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Of Concern to Us

PACIFIC Northwest Trade Association, which has become a most influential federation of public development and trade promotion organizations, has been giving a lot of attention at its twentieth confederation in Portland this week to the subject of Alaska and the connection therewith by railway, highway and by steamship, all of which is of direct interest to Prince Rupert and northern and central British Columbia which comprise a corridor across which these communications must pass.

This part of the country, no matter what routes are taken for railroad or highway, are bound to come in for much incidental development and opening up. There should be no lack of co-operation on the part of Canada in view of the benefit it is to derive. The question of connection between Alaska and continental United States is, of course, one of primary and vital importance to the Americans themselves but there are ways in which we can co-operate with and facilitate what is undertaken in that regard.

PRIMARY REQUIREMENT

IT IS NOTHING NEW for us in this column to advocate the necessity of a landing field for aircraft at Prince Rupert, the only cit yof comparable size and strategic importance in Canada that goes on today without such a facility. We, therefore, heartily subscribe to the latest drive, now being initiated by the Chamber of Commerce, to bring about that much desired end.

Forty years ago Prince Rupert was isolated from the rest of the world except for steamship communication. Then came the railroad and we had another modus of transportation and thought we were quite modern. War brought the highway and we can now drive in and out of the city and be connected by the rest of the world with our automobiles. Now we have air service but only a branch line with a water craft shuttle connection to the modern land craft. As long as we have no flying field we cannot have an up-to-date, speedy and effective, or even a regular and dependable srvice. Apart from being a requirement compatible with the growing importance of the port and district, the project has a national defence angle. It is quite as reasonable to expect its speedy implementation as it is to expect to have such services as wharves, bridges, roads, floats and the like.

We have a strong case for being provided with a landing field here and we should not be satisfied until it is given. It is a "must" in this day and age of air transportation.

THE CASE OF CHINA

THE PICTURE OF CHINA in the minds of many is obscured by a fogbank of misunderstanding.

Such misunderstanding is largely the result of emphasis upon effects, instead of upon causes, in viewing China's master problems. It is the result of an extraordinary lack of realism in most China discussions.

A fair-minded approach to the subject of China would have, as its take-off, the recognition that our present basic difficulties are precisely the same as those which face Greece, Italy, Korea, Burma and all other countries which are threatened by Communist aggression. The choice in China is not a choice between "liberalism" and "reaction", as so many superficial writers like to suggest. It is a choice between a democratic regime, with all its admitted imperfections, and totalitarian Communism. It is a choice which permits fact-minded Chinese no middle ground of compromise.

At this crisis in its national life, China faces momentous decisions. It is passing through an extremely difficult period. It is a time when encouragement and understanding can do much to hearten its efforts. The Chinese indeed have their backs to the wall in the struggle to defeat the anti-social forces in their midst, foremost of which is organized Communism. China's victory in this hour would b a victory for the democratic world.

HOUSING SITUATION

EVEN WITH OPERATION of the cellulose plant at Port Edward not immediately near, the housing situation in Prince Rupert grows gradually more stringent. Sales of late have been more quickly transacted and, generally speaking, a more lively interest is shown in dwellings. There is little doubt that, were cost of material and labor on a less difficult basis, many today would be providing themselves with homes. Before long there, no doubt, will be a real shortage.

MORE AND BETTER FOG

IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE to give credit where credit is due and, in fairness, it must be said that Vancouver's fog is easily superior to anything of a like nature ever experienced in the north. In qualities such as thickness, suddenness of attack, scope and length of stay, the southern city has no rival. For Prince Rupert to hope to offer serious competition is a hopeless aspiration.

MASSETT IS NEGLECTED

Massett, claiming to be the most populous community of the Queen Charlotte Islands, feels it is being neglected in the matter of transportation services with Prince Rupert, according to A. B. Anderson, sawmill operator there, who was in the city at the first of the week on the Coquitlam bound south for Vancouver on business.

