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REACTIONS-

REDULITY FIRST, THEN COMPLETE

ed by his doctor that medicine is now availcure him after a long illness.

ens of all walks of life seized on Wednesannouncement in the Daily News that Cela-Corporation of America is to build a new plant Watson Island with an initial touch of hopeful fulity, then gave expression to complete cation when they saw that the announce- WOULD BELONG a carried the authority of a minister of the

RA ARNOLD of Prince Rupert)

the beginning o y for this city and h country," enthused fora Arnold who adbeing excitedly stirthe news.

e always prophesied,' Worship, "that the def natural resources in h would mean that inin time would have to the north. That time come. This is the beof a new era of natural

city was put on the an arbitrary fashion lway company and the d never grow until its and was developed. With at industry settling here ently, others are bound

plant alone should n increase in populaat least 5000 people to and immediate vicinity further development lumber industry inciits establishment

that Prince Rupert stands at the gateprosperity and that can now hold back h as an important outlet for the whole

A. HUNTER mber of Commerce

President)

greatest single item of y authentic industrial rince Rupert has ever was the way G. A.

newspaperman presithe Prince Rupert of Commerce dethe announcement. He as a turning point in ole economic future of "At last a substandustrial payroll is aspart from the fisherics ver past years has been onomic mainstay and will, of course, continue along expanding lines." Port Edward celanese Mr. Hunter supposed bring to Prince Rupert nanent prosperity such city has never before d. In addition to the ,900 investment and the ayroll involved in the dward project itself, he ed tributary investment mployment of compar-

Rupert people to behere," said the Cham-Commerce head.

will be the big industrial without which we have realized Prince Rupert never have the full meastable prosperity and ment industrial activity we have optimistically pated through thick and

. P. CRAWLEY sident, Junior Chamber of Commerce)

. Crawley, president of rince Rupert Junior ber of Commerce, comas follows:

Prince Rupert has been wait- TO FEDERATION ing for. It will provide indirect payrolls many times the size of the company's direct payroll and is also likely to interest other capital in this

northern region. dustries also will thrive. sawmill would be a 'natural'especially a sawmill, since good sawlogs would come off the same timber stands."

H. M. DAGGETT (Chairman, Industrial

Development Committee) Ex-Mayor H. M. Daggett, now chairman of the Prince | High Rupert Industrial Development Council, which has been | Low active in trying to promote new industries for the city,

"We have been hoping for this since the city was founded. It will materially help Prince Rupert."

W. M. WATTS (Secretary, Industrial

Development Committee) Ex-Mayor W. M. Watts, an ardent worker for the establishment of industry in Prince Rupert, expressed gratification at the news that the Celanese Corporation does not plan to build a separate town outside of Prince Rupert.

"We have been waiting for this for a long time but it certainly will be worth it," he declared. "However, I see no reason why the Industrial Development Committee should let down in its efforts to get more new industries.

"The fact that the workers at the mill will live in Prince Rupert will be a big help to the city, but it is up to the business people to see that the city keeps growing."

JAMES S. BLACK

(Trades and Labor Council) James S. Black, ex-alderman and vice-president of the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council, described it as the "best thing that ever happened to Prince Rupert."

"Labor and the whole community will benefit. The local industrial picture will multiply vastly, once it gets under way. It will take up all the labor we have available at the present time and a good deal more. It will create a cycle of expansion that will greatly benefit the city."

ust a little hard for Bo-Me-Hi

Lost By Single Point to U.B.C. Intermediates

VANCOUVER - University British Columbia Intermediate "A" team defeated Bo-Me-Hi 39 to 38 yesterday.

Reg. Lavigne was high scorer with twelve points.

With five seconds to go, Lavigne had two penalty shots which would have won the game by one point but he did not make the penalties.

A fine dinner was given for the team by University of Brit-

ish Columbia. Much credit for the arrangements was due to Don Macdonis the news that ald, formerly of Prince Rupert.

