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TRUCKING QUESTION

WITH LOCAL TRUCKERS organizing to oppose the application of Canadian National Transportation Ltd. for a scheduled licence to carry freight and express by truck over the highway between Burns Lake and Prince Rupert if not to promote their own applications for licences to operate such service, considerable interest is being aroused in the hearing of the Public Utilities Commission which the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in having transferred from Vancouver to this city.

The local truckers cannot be blamed in their not wanting to be placed in competition with what amounts to the government of the country and they also suggest misgiving that, if given an exclusive franchise, the railway company by PUBLIC HEALTH reason of a monopoly, might stifle the service, something which is, of course, only but hypothetical conjesture.

Our sympathies may well be very much with the bona-fide local operators and certainly in the past we have taken a lead in criticizing the Canadian National Railways vigorously when we felt such criticism was due, yet the railway company, in an issue of this sort, is just another applicant.

There is one thing on which everyone is agreed, and that is that there should be full assurance of the capability and intention of the concern which gets the contract to carry out a service adequate the Shawinigan Falls, Quebec and compatible with the requirements.

KEEPING TOURISTS HAPPY

ANADA NEEDS better accommodation for her tourists. Canada needs additional accommodation. Canada needs higher standards of catering. Just as our national business success in markets abroad is going to be based upon quality in the products of our fields, mines, forests and factories, so the expansion of our visitor industry is going to be based on quality, on service, on efficiency, on the acceptance of the highest standards that can be prescribed.

Our American customers enjoy the highest average standard of living of any people on earth. They created advertising in its modern form and application, but, conversely, advertising recreated them. They have been sold on the solid creation comforts of life. To be happy, they must sleep comfortably in pleasant surroundings, eat well, and be able to keep clean. The war is over. With our American customers—and they gave us \$207,- Prince Rupert Junior Chamber 000,000 last year—it is no longer a case of our will be able to send delegates to saying "Here's what we have--take it and like it!" Today it's a case of their saying "Here are our specifications for a vacation-can you fill them?"

Unless Canada, from the angle of accommodation, food, and other essentials tourist services, gears her thought, enterprise and planning to this revised theme song of our major tourist market she may soon regret her inattention.

From coast to coast we must progress beyond the position of allowing some slovenly people, some unsanitary places, and some backward proprietors to spoil a great business for our country. We must take the necessary steps to please, develop and hold the business.

V-E DAY

TWO YEARS have passed since we excitedly and exultantly hailed V-E Day and the end of the float. European phase of fighting in World War II. It would be easy, and some are doing it, even the Prime Minister of Britain, to say that the danger of war in the world is greater today than it has eyer been. Yet, still we cannot admit to ourselves that war will come. In spite of all the face-making and the scares, the ugly disputes and differences, we cannot bring ourselves to admit that any one really wishes to fight notwithstanding all the feinting and the shadow boxing. Many better understandings will, we are sure, come of the present disagreeableness that seems so general and, by the time another V-E Day arrives, the prospect of peace may be on a clearer and a firmer footing.



DAKAR NATIVES GREET FIRST LADY OF FRANCE-Native women line up to greet and welcome Mme. Auriol, wife of President Vincent Auriol, of France, during their recent tour of French possessions. Photo was made on the Isle of Goree, Dakar, rison.



IT BROUGHT FAME TO PRINCE RUPERT-The basking shark, found on Porcher Island more than ten years ago, which everybody thought was a sea serpent. "W. J." tells about it in his column below. The picture was taken on the

WOULD LEGALIZE

LOTTERIES FOR

health institutions was approv-

pert Junior Chamber of Com-

merce at its monthly meeting in

The resolution was one which

will be considered by the forth-

coming convention of the Ju-

Canada, and was submitted by

The major part of the busi-

ness meeting last night was

number of resolutions which

alutions committee of the Na-

proved. The resolutions com-

mittee was instructed to draw

sial parliament members and

Since it is unlikely that the

held in Montrea! on May 29 and

30, voting power for the local

group probably will be turned

over to delegates of the Vancou-

Present at the meeting was

Junior Chamber May Queen

candidate, Doreen Bateman, of

Booth Memorial High School

and W. W. C. O'Neill, Principal

both of whom were introduced

to the 25 members and guests.

May Queen Chairman Don Mc-

Ewen appealed for support of

the members in the current May

The meeting decided to enter

float in the Kinsmen May 24

celebration, and appointed Mr

George Brown and Stuart Furk

to direct construction of the

At recommendation of A

Manson, chairman of the high-

way arch committee, the meet-

ing voted to erect a welcome

sign in the form of a large fish,

city, thus publicizing Prince Ru-

pert's chief industry.

FINANCIAL DRIVES

TO STAND ALOOF ON

ake part as individuals.

of officers for 1947.

comed by President A. P. Craw-

nior Chamber of Commerce;

out on Sunday.

Queen competition:

ver Junior Board of Trade.

other authorities.

given over to consideration of

the Commodore Cafe.

