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What of the Coming Year?

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED a good many times since the year turned as to what we expect for Prince Rupert in 1947. Quite frankly, we look for no sudden boom in Prince Rupert this year but we do hope for steady progress toward the development and expansion of our great natural resources and the use of our strategically located, amply equipped port and facilities along sound and permanent lines.

In spite of reverses and disappointments which we have suffered since war ended and during the still uncompleted period of transition, we expect, barring some national economic calamity which would carry us all downward, that a year from today Prince Rupert will be enjoying a sounder measure of prosperity than it is today. Meantime, there are none who can say that Prince Rupert—with little if any unemployment, its people well fixed with the world's goods and business people enjoying good patronage and demand with some lines they still profess they are unable to meet—is not a prosperous place today—even if some of us may be a little unhappy over the recession to normalcy from the unnatural war boom.

We may have a seasonal quiet for two or three months between now and spring but we know that our basic industries are due for a good year if for no other reason than the still unfilled demands not only of the home but the world markets.

The lumber industry has still a lot of unfilled orders to catch up with as the whole country cries for building materials. That will keep the men busy in the mills and in the woods.

The demand of the world for food will keep the fishing industry at a high economic level and agricultural products will still be in strong demand.

The year 1946 was the best our mining industry has had since before the war. All signs point to 1947 being an even more active year in reopening such coastal areas as Portland Canal and Alice Arm. There should also be a real revival in the central interior as long inactive properties command renewed attention and steps proceed to open up and develop new properties.

Our basic industries are in a very promising condition and they reflect their healthy state in the prosperity of the distributing and administrative centre of Prince Rupert.

We have mentioned nothing about the more problematical possibilities of increased shipping through Prince Rupert as a result of the expanding use of the port for Alaska traffic, possible grain shipping or even transPacific commerce which, although having suffered temporary setbacks, are by no means to be ruled out. We have not speculated on what may ensue from the clarification of the disposition of the great war established facilities here and hereabouts. Nor have we counted upon what may result from the extensive surveys that are now being made in connection with the possibility of a new major industry, involving not only this port and Port Edward but the whole lower Skeena Valley. If any of these things develop, they will be all to the good, over and above what we may surely expect from a normal use and development of already established and developing basic exploitation of our natural resources.

We think of the situation from all angles and, although to be sure things may not have been moving as rapidly we might have hoped for, we can see no reason for pessimism or uneasiness about the future—immediate or long range—of Prince Rupert.

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A reactionary is anyone who talks about real wages.

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Council's Burden

IF THE INAUGURAL address of our lady mayor may be taken as the keynote, the new city council is resolutely setting itself to the job ahead with realism and courage. Mrs. Arnold accepts the position that, unless some immediate and permanent improvements are made, heads will fall "including our own." She and her council know that the public is becoming increasingly impatient about the disgraceful condition of the city's facilities and services such as streets, waterworks and sewers and that even the most valid of excuses for nothing being done to improve them will not be accepted.

In other words, the 1947 city council is "on the spot" for sure and it must get something done or take the consequences. It must not only try. It must do. It is not going to be good enough to tell us there is no money. If there is no money, something must be done about obtaining it and that without further delay. Financing looks at the moment to be a major problem.

Political Situation

MR. KING was 72 last month. He has put forth a rumor, and even said it himself, that he wishes to retire.

The difficulty confronting Canada is that, to date, no one else has appeared in any party around whom the electorate can rally.

Liberal deterioration, if such there be, is not reflected in the country. The Gallup poll, which has not yet been wrong, reports the relative position of the three major parties to be unchanged.

The Canadian people are no more inclined to vote Socialist now than earlier.

The Bracken party has failed to exploit the weaknesses of their opponents. It is now four years since Mr. Bracken became the leader.

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Train Schedule

From the East—
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday —10:45 p.m.

For the East—
Monday, Wednesday, Friday—8 p.m.

You saw it in The News!

VIEW SIGHT FOR WORLD CAPITAL—A world capital of skyscrapers, rearing in the heart of New York City, came up for judgment before the United Nations through an offer of 10½ million dollars worth of free land from John D. Rockefeller and the city of New York. The proposed site would stretch from 42nd Street to 48th Street along the Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive on the west shore of the East River. Pictured inspecting the proposed skyscraper site for the world capital, are (left to right) Robert Moses, park commissioner; Sir Angus Fletcher, British delegate; Nassrollah Entezam, Iranian delegate, and John J. Bennett, representing Mayor O'Dwyer.