GRATIFICATION OVER \$15,000,000 ANNOUNCEMENT ce Rupert reacted to the news that it is to \$15,000,000 celanese plant at its very doorself in the manner of a man who has been a man who has been and the manner of a man who has been a man who To Use Local Labor, Businesses and Services

VICTORIA (A provision for automatic membership in the provincial Teachers' Federation would be written into the Public Schools Act under an amend "I believe that smaller in- ment introduced by Education Minister Weir. The federation would have powers of suspension or expulsion to be followed by the dismissal of a teacher, but all teachers thus disciplined would have the right of appeal.

Local Tides

Friday, March 14, 1947

7.6 feet is reported to the labor minister. 13:03

WOULD DECLARE L.P.P. AS ILEEGAL

OTTAWA ()-Liguor Lacombe (Ind. - Laval - Two Mountains) urged the government to declare the Labor-Progressive Party illegal and said that such action would prevent the election of a "Communist" in the March 31 federal by-election in Montreal

PERIOD FOR COOLING OFF

EDITORIAI

THE BEST NEWS YET

-HE great news of a major industrial develop-

hint at thus far, although we had good reason to

anticipate that such a project was definitely in the

offing-is now out. The big announcement, which

came to the Daily News first yesterday afternoon

in a brief message received by the editor from the

local member, W. H. Brett, soon to be followed up

with official confirmation from Hon. E. T. Ken-

ney, minister of lands and forests and member of

the adjoining riding of Skeena, caused a great stir

of optimism around the city, to say the least of it.

straight goods. We have had announcements of big

industrial projects like this before but never before

with such authority—no less than that of the min-

ister of the Crown who has been one of the major

principles in negotiations. Further, it comes after

extensive activity in field investigation of various

phases of the industry such as timber stands, trans-

port, power, fuel and sites which it has been

common knowledge have been going on for some

time. In other words, this is a considered and well

considered announcement on behalf of and with the

authority of one of the most important industrial

organizations on the continent—the Celanese Cor-

persons, sited within eight miles of Prince Rupert,

will revolutionize the industrial picture here. No

longer will Prince Rupert be merely a fishing town

although we must not look down upon our fishery

which will still remain the mainstay that it has been

these many years and one of even greater import-

sponsible for the expenditure of \$15,000,000 in es-

tablishment and installation, giving direct employ-

ment to the 1000 persons. Tributary to and because

of it will be other secondary investments and

substantial and permanent lines. This will be no

war boom but something upon which we may rely

and depend as a lasting development. It will put

Prince Rupert permanently on the industrial map.

which we have waited for so long seems certain

now of fulfilment. This will bring Prince Rupert

into its own. We may well feel happy about the

good news. It has been a long time in coming-so

long that some of us, it seems, are finding it hard

to believe. A \$15,000,000 industry is a big thing for

any man's town and here in Prince Rupert we may

be pardoned if its magnitude seems just a little

At long last, the major industrial development

The beauty of this is that it will be along sound,

sources of employment of equal importance.

The new Port Edward plant will be directly re-

ance recently than it ever was before.

Of course, a \$15,000,000 industry employing 1000

poration of America.

staggering at first.

There is, of course, no doubt that this is the

It was a tonic which has stimulated us all

ment for the immediate vicinity of Prince Ru-

pert-which we have been able only to vaguely

VICTORIA ()-The new labor aisputes settlement bill presented to legislature by Hon. G. S. Pearson, minister of labor, calls 17.5 feet for a 14-day period to elapse 14.4 feet after the result of strike vote

MADE ANNOUNCEMENT-Hon. E. T. Kenney of Terrace, minister of lands and forests, who broke story on Prince Rupert's \$15,000,000 celanese pulp

