

BETTER DAYS HERE

PRINCE RUPERT is very definitely beginning to feel the effect of widespread postwar activity.

It is doubtful if the city and district has ever been attracting more attention all over the continent, and abroad too, than it is today. Although the 1947 calling season is already young, many prominent visitors have already been here and indications are that there will be many more important ones. Possibly even a federal cabinet minister, who appear the hardest to induce to come this way, may be able to spare a few hours from Vancouver and Victoria and favor us with a call although it is understood that we may first have a United States cabinet member in the person of Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach who we hear is coming a week from Monday to be exact.

Anyone associated with the Chamber of Commerce knows the interest that is being taken in this area and the job the hard-working but ever cheerful and indefatigable secretary is having in keeping up with it all.

Yes, Prince Rupert is taking its place in the sun. We are becoming really known.

A change in the pace of the city is also being noted. Never in pre-war days was it as brisk and as optimistic as it is today. There is a new attitude. The old spirit of pessimism, self-deprecation and defeatism is giving away to optimism, community pride and confidence.

As for public relations, we have the world really looking this way and, as we have suggested before, it may be more important now for us to think about making a good impression upon people who come here rather than actually endeavouring to persuade them to visit us.

We have gone a long way lately, one way or another, in selling Prince Rupert. Now we have to deliver and there are plenty of improvements to be made, all of which have been dwelt upon ere this.

THE HIGHWAY

MOTORISTS who travel to and from Prince Rupert over the highway are unanimously declaring that the section of the road from Hazelton on into Prince Rupert, notwithstanding the fact that it has only been open a few weeks after a hard winter, is in much better shape than the road beyond towards Prince George. "It is a good road," say many motorists who are always entranced by the gorgeous mountain and valley scenery of the lower Skeena Valley.

Of course, we all know there are defects in the road between here and Terrace, particularly closer in to Prince Rupert, but it does not mean we should not give credit where credit is due. Undoubtedly, there is some reason why the road, as some people say, should be better this spring than it has ever been before.

While our well-justified campaign to get the road in first-class shape continues—and there must be much work done before it is a first-class road—it is at least satisfactory to know that a considerable number of the motorists are finding the highway even today much better than most of us had thought it was or would be.

THE BALKANS AGAIN

ONCE AGAIN—or still, for that matter—the Balkans are seething with international unrest and are the fertile ground for the seeds of war. Hungary is only another step in the march of the new colored Russian bear southward on the Mediterranean. Now only Turkey and Greece remain and the western powers are taking their stand there against the sweep of communism.

Probably, little can or will be done about Hungary now in spite of President Truman's declaration that his country will not stand idly by. The crisis still, however, remains and the fact is that a virtual aggressor from the north is more solidly entrenched than even Hitler at the height of war ever became.

It is a dangerous but typical situation in the Balkans and one which will be provocative of much anxious interest in the immediate days to come.

SUPPORT BOY SCOUTS

WE WOULD PUT in a word of support for the current campaign of the Boy Scouts Association of British Columbia to raise funds for the financing of further extension of the valuable boys' movement in this province.

The Boy Scout movement seeks to develop boys into self-reliant and independent citizens by encouraging them to earn their own uniforms and provide their own camps, activities etc. But as the organization has grown over the years, it has been necessary to maintain and expand the set-up. It is largely for this purpose that the campaign to raise \$15,000 has been undertaken.

Prince Rupert people may well be generous in their support since there has been a new lease on life taken by the organization here through the formation of new groups of Scouts and Cubs which are carrying on a splendid work. There need be no hesitation in urging upon Prince Rupert people to be as generous as possible in their voluntary contributions.

B.C. PRODUCTS SHOW COMING

May be Feature of Associated Boards of Trade Convention

Possibility of a British Columbia Products Bureau of the Vancouver Board of Trade display of provincial products being sent to Prince Rupert at the time of the Associated Boards of Trade convention here in August was discussed in a long distance telephone conversation yesterday between Reg. T. Rose, executive secretary of the Vancouver Board of Trade, and G. A. Hunter, president of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce. In addition to a fine and complete display of B.C. manufactured products, there would be a quiz contest with prizes totalling \$100 and presentation of artists. All expenses are borne by the B.C. Products Bureau, any proceeds that might be derived being retained locally.

