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Come On, Good People

WE HOPE that all the good people of Prince Rupert are giving to the utmost of their reasonable ability to the British Columbia Flood Emergency Fund and that the consciences of all are clear in the matter or will be without further delay. The Premier of the Province has said that the need is much greater than was estimated when the drive was started and that a great deal more then a million dollars is required to meet specific exigencies of this—the greatest disaster that has ever befallen the people of British Columbia.

The time of the drive is being extended. Prince Rupert set a high objective and it is still short by more than half of being achieved. There has been some comment, mostly probably by those who are looking for an excuse not to do their share in helping sorely stricken British Columbians, that the objective was too high. After all it is only $25,000, and, for well-off and prosperous Prince Rupert area, we do not think that is by any means too high if everyone would give as they could and should.

Once again we emphasize the terrible affliction which has created a great and immediate cause transcending all others the appeal to provide assistance to the thousands of sufferers and victims of the awful floods which have shattered the homes, destroyed the livelihoods and broken the hopes and hearts of fellow British Columbians.

Here in happy Prince Rupert we are secure and comfortable in our homes. We have not even had to go out and man the dykes as hundreds of men on the lower mainland are doing. All we have to do is to raise a self-set quota of $25,000. We can do it if we all give what we should without mean, selfish evasion or equivocation. If we have not gone the limit we should do so at once, either by sending in our full initial subscription or by adding to that already made.

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IN PORT DIRECTORY

NINTH EDITION of "Canadian Ports and Shipping Directory," a publication designed to provide complete information for shipmasters and others desiring to know the facilities available at over 300 Canadian ports, has made its appearance. It also tabulates services, rates, etc., at these various ports. The directory is compiled by Frederick William Wallace, noted marine authority and writer, and is published by National Business Publications of Gardenvale, Quebec.

Prince Rupert gets an adequate amount of space and the port's facilities are satisfactorily outlined in considerable detail. There is one notable error, however, and that is a flat statement that "there are no motor truck roads out of the port" when it is probably meant that there are no regularly franchised trucking services. Surely an authority of the eminence of Capt. Wallace should have heard of the Prince Rupert Highway which connects the port with the main highways of the continent and, starting out over which, we can drive—even a truck—to any place in Canada or the United States that is accessible to the main highways.

It is gratifying to note that the port of Port Edward with its great dock is also given due mention with reference to the Celanese Corporation of America's big cellulose pulp mill undertaking there.

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IT MIGHT HAPPEN HERE

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY persons have perished in a Danish passenger vessel striking a mine and sinking in the Kattegat, the strait at the entrance of the Baltic Sea between Sweden and Denmark. That is a long way from Prince Rupert but it is not beyond the realm of possibility that a similar disaster might occur right here on the British Columbia coast.

Numerous live Japanese mines have already drifted over to the British Columbia coast, some of them right into "Inside Passage" waters. Only a few weeks ago such a mine was spotted right on the frequent course of a certain coastal liner which, however, had gone a different way that day. Other vessels have even been reported to have come close up to the floating explosives.

Possibly ,as we have been told, there is nothing very much to worry about, what with the small element of chance and the safeguards with which modern vessels are equipped, but the incident in the Kattegat makes us reflect that some people at least would feel a little more secure on dark nights at sea if they knew that all possible steps were being taken to protect the coast by adequate anti-mine and mine disposal services and a coastguard service worthy of the importance of this coast and its shipping.

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You'll find that the big potatoes are on top of the heap because there's a lot of little ones holding them up there.

A CLASSIFIED AD IN THE DAILY NEWS WILL BRING RESULTS

What City Council Did

. . . Referred to the Board of Works for investigation a petition signed by 33 residents of First Overlook Street seeking a lane connection between that street and Second Overlook, further east.

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. . . Declared August 26 to be a civic holiday on request of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Port Day committee which plans to hold the annual Port Day celebration on that day. Port Day committee Chairman S. G. Furk informed council in a letter that the committee is hoping to have one or more naval vessels visit Prince Rupert on that day.

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. . . On inquiry of Alderman Black, decided to activate the council's grain elevator committee which was appointed by Mayor Arnold early this year. The committee consists of Aldermen Casey, McKay and Brooksbank. Alderman Black declared that it was time the committee went into action if there is to be any move to have grain shipped through the Prince Rupert elevator this fall.

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. . . The City Hall is to have a new flag. Council made a motion to purchase one last night after Mayor Arnold pointed out that it had had none since the Roosevelt Park cairn dedication almost two years ago. The large flag used at the dedication was sent to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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. . . Gave final reading to a by-law reducing the business licence for busses operating solely between the city and outside points to $20.

