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Hard Fight for B.C.

ANADA'S two transcontinental railroads have an application before the Transport Commission asking approval for a freight tariff 30 per cent higher than the tariff now in force. Seven provinces are opposing the application, says the incouver Province editorially. Ontario and Queare taking no part in the controversy.

British Columbia is in a particularly difficult because in the mountain differential it has to ene a freight rate 25 per cent higher than the average. There is discrimination now and any percentage increase would accentuate the discrimination.

Counsel for the seven provinces, working together, are opposing the increase, in the first place, on the ground that the railways have not shown that they need higher rates. If this argument fails, they will try to show that any flat percentage increase is sure to produce inequalities unjust to certain areas and certain commodities.

There is a slogan that has been current in British Columbia for some months: "Business is coming to British Columbia." Business is coming and we must keep it coming if we are to provide employment for our increasing population. But business means production and production means markets.

We cannot prosper by taking in our own washing. We must export both overseas and to our natural domestic market, the prairies. Under the present freight rate, unfair though it is, we have a market for various commodities as far east as Winnipeg. That is our traffic slope. Thirty per cent added to the present rate, pyramiding the discrimination, will shut us out of a large part of that market-possibly out of all Manitoba and Saskatchewan—and reduce our range disastrously.

British Columbia has a hard fight on her hands and one on whose outcome depends her industrial ; life and prosperity. It is a time to use every effort.

HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

THE Prince Rupert Horticultural Society used to be one of the most enthusiastic, active and useful organizations in the city. Gardeners in large numbers comprised its membership. Banded together with bonds of keen interest in the art of horticulture, they did much to promote the beautification of the city through developing their own gardens and encouraging others to do likewise. But, unfortunately, the Horticultural Association, due to the death and departure of some of its former most active leaders, has languished.

Now another meeting is being called to see if enough interest cannot be aroused to revive it. It is to be hoped that the necessary response will be forthcoming. With city improvement and beautifiecation much to the fore again, it is to be highly desired that there should be again an active and forward looking Horticultural Society. There must be plenty of interested persons in the city.

PPOVINCIAL FISHERIES

HERE may be point to some of the members of the Legislature wondering what the provincial government plans to do to aid fisheries under the act which would set up a separate Department Fisheries. As one of the members has sugested, there may have to be greater authority transferred from Ottawa to Victoria over the industry if there is to be any justification for the department. Under existing set-up in the administration of the fisheries, there would appear to be tetle enough justification. However, the government might have some plans in the matter which at the moment might seem to be a little obscure. Many feel that the fisheries are pretty well regulated and assessed the way things are now.



"What d'ya mean, speeding?"

TAXES THREATEN CO-OP GROWTH

Present government legislation to tax co-operatives, which was drawn up under pressure from "capitalist" business groups, contains the power to seriously interfere with the development of the co-operative movement, Douglas Clark, University of British Columbia extension department lecturer, told a meeting in the Metropole Hall last

"As co-operatives expand and take in a greater part of the economy of the country, the state should have the right to exact revenue from them but it should be done in a way that will not interfere with their growth," he declared.

Mr. Clark said that, on its present basis, the co-operative taxation act which was invoked last year, is unfair, because it taxes reserve funds "apparently to prevent the building up of re-

The present act, he asserted, cannot benefit the national revenue greatly because its effect is to lay a heavy taxation burden on the relatively small consumer co-operatives by levying on their working capital and surpluses.

"The large producer co-opera- operatives should reduce their tives, however, will only be light- surpluses by the payment of agents for the producers and non-member business at as low never show a surplus. The pic- a level as possible. ture is different with the conof the year, have suppluses built of the university extension deup from savings to consumers." partment. Both led the discus-

The Prince Rupert Fisher- sion period which followed Mr. men's Co-operative, while it is Clark's address. The meeting definitely established as a marketing agency, nevertheless is linked to some consumer functions by its stores and because of this link, the whole capital of the association is liable to taxation, Mr. Clark asserted.

Many people feel that current provincial legislation designed to tax co-operative fish buyers in camps along the coast is an attempt to prevent the further growth of the co-operative movement, he said.

In answer to a question from the audience as to how the present legislation could be changed, Mr. Clark suggested that cooperative members should write to the Minister of National Revenue and to their members of Parliament in order to strengthen their stand. Action taken in the co-operatives in Britain and Sweden might provide a pattern.

"If this is the 'thin edge of the wedge,' then co-operative members will have to take a more active interest in politics. This has already happened in Sweden and Britain," he replied.

He suggested that, in order to protect themselves against "unair" taxation, producer cooperatives must definitely estabsh themselves as marketing

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KINSMEN BOOST DRIVE · agencies and that consumer co-

iy hit because they are merely dividends and attempt to keep ing of a new children's hospital With Mr. Clark on the platsummer groups which, at the end form was Miss Lin Brown, also men club of Winnipeg have un-

which was attended by about 40

opened with the showing of

film on efficient retailing

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WENNIFEG, P- A campaign to raise \$1,500,000 for the buildwill be launched in the near future and the executive and general membership of the Kinsanimously agreed to lend their full support to the drive.

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LEE GORDON ROTARY HEAD

Nominated President for Coming Year at Meeting Yesterday

Lee M. Gordon has been nominated for the position of president of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club for the year 1947-48 by a nominating committee of club past presidents under the chairmanship of Col. S. D. Johnston. Nominated for directors are R. G. Van der Sluys, C. A. Berner and Stewart Donaldson.

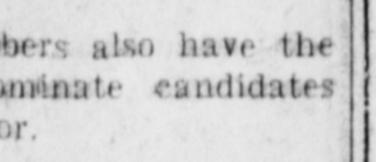
The slate, which was presented at Thursday's luncheon meeting, will be tabled for a month after which the election of officers will take place. New officers will take over at the and of the club year on July 1.

The nominating committee also recommended the re-election of B. R. Dodds as secretary Alex MeRae as treasurer and Fred Seadden as sergeant-at-

Club members also have the right to nominate candidates from the flaor.

Business Men Use Gymnasium

The battle against the bulging waistline is being carried on vigorously, although in a small way numerically, almost daily in he Civic Centre by a group of local business men who gather



n the gymnasium during the noon hour for a brisk period of badminton or volley ball. Prime mover behind the athletic classes is Dr. R. G. Large, Civic Centre vice-president. The ses sions usually are attended by Harvey Jessup of the Social from three to half a dozen busi-

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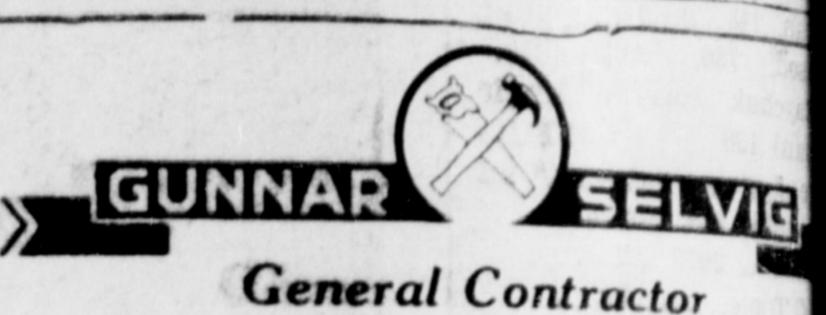
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