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### An Alaska Reaction

EARLY THIS YEAR, the Cellanese Corporation of America, which had investigated the possibility of putting in a large pulp operation in Southeast Alaska, announced that it was investing considerable millions in a plant near Prince Rupert, British Columbia, only a short distance from Ketchikan, Alaska, says the Juneau, Alaska, Empire editorially.

At the time the manager of the Alaska Development Board sought to keep up the hopes of Alaskans by hailing the Prince Rupert project as proof that the establishment of such an industry in Alaska was not far off, since this investment was only a few hundred miles south of Alaska.

We failed to see it that way. To us it was nothing to rejoice about. Here was American capital going to Canada within sight of Alaska's front door. The timber available would be no better, perhaps not as good. Pulp prices were the highest they had ever been. Why didn't Ketchikan get the benefit of this new industry employing several thousand men?

An investment running into millions of dollars is made for only one reason—to turn that investment into more money. It isn't made to help any particular area or to employ men or pay taxes supporting any governmental unit, American or foreign.

The sooner everyone in Alaska, and Alaskan officials in Washington realize that the sooner we will get a pulp industry. We must provide the opportunity for investors in this industry to make money in Alaska before they will invest.

What advantages does British Columbia have over Alaska?

Lower transportation costs enter into the picture to a considerable extent.

The muddled state of the land available for the pulp industry in Alaska gives Canada another advantage. Aboriginal claims to much of the land available for pulp mills in Southeast Alaska are still not settled. This problem was brought upon us by the former administration of the Department of the Interior and the present administration has made practically no progress toward settlement. We don't seem to know who the land belongs to and aren't making much progress towards finding out.

There is also a great deal of Federal government red tape involved in securing leases and land titles in Alaska which have not been corrected.

Finally, the attitude in the legislative halls of Alaska for the last seven or eight years have been antagonistic toward his business. Potential pulp investors probably think they will not get the same treatment. It would be much to Alaska's advantage to adopt a law exempting new pulp investments from Alaska taxes for a certain period of years. British Columbia has done this to encourage mining. We doubt if a pulp mill pays very much in taxes in Canada.

However, many Alaskans have been making the mistake of looking upon new business investments as tax sources, primarily.

The salmon industry in Alaska pays taxes several hundred per cent greater than it would pay in British Columbia. This fact is noted by other potential investors.

New industry should not be looked upon as a source for additional taxes but rather as the means of employing more men and adding to the permanent population of Alaska. Reasonable taxes can be expected, but this is of minor importance in weighing the value of new industry.

American capital is not coming to be invested in Alaska just to help Alaska. American business isn't that patronizing. American capital will come to Alaska when it can be shown that the investment will produce a good profit. Otherwise the money will remain in the continental United States or go to Canada or some other country where it can make a profit and get the most for its investment.

### INHALATOR NEEDED HERE

RECENT SERIOUS FIRES here remind us that Prince Rupert lacks inhalator equipment, the presence or absence of which might at any time mean the difference between life and death from suffocation or drowning. The fact that there may have been no incidents to date where an inhalator was required should be taken as a piece of good fortune rather than an excuse for not having it. Since the cost is not great, it might be well if the addition of such equipment, which is standard for most of modern fire departments, was considered without further delay here.

### Cranbrook Paper Sees New Era Here

Prince Rupert has had several ups and downs since the town was started back in 1910 but now it would seem that the place is to have an industry that is permanent. An American corpora-

tion is planning to build a \$15,000,000 plant which will employ a thousand men in producing celanese for chemical purposes. The plant will be eight miles from Prince Rupert, but most of the business will centre at Prince Rupert, as it is not the intention to establish a company town.—The Cranbrook Courier.

### REPORTS ON CONVENTION

Women's Auxiliary of Canadian Legion Meets Much Business

At a meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion at the latter part of the week, Mrs. J. S. Black made an interesting report on the convention at Vernon which she attended. The possibility of next year's convention being held in Prince Rupert was referred to and there was a preliminary discussion of ways and means. Mrs. Black brought back with her from the convention the official headgear of the Auxiliary which proved interesting to the membership.

Thirty-nine members were present at the meeting at which Miss Louise McMillan, Mrs. Pearl Gillis and Mrs. Myrtle Franklin were initiated into membership.

Mrs. Joyce Duncan was reported ill in hospital.

Successful result financially of the recent spring tea and sale was announced and there was a vote of thanks to Mrs. Dan Parent for her splendid work in connection with the affair.

Winner of a money box was Mrs. S. V. Cox.

Appreciation of the presentation by Mrs. W. H. Goodsell of a large Union Jack was expressed. All members were especially requested to turn out for decoration day at the ex-service men's plot in Fairview Cemetery June 22.

A tea is to be held June 25.

### Maclean's Tells of Cellanese Mill Here

Reference to the approaching construction of the Cellanese plant at Watson Island appears in the current MacLeans, the author being Jack Scott, columnist and publicity man, who has written a special article on the prosperity British Columbia is enjoying. He writes "few of the province's own citizens realize how extensive this growth has been. They raised an eyebrow as they read about a \$15,000,000 cellulose plant near the north coast port of Prince Rupert, expected to employ more than 1,000 men."

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### ENTHUSES OVER PRINCE RUPERT

Noted Toronto Musician Notes Great Improvement in Twenty Years

Reginald Geen, Toronto Conservatory of Music examiner who visited Prince Rupert last week, could not restrain himself from enthusing over and over at the delights of the city and the great improvement which it shows since last he had been here 20 years ago. He extolled the weather and the natural beauties and was especially impressed with the fine Civic Centre building in which he gave a recital while here.

An interesting incident of Mr. Geen's visit was his renewal of friendship with H. B. Wallace with whom he went to school when they were small boys in Belleville, Ontario. Even then young Geen had started his musical career and was a church organist at the age of nine years. Incidentally, he since was the music teacher in the Ontario city of Mr. Wallace's nephew.

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