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DAILY TRAIN SERVICE

WITH a steadily rising business tempo throughout the area served by the Canadian National through Central British Columbia, one of our paramount and pressing needs at the moment is a daily mail and passenger service.

Evidence of this need and of how aggressive and farsighted individuals and companies are profiting by the situation can be seen at every hand.

In the interior bus and truck concerns are expanding in all directions, carrying passengers and freight which in the past have been at the mercy of a "Toonerville trolley" type of train service.

Air travel and long-distance telephone calls are growing in volume as a new generation of alert businessmen recognizes that business will not wait while mail gathers dust in post offices from Prince Rupert to Red Pass Junction.

Evidently our railway officials have their eyes on the "quick dollar" rather than future business and profits as the Prince Rupert-Red Pass line gradually assumes the character of a logging and fishing spur. They ignore the fact that central and northern B.C. is over the threshold of an era of expansion and prosperity exceeding even the rosy dreams of its townsite "boomers." The evidence is all around us. Completion of the Hart Highway will link southern and northern B.C. and tap new areas of wealth—forest, waterpower, coal and minerals. The projected Hazelton-Alaska road will intersect a country of many potentialities. There is every possibility the P.G.E. will be extended into the Peace River country. Traffic and trade will flow north and south, infusing new life into communities along the C.N.R. by the northward expansion of the province's frontiers.

Entry of the huge Celanese Corporation of America into this field is but the forerunner of similar moves by other pulp and paper companies. The abundant natural resources of B.C.'s hinterland are about to be exploited on a large scale. Periods of business depression may temporarily slacken this development. Nothing can halt it.

Businessmen in this country are keenly aware of the new era upon which we are entering. They are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on new business sites, new premises, new equipment, confident the future will justify their optimism. They are wagering our prosperity is solid and permanent.

Would it be too much to ask officials of our publicly-owned transportation system and of the Post Office Department to display a little of the same vision, courage and energy? Or must our development be retarded indefinitely by a mail and rail service reminscent of stage coach and river boat days?

Thousands of residents from Prince Rupert to the Alberta boundary would like to know.

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ECONOMIC UNDERSTANDING

AN ISSUE of major importance to all Canadians, is the type of economy which has made this continent the envy of the whole world. It is essential that this economy be better understood for the positive values it gives each individual citizen—values affecting his personal liberties—his standard of living and the opportunities or himself and his children.

Sometime ago the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade set up a committee to study the collectivist threat to our free society. Here are some of its findings:

"The communist preaches a gospel of negation about our wealth-producing way of life because he knows that communism here cannot stand up against our successful economic system and the tremendous advantages it brings to the free peoples on this continent—unless by boring from within, by disruption and by propaganda he can win a following.

"The well-intentioned socialist attempts to minimize the advantages which we have today and to replace our present economy by instituting the monopoly of the state. He believes in total planning in place of the opportunities our present system offers where the individual is not subjected to the central authority of the state with its impact on his personal rights, his freedoms, his initiative and his rewards. In the competition for men's minds the socialists, too, are vocal for their promissory plans.

"Probably the most important point established through the study is that while we have achieved a fabulous record of industrial progress on this continent, management, labor and the public have only a scanty understanding of the principles which have made our system and its fruits the source to which the whole world now looks for aid.

"It seems to us to be a matter of first importance that business management become conscious of the need to tell their employees not only how our system works—but also why it works as it does. It is is time for business not only to speak out but also to adopt modern methods and techniques in seeing that the story of the world's most successful economic system is known and understood."

'Muskeg' Joins Pioneers' Home

Canine Veteran Seems Happy and Contented at Last With the Old Gentlemen

"Muskeg," Prince Rupert's canine veteran, may spend his declining days at the Pioneers' Home in Westview. Where he should find abode for the closing phases of a colorful career has been posing a problem to the authorities of late. But, "Muskeg," who is not without some eccentricities, one of which is a dogged determination to choose his own associates, may have settled it for himself since he has voluntarily assumed residence with the pioneers. He arrived there a few days ago and Caretaker Peter Montchall reports that he has not left since. "We like him and evidently he likes us," said Mr. Montchall, "and we hope he will stay."

