to the Cadets' Bugle Band was made.

- Elder
- Giant Yellowknife
 - Jackknife
 - Joliet Quebec
 - Little Long Lac
 - Madsen Red Lake
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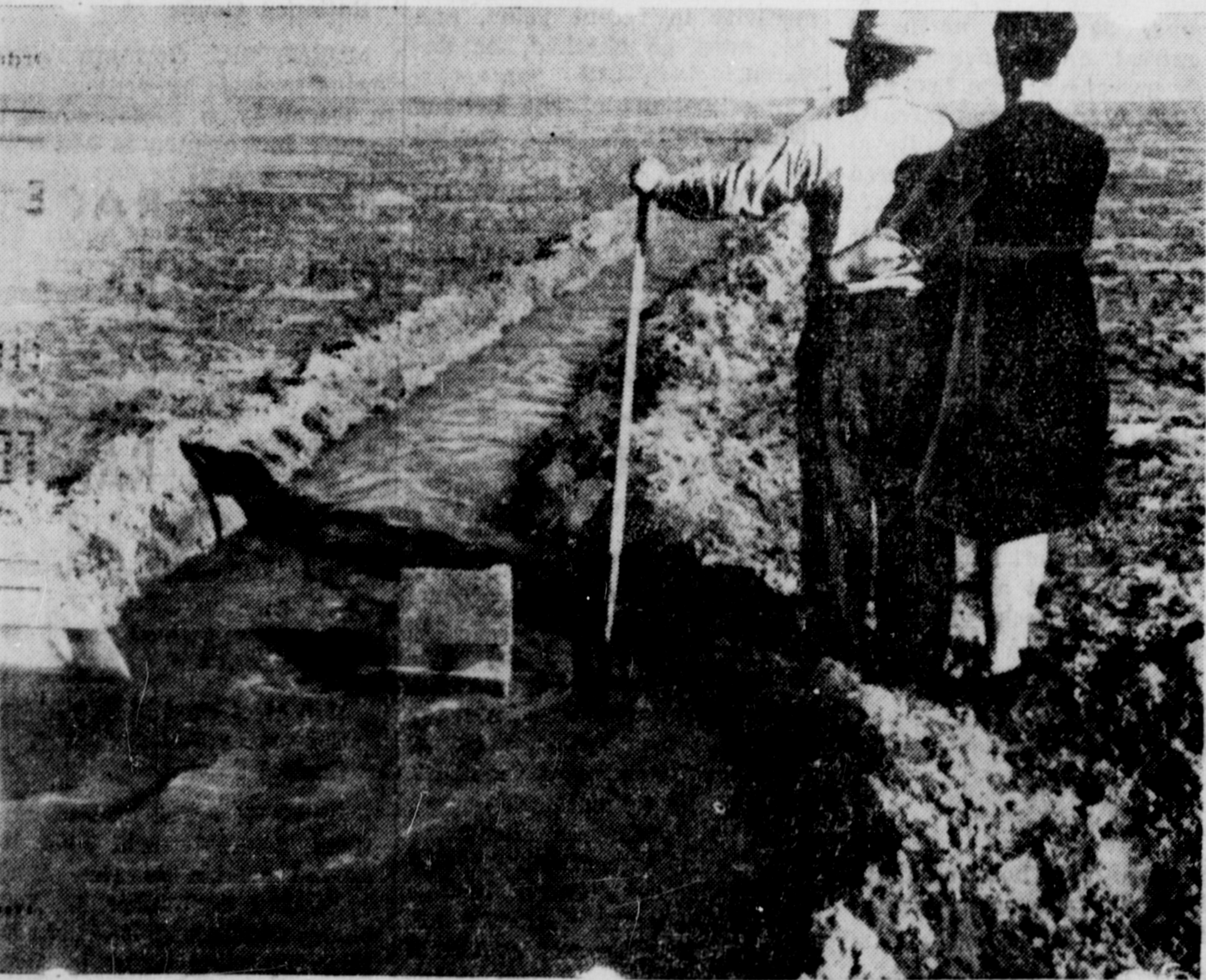
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