Junior Board of Trade.

late this month.

ed last night by the Prince Ru-

GROUNDHOG

(Continued from Page 1) to the seaboard, one hundred all of the ports on the Pacific, came to Prince Ruperi, once. And so, for years, it was a case

and fifty miles away, also a fleet of steam colliers to convey the product from there to any and A resolution favoring the operation of provincial lotteries to aid hospitals and other public the Panama Canal.

NINE MILLION DOLLARS NEEDED nior Chamber of Comemree of

able to purchase, develop, equip, construct the railway, terminals, own a fleet and acquire depot abroad, still leaving an attrac tive margin to cover promo tion expenses and produce prohave been submitted to the resfits. All these facts and figures tional Junior Chamber for con- given and tabulated can be acsideration at the convention curately substantiated later when the many departments are A request from Mayor Nora in full swing, and from their Arnold in her capacity as a compactness offer to the inmember of the Trans-Canada vesting public one of the most Highway Association, urging attractive industrials for investthat the Junior Chamber pre- ment, seldom equalled for perpare a resolution asking for the manency and further possibilicompletion of the gap between ty for enhanced profits. It took to the local federal and provin-

WEYERIDGE, Surrey, Eng., (P)-To obtain data on flight at supersonic speeds, Vickers-Armstrong, airplane manufacturers, will build three large wind tunnels here at an estimated cost of £200,000 (\$800,000) Officials believe tests carried out with models will eliminate almost all hazards of initial' feet, an over-all length of 600 forming part of the deck cargo be used for routine tests. The CARNEGIE third will be used largely to LIBRARY study compressibility phenomena at speeds above and below a Carnegie library shortly after sonic velocity (726 miles an hour the incorporation, but some of at the highway entrance to the

the national convention to be Safe Sonic Speed Sought By Science

at sea level).

station after the "smelly" marine carcass was brought to the city for pickling.

significance of the strange and every praise. statements multiplied. came the great let-down. Vancouver Island fisheries re-

search authority pronounced the dead mystery ur north just sorry for themselves. another basking shark, and not fragrant at that.

CONNAUGHT'S VISIT

It was in September, 1912, the Jasper and McBride in the nor- years to induce capital to en- Duke of Connaught, as Goverthern highway system, was ap- tertain the Crow's Nest scheme nor-General, visited Prince Ruof collieries and railway, but this pert. He landed at the govern-Groundhog coal field, on account ment dock, with most of a rugup such a brief and submit it of its proximity to seaboard and ged population present. An the special quality and quantity Indian band played, the guard of its coal, cannot long go beg . of honor stood at attention, and ging, as its product has few com- the Duke, pausing before the wearer of a medal that gleamed like a June morning gazed at is boyish countenance. Then he contemplated the decoration "Would you mind telling me,

mylad, in what campaign you won this?" Oh sir, that was given me

for singing in the choir at New Westminster."

This is 1947, and there are many new faces at Prince Rupert. Perhaps they have not already heard this one.

FIRST PLANE . . .

Planes at Prince Rupert made flights with aircraft designed a tame enough beginning. The for supersonic speeds. First of first ever seen here did not soar the tunnels to be built will have across the Heavens at all. It a testing section 13 feet by nine was a frail little contraption. feet and a height of 40 feet. A of an Alaska-bound steamer speed of 350 feet a second will which called here during the be reached in the test section by building of the railway. It was, means of a seven-bladed 24-ft. indubitably, a plane, and everypropeller. A smaller tunnel will one refused to become excited.

Prince Rupert could have had the pioneers were allergic to

THIS AND THAT



William McKenzie, Victor Mor-"I can't see anything of the car that phoned in for road service."

government wharf here near the lower fisheries experimental

Reminiscences and Reflections

A week or so of near-glory Andy and they had their way where will be established depots But, when stark truth broke, the | of wait and see. An amiable and for bunker coal to supply steam- expected renown faded and efficient young librarian, a SMITH & ELKINS LTD. ers, there will be ample sale for died. Today, never even the shack and a haphazard collecsuch a proposed output, and an shost of a hint of something tion of books near the site of immense new market developed that might have been, is sensed the present post office, saw the on account of the opening of It came about like this. The start, and library affairs have Phone 174 body of a marine creature, gone a long way since then. The found on an island shore, de- community possesses an estab- If It's Rock Workfied definition. Alive to the lishment and a service meriting Working capital of approxi- unexplainable, the report lost Local newsstands sell thoumately \$9,000,000 will be advise- nothing in the telling. All over sands of magazines both grave SIDEWALKS — BASEMENTS Box 516, Phone 777,

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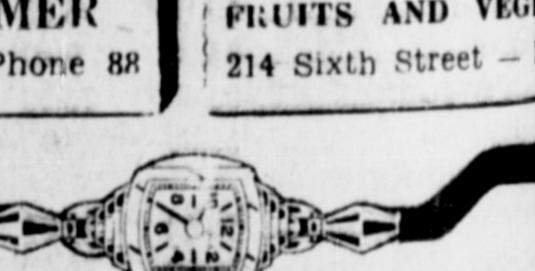
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