At the Pioneers' Home, as a matter of fact, "Muskeg" is merely renewing old acquaintance for he and Mr. Montchall were friends in the war days when "Muskeg" was with the United States Army for which Mr. Montchall was a civilian worker.

A few weeks ago, after "Muskeg" had developed itinerant ideas, he was taken in custody for his vagrancy and an appeal made by the police for a home for him. Many offers were received and he was finally taken to Barrett Point camp where, however, he did not long remain, straying back into town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith have come back into town after spending a few weeks at the Falls River power plant where Mr. Smith was relieving.

LIFE in this Prince Rupert

by BIDDEE JINKS

Last summer it was nice to see the various totem poles of the city take back their native colorings. Somehow, black-and-white was wrong, pertaining more to electric stoves and checker-boards than to such monuments of skill and natural art.

Charles Dudoward is the man rightly chosen to do this redeeming work. Belonging to the Kin-a-ga-heak tribe of the Tsimpseans, he is heir to Indian knowledge as well as to the artistic temperament of his family.

Long ago, Charles Dudoward's great-grandfather painted the totems. His name was Kamalk Known proudly among his people, he was one of the few artists, for they were as scarce as the carvers whose tools of bone and stone made a cedar magnificent. In all the coastal region, less than a dozen men qualified to do either of these skilful operations.

Kamalk's paints too were a product of nature coupled with ingenuity. Red and yellow came from certain mineral deposits on the Naas and Skeena Rivers. Placed there by some volcanic eruption of past ages they were crushed into powder within the oval bottomed, stone basin. Mixed with water, they were thick, and as soft as the speech about them.

Green was a vegetable dye; white was powdered, burned clam shells, also crushed by hand in stone basins, while black was most in use and most indelible.

In early times, some native son gave thought to the inky substance which the devil-fish or octopus, spewed into the water while fighting. The next time one clung to his net with squirming ugliness, it was dissect. Within the body lay an egg of viscid black. Used alone, it was of no use, but out of time and experiment, this egg was used to perfection.

They were gathered and dried thoroughly. Dogfish roe (which has large, separate eggs) was also dried. Put together, they were powdered by the stone-basin method, a little water added, more pounding, more water until the right consistency was reached. A little of this substance added to water, gave the Indians the black paint which has been found to penetrate five inches into the wood.

Of course Mr Dudoward uses commercial paints. The first coat is of general, desired colorings, but the final one is mixed, shaded to be as nearly as possible like the totems reared in the forests of his forefathers.

Born in Port Simpson, Charles Dudoward was the son of a Kin-a-ga-heak chief. "As many as mosquitoes," said their tribal name in the days before Duncan divided the band and went to New Metlakatla. His mother was a graduate of an Anglican college in Victoria and received a medal from the King in honor of her work among her own people. When she was a girl, she told her son more than five thousand natives lived in Port Simpson.

Mr. Dudoward paints more than totems, however. Learning to use oils, he has several scenes on canvas. His daughter, Audrey, also paints, but is exceptionally skilful in needle work. Quite recently she finished a tapestry table-cloth which is to be on display in the office of the Indian Agent, F. E. Anfield, showing all the emblems of the family crest, the Thunderbird, the Grizzly, and blackfish are there, exquisitely worked in native colours.

MRS. M. McROBBIE PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Margaret McRobbie, a resident of Prince Rupert for the last 27 years, passed away shortly before noon today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Morin, 326 Sixth Avenue East. She was 80 years old and had been ill for a number of years.

Born in Banffshire, Scotland, deceased came to Prince Rupert in 1920. She was pre-deceased by her husband in Scotland 35 years ago.

Surviving in Prince Rupert are two daughters, Mrs. J. R. Morin and Mrs. David Macphee, as well as one grandson, two granddaughters and one great-grand daughter. There also is one sister in Scotland, and two brothers George Dalgarno, in San Fernandez, California, and Ben Dalgarno in Victoria.

Mrs. McRobbie for many years was a faithful worker of the Presbyterian Church.

Hotel... arrivals

Prince Rupert

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