W. J. Scott, chairman of the Associated Boards convention committee who left for Vancouver last night, will discuss the matter further with Mr. Rose with a view to finalizing suitable arrangements.

Port Utilization—

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Mr. Dockrill was successful in getting a resolution through requesting the provincial government to complete the 80-mile gap in the northern trans-provincial highway between Sinclair Mills and McBride east of Prince George, Edmonton, supporting this move. Completion of this link would enable the classification of the northern trans-provincial highway as a trans-Canada road entitled to any federal aid which in the future might become available.

Still another meeting which Mr. Dockrill attended was that of the British Columbia Tourist Council where, after some opposition from the southern part of the province, he was successful in having put through a resolution calling for the opening to general traffic of the Haines cut-off at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Dockrill brought word of the intention of Hon. L. H. Eyres, minister of trade and industry, and Mrs. Eyres and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. O'Meara to visit Prince Rupert on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia here this August.



OFFICIALS INVESTIGATING "DE LUXE" RELIEF—New York city and state authorities are swinging into investigation of "de luxe relief" which has some New York city families on relief ensconced in hotels at prices ranging up to \$600-plus a month. This photograph shows members of one of the families, that of Benjamin Rudolph at home in the Rutledge hotel. They get \$240 a month for rent of a two-room suite, and another \$92.50 monthly for food. Benjamin feeds their 10-month-old baby, Morris, while Mrs. Rudolph hangs out the laundry on the terrace. They have two other children, Louis, 15, and Pearl, 12.

ELECTRIC UNION NAMES OFFICERS

George Phillipson Named Head of Brotherhood for Coming Two Years

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers here has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

President, George Phillipson.
Vice-President, L. Crompton.
Financial Secretary, James Forman.

Recording Secretary, Fred Kempton.

Treasurer, William Reid.
Inspector, R. G. Macaulay.
Auditors — R. McLean and Thomas Johnstone.

Entertainment Committee — Miss Norah Dougherty, E. Jones and J. McNeice.

Sick Visiting Committee — G. Jackson and J. McNeice.
Press Correspondent, Stan Saville.

The social committee is planning to arrange a social evening for the very near future.

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Freight Hearing—

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tation, who asserted that it was presumptuous to "suggest that Canadian National workers are not interested in building up the business of the company."

NOTHING TO JUSTIFY LICENCE FOR C.N.R.

Mr. Clyne declared that there "is not the slightest shred of evidence to justify the granting of a licence to Canadian National Transportation Ltd."

"Canadian National have proved nothing in the matter of public convenience or necessity. It is a straight matter of experiment and should not be laid before a public body," he asserted.

The method of local pick-ups and deliveries proposed by the district operators would result in better service than that proposed by the C.N. Transportation company because it would be faster and more convenient, he said.

Mr. Boyd countered that the railway's application was a reasonable one, and declared that there would still be competition, because there will be other types of hauling than that proposed by us. The C.N. plans a scheduled

ROBERT MOORE KIN PRESIDENT

To Purchase Land for Permanent Camp at Lakelse Lake

R. G. Moore, principal of King Edward school was elected president of the Prince Rupert Kinsmen's Club at the annual election of officers held Wednesday night. He replaces R. E. Montador who retires after a year and a half as president.

Other officers for the year 1947-48 are:

Vice-President, George Dibb.
Secretary, C. H. Collins.
Treasurer, S. J. Saville.
Recorder, Bert Horgan.
Directors — Harold Muncey, Pierre Le Ross.

The meeting decided to set aside a fund for the purchase of land on the shore of Lakelse Lake for a permanent site for their summer children's camp, opening the fund with \$200. The club plans to purchase four lots on which the permanent camp will be set.

Discussion of plans for this year's summer camp resulted in a decision to have four sessions at Lakelse Lake, each session lasting 10 days, with accommodation for 24 boys. The club also approved the idea of starting a summer camp for girls.

\$1,500 FROM CELEBRATION

The May 24 celebrations resulted in net receipts of \$1,500 which will be used to finance the camps. Treasurer Bert Horgan reported. The open air dance in the evening brought in \$33 and the club discussed plans to hold such dances periodically on the old Exhibition Building floor during the summer.

The club made a motion of appreciation to the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative for turning back to the camp fund the \$15 first prize which its float entry won. Enlarged photographs of all float entries are being given to their sponsors.

