Tractor Train Crosses Frozen Wastes to Haul Supplies to The Town of Yellowknife

Along the two hundred mile route of the tractor train to Yellowknife, an aircraft spots the best route, brings messages and repair parts.

The sleds stop to unload a shipment at the gold town's Hudson's Bay Co. store, where regular shipments are delivered by tractor train.

For protection against weather, each one of the train's loaded sleds is covered with tarpaulins and carefully secured against the terrific force of wasteland winds.

Yellowknife's freight agent rides 15 miles in a dog sled to meet the train. He rides it back and checks shipment's destination. The tractor train hauls supplies for .08¢ a pound to the town's merchants who cannot afford the airline's rate of .50¢ a pound.

CHURCH HAS SHORTAGE OF FIELD STAFF

At the semi-annual meeting of Prince Rupert Presbytery of the United Church here this week serious concern was expressed at the continual shortage of workers for Indian fields. Nurses, teachers and ordained ministers are needed. A committee was set up to investigate the possibility of releasing one man from his charge for the summer months for the purpose of travelling across the country to recruit workers.

It was noted that, despite the shortage of workers in the various fields, there was an increase of $1,000 in the gifts from the churches to missionary and maintenance funds of the United Church. The contributions for 1945 totalled nearly $3,400. On the other hand over $15,000 was received by the Presbytery for missionary work within its bounds.

On Thursday evening Presbytery delegates met with members of the newly formed Presbytery of the Women's Missionary Society in the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Wilson.

The Presbytery comprises all the United Church Women's Missionary Societies in the Prince Rupert Presbytery. A round table discussion on the missionary aspect of the work in Prince Rupert Presbytery was led by Rev. D. W. More of Ocean Falls. The outcome was the decision of the ladies to raise money to purchase a moving picture carema which will be used throughout the country to publicize the work done by the Presbytery.

Sex Magazines Not Reputable

VANCOUVER, (CP)—Sex magazines on Canadian newstands are not printed or published by reputable Canadian publishing houses, A. S. Christie, president of the Periodical Press Association, said in an interview here yesterday. These magazines are not censored, he said, "because the free press in Canada is opposed to censorship."

Buy more War Savings Stamps.

Letters to the Editor

CRITICIZES POWER COMPANY

Editor, Daily News:

In your paper of February 20 there appeared a letter from the general manager of the Northern B. C. Power Co. Ltd. referring to criticism of the company that has recently taken place and one part states: "If Prince Rupert is desirious of indusing large capital outlays in this area we will have to approach these investors with a more conciliatory attitude than we have done in the past etc."

I trust this is not an implied threat. I for one believe that the people of this city have been generally fair and patient with the Power Co. for the last 17 years in the light of the development they had expected from their entry into this city.

Another extraordinary statement was that the Power Company at the time of purchase of the city plant "Did not make promises" in taking over the plant etc.

I think considering a large part of our people here are new arrivals a little past history might be placed before them by one who has been a resident of over 30 years and is in the electrical business.

When the city decided to sell out about 1928-29 two companies bid strongly for the plant and franchise—first, a comparatively small and unknown U. S. company; second, The Power Corporation of Canada, Montreal, the parent company or our N. B. C. Power Co. Ltd.

Along with many hundreds of others I strongly supported the plan to sell to the Power Corporation of Canada who had and still have an outstanding record in Eastern and other parts of Canada of fostering industrial development in communities that they serve.

Both bidders put on an active campaign to enlighten the voters—using lawyers, office, speakers, meetings, even the movies. The Power Corporation sent from Montreal to handle their campaign Mr. Pawson, commercial manager. He, in conversation with myself and on the public platform, most definitely promised that, should their company secure the franchise here, there would follow most extensive industrial development—mentioning pulp, paper, lumber mainly as I remember and other good possibilities, pointing out that the yhad the financial contact, prestige, experience and an outstanding record along that line wherever they operated.

Whether the depression that followed and later World War II, was responsible for the lack of results I do not know but it is a fact that, since 1928, there have been extensive investments in new and additional pulp and paper works in Canada. The present year in B. C. alone the sum of 14 millions is the outlay for four companies. This can be verified easily from the press of recent months.

When one considers the remarkable record of the Power Corporation, the parent company of our utility, in other places, it is hard to understand their lack of action here. I believe the company should take the city council or some other public body into their confidence. Otherwise the criticism is only natural.

I submit Prince Rupert people have earned the right to indulge in some criticism these last 17 years.

W. R. LOVE.

MR. MILLER CORRECTED

Editor, Daily News:

We appreciate the interest of your correspondent, Mr. Miller, in our picket line and would suggest that, if he is able, he should join us in our march for jobs.

As acting secretary of the "Jobs for All" Association I must however, draw attention to an error in his letter. He implies that the picketing of the C.N.R. is sponsored by the Labor-Progressive Party. This is not correct. While anybody who supports our cause is welcome to help us picket the C.N.R. to get them to give contracts to the local dry dock, the fact is that the picket line is sponsored by the "Jobs for All Association" which has no political affiliations. As a matter of fact the majority of those picketing on Saturday were not members of the L.P.P.

As to his remarks on two of the picketers I would point out that the present jobs crisis is not caused by married women working. It is caused by the failure of governments to put any kind of effective reconversion plan into effect and such factors as the C.N.R.'s apparent unwillingness to operate their own dry dock. It can be cured by policies that will create jobs at good wages for all willing and able to work.

As to married women teaching I understand there are a considerable number in Prince Rupert. They seem to be giving good service and, in view of the serious shortage of teachers, it would seem that, without them, many children would be without a teacher.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor for your courtesy in publishing this.

DORIS BLAKEY,
Secretary,
"Jobs for All" Association

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V.D. CLINIC CLOSING HERE

The venereal disease clinic operated by the Prince Rupert Health Unit since May, 1943, will be closed after March 31, and patients of the clinic will receive necessary treatment from private medical practitioners. Announcement of the closure was made at a meeting of the Prince Rupert Union Board of Health Thursday afternoon by Dr. W. C. Mooney, provincial director of venereal disease control, who said that the Health Department's policy is mainly preventative and does not cover treatment. Dr. Mooney, who came here to make arrangements for closing the clinic, sailed last night to return to Vancouver.

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Matthew Hill is Head of Native Village—Other Village Leaders

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Other councillors are Norman Lewis, William Ridley, Nathan Shaw, William Gladstone, Henry Brown, Job Tolmie, Joseph Shaw and Solomon Brown.

Constables have been named in the persons of Frank Russ, Ernest Jackson, John Vickers, C. Nelson, Frank Ryan, Peter Collison and Gordon Temple.

Hotel... arrivals

Prince Rupert

A. G. Provost, Vancouver; Mr and Mrs. D. McLeod, Humpback Bay; Mrs. A. Matilda, Porcher Island; Mr. and Mrs. Baronsky, Oona River; Mr. and Mrs. N. F. A. McSweyn, Vancouver.

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(a) Proposed Schedule, showing routes in detail.
(b) Proposed fares, showing reduction (if any) for quantity purchasing.
(c) Proposed Equipment.
(1) For immediate use.
(2) To be obtained within a specified time.
(d) The proposed terms of the franchise.
(e) Such other and further details which it is considered advisable to include in the agreement.

All submissions should be inclosed in sealed envelopes and marked "Proposal re Bus Franchise."

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