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## The Chamber Speaks Out

WE LIKE THAT memorandum about highway maintenance which the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce so enthusiastically endorsed on Monday night, even going out of its way to thank the highway committee for its work on the matter. We agree with every word of it and only hope that the powers that be will do something about it.

In very few places in British Columbia is fully adequate development and maintenance of our highways being carried out and, of course, there never will be until there is a new set-up whereby the federal government changes its short-sided policy, regards highways as national asset and potentially paying investment and gives some real assistance thereto.

Getting back to the Skeena River Highway, however, the Prince Rupert Chamber is certainly justified in insisting that something be done by way of more efficient methods in keeping the road open and in good shape.

We will be told by the rest of the province, which even hates to admit there is such a road, that there is not enough traffic on the highway to justify the expenditure involved in adequate summer and winter maintenance. That is an old line of argument which we in Prince Rupert and this part of the country have been listening to for many a long year from the populous south which in its own day had money spent on various forms of development not at the time justified by the traffic.

Certainly there is not an over abundance of traffic on the Prince Rupert Highway now and there will be less too unless there is a change in policy regarding maintaining and keeping it open such as the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce advocates.

## THE WORLD SERIES

IN THESE troublous times when there is so much to worry about if one wants to worry or fails to prevent one's self from doing so, it is good that a substantial number of our citizens should be able to relax and take a keen interest in such things as the annual World Series baseball classic which is on for the next few days. It is too bad that even more of us do not do so. It would be good for us. The trouble with a lot of us seems to be that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." That is not saying, of course, that there are also those who would have all play and little work and that is equally as bad and unfair too.

As for the World Series it is such things as that which are morale builders in this world which may be so dreary and workaday, and alarming too, if we would let it be that way.

So let the Jeremiahs not be too scornful and disparaging of the folks who are getting worked up and a bit excited about the World Series. There is still lots of time to think about the Berlin crisis, the Palestine question, high cost of living, industrial disputes and such unpleasant things.

## USING PRINCE RUPERT

ALASKA SHIPPERS who have done business with the Canadian National Railways have been telling officials that the service gives complete satisfaction. They are well pleased.

For the past few weeks, canned salmon from Alaska, by the shipload, has been discharging here for rail transfer to the American markets. Monday, a train of 21 cars of salmon—24,000 cases in all—left this city. Yesterday, in the ocean dock warehouse, 281,000 more cases had accumulated awaiting transportation east. More consignments from Alaska are now on the way here. This greatly increased flow of traffic at last practically exemplifies the strategic advantage of Prince Rupert's location as the rail shipment port for southeastern Alaska.

At the very threshold of Alaska stands this Canadian city, with a magnificent harbor, equipped with facilities to take care of almost everything that is needed in the way of maritime services, and terminus of a railway system with the lowest mountain grade on the continent.

It should not be left to mischance or the hazards of economic rivalries that a city such as this is made use of in order to forward freight that cannot be delayed. If the G.T.P. had been built especially to handle goods originating in Alaska, the convenience now being provided, could not have been any greater.

## PULP CUTTERS ARE WELL PAID

OTTAWA—Wages paid pulpwood cutters in the Laurentian area north of Ottawa provide for a minimum scale of \$4 a day for axe and bucksaw workers, plus their keep reckoned at \$1.00 a day. Top axemen and

sawyers, however, have been earning as much as \$25 to \$30 a day on piece work for short periods. Logging is a young and unmarried man's game. The average stay of a worker is about 45 days. Horses remain the most economical means of transport for short distances.

## GOT MESSAGE AT JUNEAU

Philip M. Ray, one of the delegates to the Boards of Trade convention from Prince Rupert, had on his agenda for his trip to Prince Rupert a call at the Daily Alaska Empire office for messages from his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. Clayton-Ray of Madrid, with whom Mrs. Alf. N. Monsen and Miss Miriam Dickey had shared a compartment travelling between Paris and Brussels.

The Ray family, whose family home was near Kensington Palace in London, spread to the four corners of the earth. One brother went to sea and sailed to South Africa. Another mined in India. C. Clayton-Ray has lived his life in Spain and has a charming Spanish wife. Philip Ray came to Canada in 1903 with the Bank of British North America and has since lived in every Canadian province except New Brunswick. He was with his bank in Dawson in 1907 and qualifies as a pioneer of the north country.

