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The New Hotel

APART FROM SATISFACTION that steps are being taken to meet the conceded need for adequate and modern hotel facilities which industrial expansion and increased business and tourist travel will demand in Prince Rupert, the announcement that important British and American interests have decided to establish a fine new 165-room hotel here is a gratifying indication of the confidence that outside people have in the future of this city. It is a demonstration of confidence and enterprise which should be tonic to local people many of whom may not be appreciating the impending prosperity and progress.

This new project, which apparently is already well in process of organization, is something about which Prince Rupert has long dreamed and the necessity of which is becoming more sharply realized, particularly by the travelling public. It a long time since Prince Rupert has had any extensive new hotel construction. Existing accommodation has served long and faithfully and, even with the new hotel, should continue to be useful and profitable. From the looks of things with one new development following another in the spiral of progress which is now undoubtedly setting in, there should be plenty of room for all.

It is interesting to note that the hotel plan provides for a modern new theatre, something that will also be welcomed here. In the new era, Prince Rupert should be able to support not only two good theatres but also probably more.

Hotels and theatres, though, are only two items of new and extended accommodations and services which Prince Rupert will be requiring now that it sems to be so well on the way to a new and bigger phase in its development toward metropolitan status.

One can think of such things as greatly needed modern housing including apartments and accommodations particularly for the auto travelling public, never forgetting the municipal facilities and services which are so shockingly deficient and which are already posing a serious financial problem.

The new hotel will be welcomed. It is long overdue. The enterprise that is bringing it here is to be commended and appreciated.

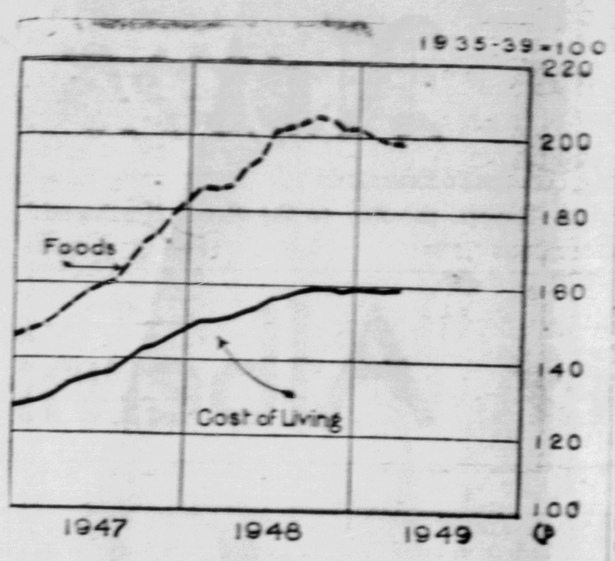
VISIT APPRECIATED

IT WAS QUITE SOME TIME since Prince Rupert had been favored with a visit from one of the federal cabinet ministers so the week-end call here of Hon. R. W. Mayhew, the minister of fisheries, was timely not because he came in the course of an election campaign tour but because it was appropriate that the head of the fisheries department should see the most important fishing port on the Canadian Pacific coast and familiarize himself with the business, facilities and problems here.

Mr. Mayhew, in course of conversation, showed he had a broad view and understanding of the fisheries industry from both the economic and conservation standpoints. He was not slow in admitting his appreciation of the increasingly important part that Prince Rupert is due to play in this and other industries.

Certainly the minister of fisheries, at least, should be a frequent visitor to this port so it was satisfactory to have the assurance of Mr. Mayhew that we would be seeing more of him here in future.

Possibly other federal ministers will be seeing fit to also favor us more frequently with their presence. We are feeling more and more that they should thus manifest their active interest in this great new port and district which is due for such rapid forward strides in the near future as a result of which we will become increasingly projected into the national picture.