TODAY'S STOCKS (Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

Vancouver

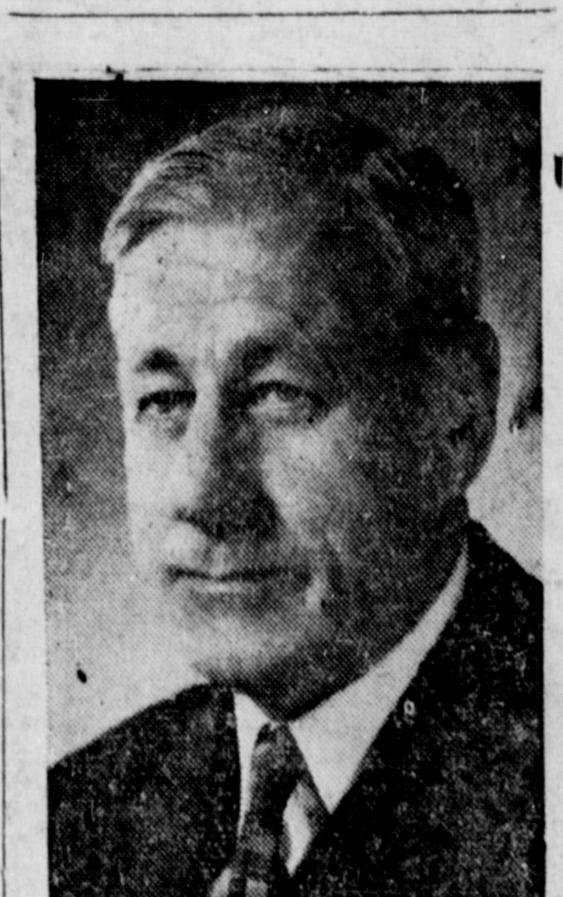
Bralorne

B. R. Con.

Cariboo Gold

B. R. X.

Dentonia Grull Wihksne Hedley Mascot Minto Pend Oreille Pioneer Premier Border Premier Gold Privateer Reeves McDonald Salmon Gold Sheep Creek Taylor Bridge Whitewater Vananda Congress Pacific Eastern (ask) Hedley Amalg. Spud Valley Central Zeballos A. P. Con. Calmont C. & E. Footbills



NEW SUPERINTENDENT Bernard Allen, appointed general superintendent, British Columbia district, Canadian National Railways, with headquarters in Vancouver. Mr. Allen succeeds Walter T. Moodie, retired, as the National System's chief executive officer in British Columbia. During recent war years, while in charge of the Prince Rupert Dry Dock and Shipyard, Mr. Allen directed construction of warships and 10,000-ton cargo vessels, as well as a vast amount of marine repairs.

Workers to Reside Here Prudhomme Lake Water, Falls River Power, Big Building Job

Despite the fact that Celanese Corporation of America's new \$15,000,000 celanese pulp plant is to be located at Watson Island, eight miles from Prince are of a higher grade than Rupert, this city actually will be headquarters for rayon." the huge industry with workmen living here and commuting to their jobs, according to D. G. Stenstrom, special advisor to the company, who is in the city.

Details of the new mill, which will provide pulp for textile production for the company's plants in the eastern United States, were outlined to the Daily News this morning by Mr. Stenstrom.

"We hope to use Prince Rupert for housing," Mr. requires a great deal of water, Stenstrom said. "We do not intend to build a com- but tests have shown that there pany town at Port Edward nor do we expect to house will be plenty of water available any men there, except during the construction period. here We will use the railroad or bus line in transporting the men to and from their homes in Prince Rupert.'

"Also, we intend to use, as far as possible, local num labor of all types, and hope to import as few siders as possible. We want no use the machine to shop facilities of the Prince Rupert Dry Dock and other local industries. For all practical purposes, the mill will be right in Prince Rupert for Prince Rupert will get all the business."

Construction of the plant, which will at first involve the removal of vast quantities of solid rock pipeline. from the site, will begin as soon as possible, Mr. Stenstrom said. E. R. Barr, formerly with the lands and building department of War Assets Corporation, will Mr. Stenstrom said. be in charge of the initial phases of construction. Mr. Barr has been appointed, as of April 1, to represent the company during its initial phases and will become part of the permanent staff.

