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Free Port Advantages

DURING THE PAST YEAR or so some thought has been given at Prince Rupert to the possibility of this being made a free port. The Chamber of Commerce had a special committee go into the matter but its report was not impressively favorable.

Now with ports along the Pacific Coast experiencing a decline in traffic, San Francisco, Seattle and Los Angeles, anticipating an early revival of trade with the Orient, particularly with Japan under its new five-year economic program, are interesting themselves actively in the possibility of obtaining the status of foreign trade zones.

The Journal of Commerce discusses free port advantages editorially from the Vancouver standpoint but what it says might be also applicable to Prince Rupert. This is what that trade journal has to say:

"Vancouver stands to lose much by the advantages these customs-free areas will give competing ports. Import-export traders, merchants and manufacturers will have access to goods, without paying duty, at all times of the day and every day of the week. The importer will look over his merchandise freely and save duty costs on discarded unsuitable goods. Exporters may stockpile goods in such a zone because they will ship when cargo space is available without duty or bond expense. Without customs formalities, ships can speed up discharge of cargo. New business to the port is encouraged by publicity, sent to all sections of the globe, setting out these facts.

"The free port principle has been tested successfully over many years in European countries. The American government before the war saw the advantages such areas gave these foreign ports. As a result the necessary legislation was passed to establish the first foreign trade zone in the U.S. at New York in 1917.

"Now this country is alone among the leading world traders that does not possess free ports. However, two years ago a group of financiers drew up plans for a free port at Quebec City that would also act as a model for other Canadian ports to follow. Although a committee of the Dominion Department of Transport studied the proposal, nothing further was done on the matter.

"Our government will have to bestir itself to pass the necessary legislation for establishment of free ports if Canada is to remain among the foremost business nations of the world. Local interests could well follow the San Francisco lead in campaigning for a foreign trade zone here. If not, then Vancouver stands to lose a large volume of its trade to cities wise enough to establish free ports."

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Many a man has wrecked an automobile because he was so absorbed in hugging the curves on his right that he inadvertently hugged the one on his left.

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WHAT OF CANOL?

SOMEWHAT INCONSISTENT with the great hue and cry that is being raised now as to the critical shortage of petroleum in the United States is the demolition decided upon some time ago and now under way, of the great Canol line, built during the war at the cost of many millions of dollars, to pipe oil from Norman Wells in the Northwest Territories of Canada to the Pacific Coast.

How great a relief it might have been if Canol were still in operation and pumping out oil at this time when both United States and Canada, in the face of unsettled and alarming world conditions, are gravely short of oil! Of course, if the oil does not really exist at Norman Wells in any great quantity, it would be a different matter.

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With increasing frequency we have a spell of longing to see the dollar again strong enough to stand alone.

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BOREDOM OR OVERWORK

THE ASSUMPTION that if every pay envelope was bulging everyone would be happy is a very understandable and almost universal delusion. It is natural too, that this belief should suggest the need for more idle time to enjoy our gains. Hence the recurring demand for more pay and less work. But these demands are all predicated on the belief that men dislike work, and that just isn't true. Put to it, most men would agree that they are happier in their working surroundings than almost anywhere else. There are companionship and interest and often inspiration there. It is this that keeps men in offices and shops to get things done, in their own time. It is this that as holidays draw to a close sets men itching to get back at it. Insurance statistics too quickly prove that the man who has looked forward to retirement as a happy and care-free end of a tiring life all too frequently has promptly died of a boredom that he didn't foresee at all. If work becomes a drag, it is the fault of boredom, not exhaustion.

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Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m.
(Blue 827)

COMMUNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL
East End Hall, 2:30 p.m.

PRINCE RUPERT YEARS AGO

(January 31, 1923)

With a golden key presented to him in behalf of the contractors, Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, officially opened Prince Rupert's new court house building.

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The Board of Trade decided that, if the "persistent hostility" of Vancouver persisted, it might be advisable to institute a boycott against "Vancouver merchants, Vancouver goods and Vancouver people". A suggestion that a portion of the Prince Rupert dry dock be sent to Vancouver inspired the blast.

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The Agricultural Association elected a new slate of officers at its first meeting of the year. They were C. H. Orme, president; R. V. G. Lepine, vice-president, and Frank Dibb, honorary secretary.

(January 31, 1913)

Mrs. Ethel Holland, who had been visiting for the last ten days as guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Philpott, sailed on the Princess Beatrice on her return to her home at Vancouver.

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The first shipment of ore from the Hazelton district passed through the city. It was from the Harris brothers mine and was consigned to the Trail smelter.

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The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co. announced officially that the name of the townsite of Fort George would be Prince George.

Modern Etiquette
By ROBERTA LEE

Q. May a printed card be used to acknowledge the wedding gifts?

A. Never; acknowledgments must be made by handwritten letter.

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SATURDAY SERMON

THE WORLD'S GREATEST QUEST

PAUL A. BARBER, Full Gospel Tabernacle

"Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."—Psalm 16:11.

The world's greatest game is life. The world's greatest treasure is love. The world's greatest sin covetousness. The world's greatest institution is the church. The world's greatest quest is happiness.