Mr. Ray, who would rather talk about his wife than himself, is secretary and manager of the Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League, which operates club rooms for returned service men.

A veteran of both wars, Mr. Ray started in the first war as an ordinary seaman, finished the war as a commander. Both he and his wife were in the last war, Mrs. Ray in charge of a navy canteen.

Mrs. Ray is one of the few women lawyers in British Columbia, and the only one, it is thought, who has ever defended a man in a murder trial—and acquitted her client.

Mr. Ray presented at the convention a resolution urging the establishment of a Canadian Coast Guard and a Coast Guard Station at Prince Rupert. —Juneau Alaska Empire.

## Petersburg Seeking Harbor Improvement

Support of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce was asked by the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce in a communication read at the local chamber's meeting Monday night for representations being made to Washington, D.C., seeking a program of harbor improvements at the Alaska port. Dredging work and provision of safer and more adequate float accommodation are among the requests made. The local Chamber, while expressing sympathetic interest in the matter, felt it would be hardly appropriate for it to make representations to Washington. The city council, Mayor Arnold stated, has taken a similar stand.

## U.S. TAKES UP CRAB INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON — The largest king crab fishing venture in United States history brought the government a half million dollar income this year. As a result, a sizeable amount of Alaskan canned king crab is on the markets for the first time since pre-war days, when Japan met most of American demands for this delicacy.

Some of the crabs caught weighed in excess of fifteen pounds. The Pacific Explorers' inexperienced crew caught 30,000 crabs in Pavlov Bay within a few days in mid-April. The ship moved on to Amak Island, and in June caught so many it became necessary to limit the fleet to 18,000 to 20,000 crabs daily.

G. P. Tinker and son, Robert Percy, arrived in the city this morning from their home at Naramata for a visit.

## Ottawa Colleagues Honor James C. Brady

James C. Brady, former M.P. for Skeena and since 1930 chief of the institutional statistics branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa, was honored by his colleagues at Ottawa last week on the occasion of his retirement. At the Bureau of Statistics, Mr. Brady had been in charge of the organization of statistics of tuberculosis sanatoria, public hospitals and mental institutions. Before entering politics in 1926, Mr. Brady had been for 14 years principal of Prince Rupert High School.

## HOUSING HERE UNDER REVIEW

A special committee of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce and city council appointed to study the housing situation in Prince Rupert in view of the possible shortage here owing to the forthcoming advent of the new cellulose pulp manufacturing industry was in session last night. L. M. Felsenthal is chairman of the committee for the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce. Ald. T. B. Black is the city council representative on the committee.

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## UNITED NATIONS DAY IN RUPERT

To be Observed by Churches, Schools, Service Clubs and Other Organizations

Churches, schools, service clubs and other organizations in the city at the request of the city council, are planning to make suitable observance of United Nations Day which has been set for October 24, the following day also being linked with it in order to give secular, civic and educational organizations the opportunity to take part.

In communications to various organizations on the subject, Mayor Arnold points out that the objects of the observance are:

1. To recall the ideals and objectives for which the United Nations was brought into existence.
2. To record the positive accomplishments of the United Nations, particularly during the past year.
3. To emphasize the need for public support in continuing to make United Nations the cornerstone of Canada's foreign policy.

"We are disappointed," says the mayor's communication that the high hopes for the future of the United Nations which followed the San Fran-

cisco conference have been considerably less than fulfilled but it is precisely because the nations of the world have not succeeded in reaching agreements that we need the United Nations more than ever. It is late, but not too late, to build a peaceful world and it needs all the people of these nations to join in a high resolve for this purpose."

## AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver—M. Postuk, E. Gjenden, Mrs. S. Foster, J. Bulger, T. Mosley, S. Lewis, Mrs. A. Mahood, R. E. Anderson, D. Irvine, F. O. Speed, J. Wade, C. Stewart, A. C. Searles.

To Sandspit—W. R. Kennedy, N. Price, J. Gladstone, S. Anderson.

From Vancouver—Hugo Kraupner.

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