During the construction period, about 400 men will be employed, according to Mr. Stenstrom. "We hope to start rock excavation as soon as we can get a crew together," he declared. Organization for the work is commencing at once.

Mr. Stenstrom, who was formerly resident man- terior point on the Canadian Naager of Pacific Mills at Ocean Falls, has been acting tional Railways line where it in advisory capacity by reason of his knowledge of the timber and pulp industry on the Pacific Coast. Last fall, Mr. Stenstrom accompanied three top ex- lowing a press conference with ecutives of Celanese Corporation through this area on two occasions when they visited Prince Rupert.

The plant, which will eventually cover an area of approximately 15 acres on Watson Island, is expected to be in production in about two years. It will necessitate an original rock removal project of large pro-

250-TON DAILY CAPACITY MILL

"The intention is to construct a unit of 250 tons per day of celanese pulp," he revealed. The logs will come from territory surrounding Prince Rupert on the coast, the lower Skeena, Terrace, Kitsumgallum Lake and, eventually, the Naas River district. "The timber will come from territory that is not now being logged except on a very small scale."

Hemlock, spruce and balsam are the only useful the mill and the surrounding species in connection with the manufacture of cela- area from which it will draw its nese pulp. The fact that this territory runs more heavily to these species than any other part of the coast is a dominant factor in establishing the mill york.

To produce 250 tons of pulp a day, the mill will require 250,000 board feet of logs, Mr. Stenstrom said. The ratio will be about 1000 board feet of timber for each ton of pulp.

The mill and woods operation is expected to employ about 1000 men when in production. Its product will be shipped by rail and ship to the American Atlantic seaboard where it will be used by the company's various textile manufacturing plants. The present intention is that the pulp will be used by the parent company and will not be for sale.

According to Mr. Stenstrom, this is the first large venture by Celanese Corporation into the field of pulp making, although they have been using pulp in textile manufacture from other sources for some

time. Originally, the company started with cotton as its raw material and is still using cotton to some extent. However, it is turning more and more to high grade wood pulp such as will be made available by the Watson Island plant.

"Undoubtedly, celanese fabrics are sold in Prince Rupert," Mr.

The difference between the manufacture of celanese and rayon is in the treatment of the pulp. Celanese uses a process known as "cellulose acetete" whereas rayon manufacture involves a process known as "viscose."

Manufacture of celanese pulp

PRUDHOMME LAKE TO SUPPLY WATER

20,000,000 gailons for each 24 hours of operation which the lake can supply. Only alteration to the lake level will be a slight raise required for the construction of an outlet for the

"It would be impossible to raise the lake level very much without flooding the highway alnogside,"

The company hopes to be able to get all the electrical power needed from the Northern B.C. Power Company and negotiations to that end have already commenced.

Large quantities of coal will be used for steam production necessary in cooking and drying the pulp. The company expects to obtain its coal from some inmay be available in sufficient

Mr. Stenstrom said that fol-Mr. Blancke in his New York office Wednesday afternoon, the New York Times and other newspapers are carrying detailed stories of the new plant today. The men who consummated the deal which placed the great

Harold Blancke, president of Celanese Corporation of America,

George Schneider, vice-president and technical director. George Richards, vice-president and treasurer.

All three of these men visited Prince Rupert twice last summer in company with Stenstrom, viewing first-hand the site of timber and power resources.

Headquarters of the company is at 180 Madison Avenue, New

CONFIDENCE IN GOV'T OTTAWA-The House of Commons completed a long Throne debate yesterday by defeating a Progressive-Conservative and Social Credit non-confidence motion 134 to 84 and 211 to 13 respectively.

GAS CEILING OFF OTTAWA-The Prices Board

announced last night that, effective April 1, price ceilings on gasoline and tractor distillates will be removed and the Dominion three-cent a gallon excise tax on gasoline will be removed.