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C.N.R. and Vancouver

PRINCE RUPERT people read with some interest about the plan of the Canadian National Railways, as reported by the Vancouver Sun, for a major terminal development at Vancouver so that the government railway may have terminal facilities there equal to the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is also noted that one of the objects of the proposed development is to make a feeder line to Vancouver for the Canadian National Railway from central British Columbia, which Prince Rupert has come to regard as pretty well its own.

Prince Rupert people, during recent years, have, we believe, pretty well got away from the idea of petty quarrelling with Vancouver, feeling that, with the great development of the country, there is ample room and need for two great ports on the British Columbia Coast—Vancouver and Prince Rupert.

On the other hand, they may have valid cause to wonder about all this sudden interest, if the Vancouver Sun report be true, of the railway company in a major port development at Vancouver when they already have their own port at Prince Rupert which is well fitted and most strategically situated to be the ocean port for the central interior even with the extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway into the Peace River country. No less persons than Premier Johnson and also George Murray M.P. for Cariboo, have made public statements regarding the function that the port of Prince Rupert should play in connection with the extension of the Peace River and the extension of the Pacific Great Eastern.

Incidentally, last week we had occasion to refer to the brief presented by the Peace River Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce to the royal commission on transportation, urging that Prince Rupert should be getting alive again on the matter of the Peace River outlet.

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, when making requests for improvements and developments here, knows how difficult it has been to have the Canadian National Railway depart from its policy of economy and a "dollar made for a dollar spent" policy. We have, indeed, taken a very understanding attitude on the matter. Doubtless, the railway or the government, whichever is behind such a project as the Vancouver Sun reports, will be satisfied, in such a major development in Vancouver harbor, that these sound business principles will be satisfied and that there is more to the scheme than merely to give the Canadian National "equal facilities to the C.P.R.," in the C.P.R.'s own port of Vancouver, particularly at a time when duplication is supposed to be taboo.

Prince Rupert people will want to know why those "equal facilities" might not be set up in the Canadian National's own port of Prince Rupert and thus help in the opening up and support of a part of the country which, in spite of all the obstacles and opposition which beset it, is coming into its own.

Yes, Prince Rupert is very interested in the Vancouver development project and the whys and wherefores.

A LAWYER MIGRATES

MOST OF US take for granted that anyone can move from one province of Canada to another. It is assumed this can be done without let or hindrance or expense and the change having been made, continue on in his chosen line or some other business as the case may be.

This belief comes close to being correct. Yet if one cares to verify, it will be discovered there is one profession where the exception must be made. Where a practitioner moves to another part of the dominion he is required to pay as high as \$1,500 to the Provincial Law Society. And it makes no difference as to experience or qualification. Fifteen hundred is no trifling sum, and a young man or woman pondering the future had best make certain concerning location to start with.



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Motorists coming to the junction of Third Ave and McBride Street, now stop for a few moments. Perhaps they also look and listen, which is quite permissible for it's all in the interests of public safety. But there was previous little driving at Third Avenue and McBride in early days. Then there was a gully on one side and a rocky hill on the other.

Twelve carloads of oil drilling equipment, on the way to Skidegate, arrived from Alberta last Thursday morning. If thought necessary, Royalite is prepared to go down five thousand feet. Keep your feet on the ground. But just suppose Prince Rupert should suddenly find itself next door to a man size gusher. Any previous spouting by local publicity talent would be small potatoes. For oil, also, is where you find it.

Three lives were lost the day the Hope-Princeton road opened, the fatalities happening near the scene of the formalities. A car went over the edge. That, however was not the fault of the highway which represents the best in construction ability. A mountain road is a mountain road, whether along the Skeena, or between Hope and Princeton. There is always a point where engineering responsibility ends and public prudence should begin.

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action all along the line, from then on. An aluminum making plant is coming to the north Pacific Coast anyway, because it's needed and the coast is the best location on the continent. And if one of several potential sites is in central B.C. and not so very far from Prince Rupert, other fair cities should be frankly envious.

Letters from eastern friends, as usual, contain expressions of sympathy. You see, winter is approaching and Prince Rupert is less than 100 miles from Alaska. Hence, sub-Arctic conditions! It might interest them to know that in mid-November there is still not a flake here except on mountain peaks. Yet weeks ago, blizzards were common, far to the south and on the prairies.

The hospital guild committee of the Women of the Moose held their November meeting at the home of Mrs. J. G. Viereck. After a brief business session, an enjoyable evening of cards was spent and refreshments were served by the hostess.

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BROTHER, SISTER IN DOUBLE RITES

Members of Well Known Family in United Church Rites

A brother and sister, members of a well-known city family, stood together as principals in a double wedding ceremony performed by Rev. Lawrence Sieber in First United Church Saturday evening.

Elsie Mintenko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mintenko, 709 Eighth Avenue West, became the bride of James Peter Thompson, son of Mrs. S. McPherson, while her brother, Neil Mintenko, took as his bride Miss Ruby McNeil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McNeil of Fairlight, Sask.

The nuptial group exchanged vows before the altar adorned with bouquets of chrysanthemums. Scores of friends of the principals were present for the rites.

Traditional wedding music, played by Organist Henry Poyam, set the background for the bridal procession. Miss Mintenko was given in marriage by her father and Miss McNeil by her brother, Chris McNeil.

Miss Mintenko's costume was a suit of steel grey with pink accessories and she carried a bouquet of American Beauty roses. Miss McNeil's costume was a suit of silver grey with pink accessories. Her bouquet also was of American Beauty roses.

Attending each of the brides were their respective sisters. Matron of honor for Miss McNeil was her sister, Mrs. Florence Munroe, whose costume was a blue woolen afternoon dress with white accessories. Miss Mintenko was attended by her sister Mrs. Anne Daumont, who wore an afternoon dress of green wool with rose accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

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LETTERBOX

HUMAN TREATMENT

Editor, Daily News:
Could I have space in your paper to comment on a recent letter from Aid. Casey in regard to the red tape of old age pensions.

I believe that circumstances in our unemployment insurance, hospitalization and widows and old age pensions racket are deplorable beyond humanitarianism with the knowledge common that the cost of administration is 60 percent.

I have at present in my employ a widow with five children who has been driven from pillar to post for the past nine years. Formerly resident of the starved out province of Saskatchewan, she lost her home in flood conditions at Prince George two years ago and has come through vicissitudes deplorable to the human race and, is receiving no widow's pension.

I think our citizens should more carefully examine our pension rackets.

If our churches would be more practical from the pulpit regarding Christianity, we would be more satisfied with our communities and our governments and would more willingly strive for free enterprise.

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