Happiness is something that everyone desires, something that everyone diligently pursues, but most people are going to the wrong source to find it. Solomon tried to find it in material wealth. He was a billionaire. It took fifteen years to build the house in which he lived. But, after he had indulged to the full in worldly pleasures and the things that money could bring him, he wrote: "It is all vanity and vexation of Spirit.' Thus it is with all who have tried to find happiness in earthly treasures. In Luke 12 we have the parable of a certain rich man whose goods were increased to such an extent that he tore down his barns and built larger ones. To his soul he said: "Soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat drink and be merry." But God said unto him: "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee. And seek not ye what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink for all these things shall the nations of the world seek after; but rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Man's soul is eternal. "God breathed in his nostrils the breath of lives and man became a living soul." Consequently the soul can find satisfaction only at the hands of its Creator and not in the "things" that constitute this material world. The world can never satisfy the soul. It is a six-thousand-year-old swindle that fleeces everyone on whom it can get its hands and sends them bankrupt to a Christless eternity. If happiness cannot be found in "things"—money, pleasure and fame—where can it be obtained?

Christ unveiled the road to happiness more than 1900 years ago in the Sermon on the Mount. He tells us in the Beatitudes that happiness comes not from what we have or what we do, but in what we are. "Blessed are the poor in spirit . . . Blessed are the pure in heart," etc. Christ did not say, "Blessed is the man who has amassed a fortune," or "Blessed is the woman who has become the darling of society." Happiness is not something without, but within. The Prodigal Son thought that in order to be happy he would have to go far away from home and associates. He forgot that the fountains of sweetest joy springs up within the soul, not from without.

True happiness is not dependent upon outward circumstances, but rather upon the relation of the soul to its Creator. Jesus said: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." All mankind is laboring under the burden of sin but God, in Christ, hath appeared once in the end of time to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. Only faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour will secure rest and happiness for our eternal souls.

Why then spend our time at the lunch counters of earthly pleasures when we have a standing invitation to the banquet of the Grace of God? Seek the thrills God gives—"joy unspeakable and full of glory." There is no "morning after" taste to the joys of the Lord.

REGULAR BAPTIST
(FUNDAMENTALIST)
I.O.D.E. Hall—5th and McBride Phone 369
Sunday, February 1, 1948
"He cried—Lord save me."—Matt. 14:30.
12:15 p.m.—Sunday School.
7:30 p.m.—Gospel Service. (Prayer—Praise—Testimony)—
Speaker:: Topic:
A. Ewald "THE DEVIL GOES FISHING"
(Lord's Supper Follows Evening Service)
Hearty Gospel Singing.
Wednesday 8:00 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.
Friday, 3:30 p.m.—Mission Band.
7:00 p.m.—Junior Young Peoples
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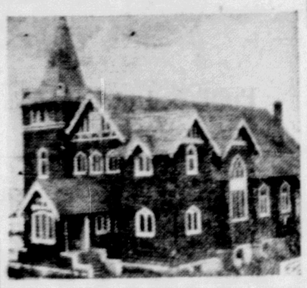

First Presbyterian Church
Fourth Avenue East
Rev. Allan M. McColl, Minister
Mrs. E. J. Smith, Organist

Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Anthem, Junior Choir:
"Show Me Thy Way O Lord."
Sermon: "The Social Significance of Christian Love."
Sunday School, 12:15.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Solo by Mr. Teng.
Sermon: "The True Humanity of Jesus."
Annual Congregational Meeting Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. in Church Hall.

The Salvation Army
Captain and Mrs. E. Jarrett, Corps Officers.

TONIGHT, 8 p.m.—
"What REAL SUCCESS IS."
A message for Youth.
THE LORD'S DAY—You are invited to share in the Blessing at
11 a.m.—Holiness Meeting.
"God Giveth the Increase."
2:30 p.m.—Directory Class.
3:00 p.m.—Sunday School.
7:30 p.m.—"The Gospel In a Nutshell."

First Baptist Church
(Young Street)
Minister: Rev. F. Antrobus
Phone: Res. Green 812

SUNDAY, FEB. 1
11 a.m.—Morning Service. Children's Story, and Junior Choir. "Prayer will make a man cease from sin—or sin will make a man cease from prayer." —J. Bunyan.
12:15 p.m.—Church School. Let us study the Bible, God's Book.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service. "The quickest way to get a church on its feet, is to get it on its knees." —W. W. Ayer.
The LORD'S SUPPER at the close of the service. "By the power of God's grace, we can still be what we might have been." —O. Williams.

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BANDMASTER APPRECIATED

Editor, Daily News:

The Prince Rupert Civic Band has now closed one phase of its development and is entering on a new one as evidenced by our being sponsored by the Shrine Club of Prince Rupert.

We are, therefore, desirous of expressing publicly our deep appreciation of and gratitude for the services given the Prince Rupert Civic Band by our Bandmaster, Peter Lien.

Mr. Lien has worked for and with the Band since its incep tion and has been largely responsible for the fact that there is a band in the city.

We feel we are fortunate in having a musician of Mr. Lien's calibre who is willing to spend the time and effort required to conduct an amateur band.

On behalf of the band members and the general public who have enjoyed the concerts given so far, we say thank you very much, Mr. Lien. We know we can count on your leadership in the better days to come.

Thank you Mr. Editor, for publishing tribute of our esteem.

F. M. Gulland, President,
Prince Rupert Civic Band.

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