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. . . Approved the granting of the following trade licences, as reported by the licencing committe: Harry Chen, painter; Bob Parker Ltd., service station; W. D. Weiss, second hand dealer.

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. . . Adopted a recommendation by the board of works that the city purchase a water tank from S. R. Donaldson for $100. The tank is to be used for spraying water on the city streets.

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. . . Accepted a board of works recommendation that a request by residents of Piggott Avenue for a sidewalk to Sixth Avenue East be approved. Cost of the work will be approximately $100. The petition was presented May 25 and referred to the board of works for recommendation.

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. . . On recommendation of the finance committee, decided to transfer titles to school properties in the city to the Prince Rupert School District. A survey of Borden Street school site is to be arranged.

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. . . Accepted a tender submitted by the electrical firm of Grant and Newton for the rewiring of the third floor of the City Hall and the main floor and basement of the Fire Hall. Amount of the tender was $1,139.50. A Northern B.C. Power Co. tender for the same work was $1,263.50.

Personalities Of Early Days

MORT CRAIG

Like many another of the sourdough clan, Mort Craig moved from Dawson to Prince Rupert about as soon as new comers were allowed to locate here. He belonged originally in St. Joseph, Mo., and was in the railroad business before joining the stampede north. He lived up there for years.

Mr. Craig early developed his talent for artistry. He was a slight, gray man, a little under average height with an amiable informal way with him.

His studio was on Third Avenue. He liked to meet the public, sold curios, could make himself and what he had highly interesting particularly to those new to the north. Near the studio entrance was a mounted alligator. Windows were full of objects likely to draw attention. One was a gold watch chain, the card on it stating it had once been the property of Jesse James. He had a unique collection. Mr. Craig was a gifted teller of tales, too.

The city council gave an order to Mort when it became known Sir Wilfrid Laurier planned a visit. The presentation to the premier was a handsome expression of good taste and skill. It showed, on specially treated caribou skin, the lines of G.T.P. steel cutting through the mountains to the coast at Prince Rupert. Sir Wilfrid beamed and, in personally thanking the artist, he said he would keep such a gift on the walls of his drawing room at Ottawa, so that he could tell all admirers its history.

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SANDSPIT LEGION MAKES DONATION

Sandspit branch of the Canadian Legion has aided the B.C. emergency flood relief drive with a donation of $25, according to word received by the local flood campaign headquarters. Since the donation was made before word of the Prince Rupert campaign reached the Queen Charlotte Island settlement, the donation was made through the provincial headquarters of the Canadian Legion at Vancouver.

LADIES VISIT RUPERT CLUB

Prince Rupert Club, recently redecorated and generally house cleaned, was the scene of a jolly little party late Saturday afternoon when wives and lady friends of the members were entertained at the cocktail hour. President and Mrs. W. L. Armstrong received the callers and Vice-President W. D. Lambie and J. L. McEwen, chairman of the entertainment committee, were active in the serving of delicious refreshments. Martin Stuart and C. A. Kellett, other members of the entertainment committee, also assisted in planning the event.

HANGING GARDENS

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, supposedly built by Nebuchadnezzar, are said to have been on the flattened top of a pyramid 75 feet high.

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PRINCE RUPERT YEARS AGO

June 15, 1923

Machinery was being landed at Port Essington for transport up the Ecstall River to the Ecstall Iron Pyrites property, which had recently been bonded by the Granby Mining and Smelting Co. Operations were expected to begin immediately.

E. D. Barrow, federal minister og Agriculture, told a meeting of the Board of Trade that his department realized that, if the central interior of the province was to gain new settlers, it must have adequate markets for its beef and grain crops.

Dr. George Hansch, associate geologist of the federal Department of Mines and head of reconnaissance party sent out to explore mineral resources between Stewart and Terrace, arrived in the city from the south.

June 15, 1913

Thousands of Ohio and Indiana farmers, whose crops and farmlands were ruined by recent floods, were planning to come to Canada this year.

The St. Andrew's Society was planning to build a hall and clubroom premises.

The Frank Rich stock company arrived in the city on the Prince George from Van and was planning to play Westholme Theatre.

J. H. Rogers announced he had 3,000 tons of coal ing from Seattle for local sumption.

Cruise for Flood Fund Washed Out

Prince Rupert Gyro Club hopes of making a substantial contribution to the flood relief fund suffered a seaback at the week-end when Union Steamships Ltd. notified the club that it could not make the steamer Coquitlam available for a special mystery cruise during the two-day stopover of the vessel here this week-end. Now the club will endeavour to search for other ways and means to raise money for the flood fund. Its general exchequer is somewhat strained on account of a large swimming pool project to which the club has committed itself this summer.

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