CANADIAN PRICE TRENDS—Food, that very necessary item, which for so long led the cost of living upward, now is showing the way down. In fact, if it weren't for the drop in food, the living index would still be pointing up instead of remaining virtually level for the last several months, for most other items retain an upward tendency. The solid black line in the Bureau of Statistics graph is made up of all items in the cost of living index, food itself, rent, fuel and light, clothing, home furnishings and services, miscellaneous. The dotted line shows how food, from the start of 1947, moved up faster than all items combined, until the latter part of 1948, when it reversed its trend. (C. P. Photo)

RAINS HELPING GRAIN CROPS

Prospects Improved Considerably by Precipitation

WINNIPEG — Variable weather brought rains and scattered showers to many points in the west during the week, improving crop prospects considerably, according to the weekly crop report of the Department of Agriculture of the Canadian National Railways. In moisture deficient areas or where rains were light and scattered crop development is spotty and backward seeding is practically completed except in some areas where coarse grains seeding was delayed because of drought conditions. Grasshopper control operations are under way in all three provinces with some damage already apparent at a number of points in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Frost damage is reported chiefly in Alberta but, with cold weather and further rains, recovery may be expected in many fields.

In the Okanagan there has been plenty of moisture and sunshine and the fruit crop promises to be larger than last year. Several new orchards are coming into production and hay and grain crops are in good shape, with the first alfalfa crop now being cut.

CO-OPERATION

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power as well. Yet even while we were starting such investigations, the cry arose that we were out to destroy the salmon industry."

The International Salmon Fisheries Commission is "dominated by a group from south of the border" and, therefore might not have the interest of British Columbia's industrial expansion at heart, he charged. Im,"a doe...st,in cmfw m mb

Investigation of the Chilco Lake watershed, which is a major breeding ground for Fraser River salmon, had been halted and engineers for the new industry was turning attention to the Kitimaat area where almost a million dollars will be spent in surveys this summer.

"Modern engineers are continuously doing what formerly was believed to be impossible," he declared. "I am convinced that with co-operation between the fishing industry and those who would utiline our power, we can have both."

Only by using the water which is now going to waste from British Columbia's mountains can the province hope to grow and sustain an increasing population, he said.

Mr. Kenney was thanked for his address by Ron Griswold, of Rossland. Chairman of the function was Malcolm Chapin, of Kelowna, national vice-president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Canada.

Ray Reflects . . .
. . . and Reminisces

The appointment of Commodore Horatio Nelson Lay of the Royal Canadian Navy to fill the post of Naval Attache in Washington has been officially announced. Commodore Lay was born in Skagway, Alaska. All in all, this seems to be a pretty fair illustration of the general fitness of things.

The scenic seas of the north call again to Los Angeles, June 10, the Prince George will be here,bearing once more a good many who sailed a yar ago, as well as strangers. Few weary of the fascination of the inside passage. Some Prince Rupert folk have been looking at it for forty years, and have not yet seen any rason to confess exhaustion

Strange, the power of words. Yesterday came news that a professor is trying to have "under privileged" substituted for the word "poor". With some, it would be much less of an effort to trust Lord Stonlbroke than poor Bill Notabeane. For there's a bit of the snob in a lot of us.

Win or lose, the candidates in Skeena will be better acquainted with a lot of out of the way points than they ever were before. Also for a while, after it's all over, they may find themselves shaking hands automatically.

The Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce resolution urges, at the convention, provincial action in the effort to exterminate rats. It is pointed out that these unwelcome creatures keep coming to British Columbia in steadily increasing numbers. Nevertheless, it must be admitted they show good judgement.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Fraser of Port Edward, who have been on a trip to Vancouver, returned to the city from the south on the Camosun yesterday afternoon.

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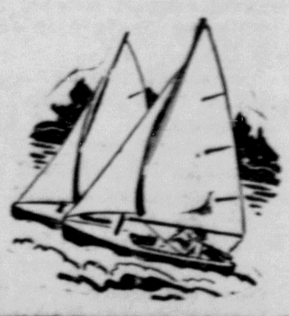

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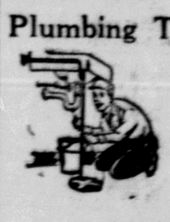

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