

Another Story Told . . .

Another of the highly interesting "now it can be told" stories that will be appearing now that the war is over is featured in The Daily News today. It is the story of the large use to which the United States Army put this port to use in carrying the war across the Pacific from the time of dire emergency immediately after Pearl Harbor until the defeat of the enemy came a few weeks ago. It will make highly interesting reading for all, even the people of Prince Rupert who, of course, were aware of the big things that were going on but from whom the official information was also withheld because of the publicity blackout.

It is a revelation of how useful the strategic position of Prince Rupert in the Pacific theatre proved in a time of crisis. The justifiable expectation now is, of course, that in the normal days of trade and commerce to come, the recognition which war brought will be continued.

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Labor Market in Reverse . . .

The labor market appears to be going into reverse. Employers, hard pressed these last few years to find men for jobs, are now going to have to find jobs for men. Many of them have commitments to their employees who joined the armed forces and who must be provided for after they are discharged from the services.

Even now, before many of the men of the forces are out of the services, laid-off men from the war industries, to say nothing of the women, are seeking other jobs.

There are going to be difficult and vexatious questions both for employers and employees. Patience and understanding will have to be xercised all around as the particular problems of war employment recede and those of normal times reappear.

New Educational Problem . . .

Appearance in the schools of the city of 18-year-old boys, who have been employed in the war industries for the past few years, poses a problem for the school authorities. Of course, there are only a few such cases in Prince Rupert so far but, doubtless, there will be more and the question will be general.

If the number of such "men" becomes very great, it will, of course, mean some sort of segregation, involving special instructional arrangements. It is obvious that complications would arise through having such older students co-mingling with the boys of normal school age. How the problem is to be met will, of course, depend to some extent on the "men" themselves.

LETTERBOX

APPRECIATION OF YANKS

Editor, Daily News: Now that the war is over and we may reasonably expect that the American Army personnel will soon be leaving this district we Canadians should show in any way we can our appreciation of our southern visitors and all that they have meant to the

and port and one may be for- plant has 1,000-ton capacity. given for hoping that the lesson | On Acropolis Hill overlooking tate the advancement of district in the days that are already close upon us.

As one who has been associated with the personnel of Americans - military, naval and civilian-for more than a year I should like to voice my own personal appreciation. I have earnestly to shake the dry bone of Prince Rupert into a semblance of life and with a success only conditioned by the degree of receptivity shown by the learner.

Not only have they transformed the face of t he city and port and brought concrete evidenc of their lusty life-giving energy and purpose but they have als filled local coffers and made lif much more pleasant than would otherwise have been for the local residents.

When they have gone, Prince Rupert will certainly miss them and regret that sometimes they treated such good friends so curtly but it is fervently to be hoped that the city will not be allowed to fall back into the state of moribund coma from which these excellent neighbors have at such cost rescued it.

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SUB-PORT OF EMBARKATION (Continued from Page One)

of more than 400,000 square feet of storage space. It is four storeys high, and houses supplies and materials for trans-shipment by the Overseas Stock Terminal. An overhead bridge or ramp crosses the railroad tracks from the warehouse to the east apron of the Army Transport Service

Administrative office building city and district of Prince Ru- of the port, located near the warehouse, contains 53,776 it is no credit to the Cana- square feet of floor space. In dian powers that be that it addition there are numerous needed a war to reveal the po- other docks, marine repair shops tentialities of this northern city and cargo sheds. A cold storage

may not be lost on those who, the town and waterfront is the have it in their power to facili- port camp area, which houses the a majority of the 3,500 soldiers and civilian workers required to maintain the installation. Here are all the usual camp facilities, including barracks, officers' quarters, theatre, gymnasium, office buildings, Red Cross Club and mess halls.

The main function of the seen how they have tried very Prince Rupert Sub-Port of Embarkation at present is to supply the Aleutians and the Alaska theatre, as well as the Alaska Highway area in Canada north of Watson Lake, and other Pacific areas. Considerably more than a million tons of freight have passed through the port.

Port Edward

Staging Area Another installation at Prince Rupert is the Staging Area, located at Port Edward about ten miles from the main port. Port Edward's chief purpose is to house and equip personnel moving to and from the North Paeific and Alaska theatres.

Starting with a bare site, the camp was developed sufficiently to care for several thousand troops every month. It has all the usual facilities of a U.S. army camp, including barracks, mess halls, theatre, chapel, office buildings, warehouses, storage facilities, and recreation halls. These were all built by U. S. E. D. Engineers of the Northwest Division.

On March 15, 1943, nine officers, 244 enlisted men, and 387 civilian workers were brought to Port Edward from the shipwrecked Army transport Otsego. The necessity for housing, feeding and reclothing these men brought about the premature opening of the post.

Four officers, some cooks and bakers were assigned to Port Edward from Prince Rupert and companies were formed of the enlisted men. Since this first activity, Port Edward has been the focal point in transporting cer of Port Edward is Colonel civilian construction workers to be employed on U.S.E.D. projects, and Army personnel, to The Prince Rupert Sub-Port the North.

From Watson Island, am- west Service Command, which munition back-up storage had its headquarters in Whitedump, thousands of tons of horse, Yukon Territory, on the high explosive ammunition Alaska Highway, until recently have been sent into the Pa- inactivated. Now for communicific, many of the bombs fall- cations, finance, construction ing directly on the Japanese and repair and other services it Empire within a matter of is under the Ninth Service Comdays after their departure mand, at Fort Douglas, Utah, of from the sub-port.

Commanding officer of the Shedd is the commanding gen-Prince Rupert Sub-Port of Em- eral. barkation is Colonel J. H. Mel- For its port operations, the lom, T.C., who is in his 43rd year Prince Rupert Sub-Port comes of service in the army. He came under the Seattle Port of Emto Prince Rupert in November barkation, which is in turn di-1944, from the San Francisco rectly under the chief of trans-Port of Embarkation, where he portation of the Army Service was deputy port commander. In Forces in Washington, D. C.

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