Gratification was expressed at the success of the mobile x-ray unit which is visiting the city at present. Funds which provided the unit were from the sale of Christmas seals, sale of which was largely sponsored by the Kinsmen Club.

There were 20 members at the meeting in the Civic Centre. William Baillie was a guest.

service, and it may be that there is room for other types of service."

"A monopoly," he told the commission, "can be exercised by a group of individuals, just as it can be exercised by a railway company."

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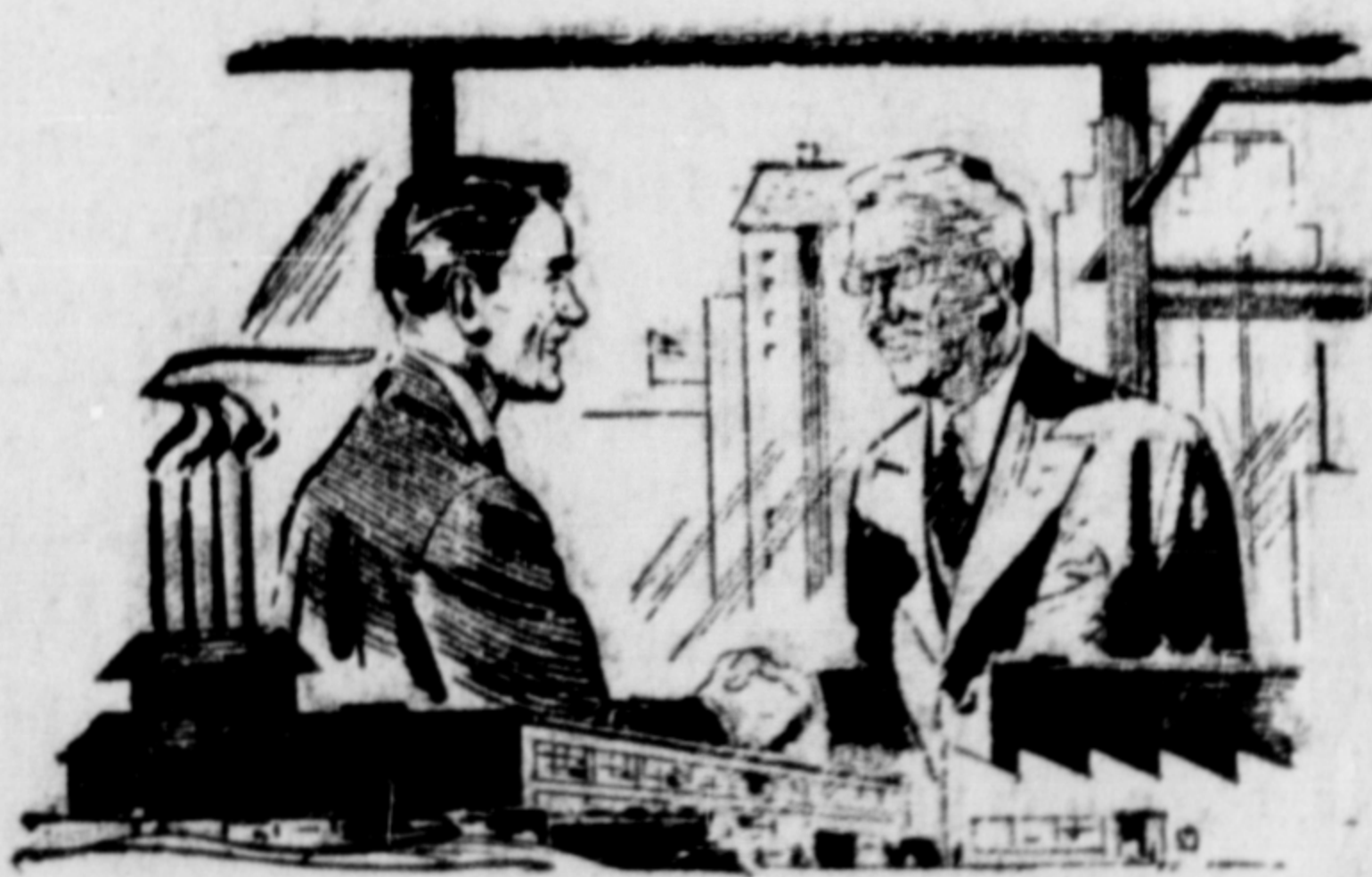
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