RADIO AUCTION PROCEEDS $467

The Civic Centre, Pioneers' Home and the Salvation Army each received $155.75 as their share of the $467.25 net proceeds of the Junior Chamber of Commerce radio auction held last month, according to S. G. Furk, radio auction secretary.

Mr. Furk's final report, which will be presented to the monthly meeting of the Junior Chamber Thursday night, showed gross receipts of $544.75 from talent bids and merchandise auctions. Expenses totalled $77.50.

The Junior Chamber membership decided to split the proceeds of the radio auction three ways, giving the Civic Centre, Pioneers' Home and Salvation Army equal shares, and named D. G. Esselmont radio auction chairman of the committee at its November meeting. The auction was held in the Civic Centre auditorium December 12, 13 and 14

EASDALE ISLAND, Argyllshire, Scotland (P) — Many cottages, whose rents are 2/6 (50 cents) a year, are empty. Once the centre of Scotland's slate industry, Easdale now is a depressed area with only 40 inhabitants.

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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PLANS FUTURE WORK; LOCAL FIRM

At the regular monthly meeting of the Prince Rupert Industrial Development Committee last evening further plans were definitely made for a continuation and developing of various contacts made with outside agencies already interested in promoting the resources of the undeveloped areas in the north and western parts of the province that regard Prince Rupert as their logical centre.

A survey of local inhabitants having faith in the future development of the area indicated that they were prepared to invest in a local veneer or plywood industry. Inquiries from outside points, eastern Canada and United States also showed that those interested were learning of the possibilities for profitable investments. These contacts are being maintained and information supplied. One letter acknowledged receipt of water analysis which showed the suitability of the water for pulp and paper use.

Plans were completed for the meeting with Col. H. B. Smith, recently appointed trade representative for British Columbia in Great Britain and, in conjunction with the executive of the Chamber of Commerce, the committee will meet and provide Col. Smith with full information regarding the district.

Correspondence that the Chamber had received from the federal government regarding the subsidy for Deep Sea Navigation was considered at length. The value of the Prince Rupert Shipping Co. in the marketing of products of the interior was discussed.

Ex-mayor H. M. Daggett, as chairman, and W. M. Watts, as secretary, were unanimously named to continue in their respective positions. The great service each had given in the past was enthusiastically acknowledged. The chairman welcomed as representatives of the city council Alderman A. Brooksbank and Alderman C. G. Ham. H. G. Archibald, M.P., was present and took an active part in discussions. Others present were J. S. Wilson, J. Nicol, A. P. Crawley and J. S. Black.

To study and report on various brochures and pamphlets received from different cities and government development branches a committee consisting of J. S. Wilson, A. Brooksbank and A. P. Crawley was appointed.

GLASGOW, Scotland (P)—Contracts have been issued for 230 new buses for the city transport service, at a cost of £800,000 ($3,200,000).

DISTANT FROM EARTH
The sun is 93,000,000 miles from the earth.

Welsh Harbor Towns Unite To Aid Trade

CARDIFF, Wales, (P)—Harbors in South Wales and Monmouthshire have set up a "joint ports committee" for united action to restore commercial business shattered by the war.

Alderman George Ferguson, Lord Mayor of Cardiff, told a committee luncheon meeting that unity was vital in attracting new trade, particularly since the coal exporting business, once most important, had become a negligible item.

"If we all unite," he said. "I don't think it is impossible to get all that business back. On behalf of the council I represent I can promise that we shall do all we can to assist in trying to get more business to bring the ports up to the standard of the past."

Chairman of the joint committee is Group Captain George Bailey of Cardiff.

D. Fisher, Canadian National passenger train conductor out of Prince Rupert, returned on the Prince Rupert this morning from a holiday trip to Vancouver.

H. J. Brown, Port Essington trustee on the Prince Rupert district school board, arrived in the city last night from the Skeena River village to attend the first meeting of the 1947 school board, which will be held tonight.

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