Lack of freight steamship service is holding up lumber shipments from Massett, Mr. Anderson has already stated. A passenger service, either by steamship or aircraft, which would provide a stop-over of a day or so at Prince Rupert so that the Massett people might do business here, is desired. The people there, saying that they have been assured by Canadian Pacific Air Lines that the Canso operating from Prince Rupert to Sandspit would call at Massett if it could get a mail contract ,think there should be no delay in giving the conrtact.

Already Massett, with a population of some 300 supported by the lumbering, fishing and canning industries, has a housing shortage. More industries would be started if there was a better transportation service, Mr. Anderson believes.

There was an active season at Simpson's crab cannery at Massett this year. Clams may again be canned next year.

Opening up by T. A. Kelly Logging Co. (Powell River) of a logging camp at Justkatla Inlet will further add to the industrial activity of Massett Inlet. Preparatory work, such as the puting in of roads for this camp, is now under way and next year it will be in full operation with a crew of some 250 men.

"GOVERNMENT LIQUOR ACT"
(Section 28)
Notice of Application For Consent to Transfer of Beer Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 27th day of November next, the undersigned intends to apply to the Liquor Control Board for consent to transfer of Beer Licence No. 7821, issued in respect of premises being part of a building known as Caledonia Hotel, situate at Front Street, Port Essington, British Columbia, upon the lands described as Lots 2 and 3, Block 1, Townsite of Port Essington, Map 537, Prince Rupert Land Registration District, in the Province of British Columbia, from Alfred Henry Perkins, Licensee, to Janet Ross Brown, of Port Essington, British Columbia, the transferee.

DATED at Prince Rupert, B.C., this 27th day of October, 1948.

JANET ROSS BROWN,
Applicant and Transferee.
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THIS AND THAT

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» Education «

By Mrs. L. M. Leigh
A Parent

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Miners at the Torbrit Silver Mines at Alice Arm top the list for outside points with a handsome donation of $54.85. Contributions received since last report are as follows:

Employees of Torbrit Silver Mines, Alice Arm, $54.85.

Employees of Kelly Logging Co., Beattie Anchorage, $2.00.

Port Essington (per Misses Olynyk and Kondra and Al Perkins, $11.60.

Port Clements (per Andrea Stout, Anna Grafstrom and Robin McColl, $11.00.

Massett Elementary School (per Mrs. Freda C. Mallory) $15.50.

Employees of B.C. Packers Ltd., Bella Bella (per O. Bainbridge) $12.00.

Port Edward (per Dave Houston) $9.50.

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Thurs. 6:15 p.m.—J. C. Gilker
Fri. 6:00 p.m.—Dr. R. G Large
Sat. 7:00 p.m.—Panel Discussion
Members of the panel will be:
A. M. Hurst, Moderator
M. E. Stuart, representing P.T.A. Council
J. Scott, representing the School Board
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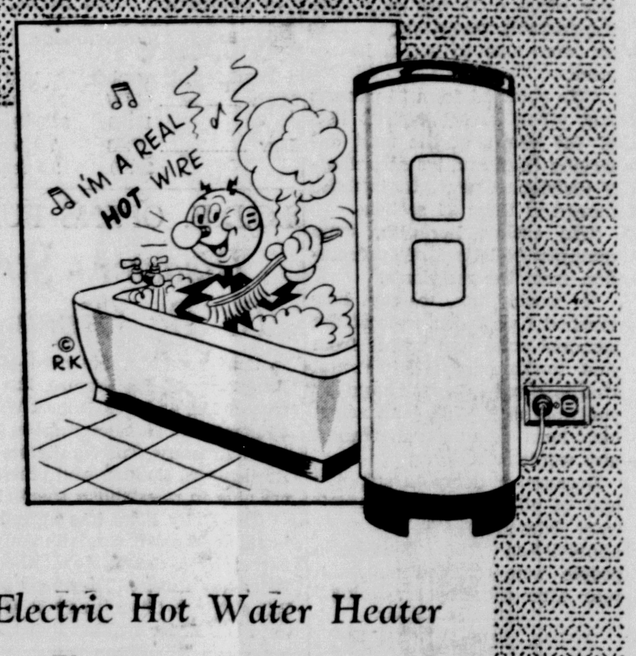

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