

TERRACE VILLAGE EAGERLY looks to completion of the 43-mile railway link to Kitimat, as well as start of a highway between the two points. More than tripling

its population in the last few years due to a boom in lumbering, Terrace sees a bright future for itself in its relation to the future city of Kitimat.

Lumber Spells Sensational Growth For Seam-Bursting Skeena Village

miles east of the Pacific, lays be completed this year. claim to the most sensational post-war expansion of any community in the province.

"And," say Terrace residents, "this is just the beginning. Another decade will see us take our place with the other cities

Main source of the village's growth-from 300-odd in 1941 to 4,500 today—is summed up in one word: Lumber.

Where there were 33 persons than 700 directly connected with energy. the industry today.

PULP MILL

Cellulose woods operations in capacity several times, has indithe area in 1951. But other cated a survey for the Kitimatprivate and much smaller opera. Terrace power line will be made tions have increased, and earlier soon. ones have more than doubled their production.

In 1945 there were three luming at full capacity and another

10 on a part time basis. In 1951, after the start of operations by Columbia Cellulose whose \$40,000,000 pulp mill s located at Prince Rupert, the total cut for the year was-

13.351,770 board feet. The 1953 production was 2,000,000 board feet with the oulp mill's take of the total,

5.000.000 board feet. TORE FARMERS

And while lumbering inreased multifold, other forms expansion were taking place the immediate area of the illage which gained its first

If whom are engaged in com- ent village confines. kets, 100 miles westward.

KITIMAT

Meanwhile, construction for the last two years of the huge Meanwhile, building permits impact in and around Terrace. Included in additional busi- Two new banks have opened truction of a railroad from the moved into new quarters. skeena Valley village to the A new \$375,000 junior-senior and friendly hand. future smelter city.

Terrace villagers say:

Terrace, British Columbia, The railroad—a branch from recently purchased two business additional facilities are office

Meanwhile, survey of a highway between the two centres has been authorized. Terrace Board of Trade which has been hammering at government and Alcan doors for such a highway, says only 19 GUEST EDITORIAL miles of road construction are necessary to complete the

CHEAP POWER

Hope of future industrial expansion of Terrace is pinned on employed in lumbering in 1949 Kitimat tapping Alcan's million for instance, there are more horse-power supply of electric

a provincial body which is sup-One of the major boosts in plying Terrace today with the lumbering development was diesel-generated power and has the location of the Columbia been forced to increase its

ber operations in the Terrace Kitimat, a northern road has had what they were seeking take advantage of fine camping area. Today there are 17 work- been pushed through for 12 rich soil, valuable timber, abun- facilities along our lakeshores

ities have been lost in the limbo. the sea. All services are strained to the

Because of its limited municipal area-half a square mile containing 1,000 persons -a recent request by village commissioners for a government loan to extend water service was denied.

But the commissioners are ettlers in 1908 and incorporated wide awake to the needs of their A pleasant climate with a its potentials. Heading the their courage, their vision and race but the entire district. growing season than agenda of future action is extenmost other areas east of the sion of municipal boundaries to a sound foundation on which Coast Range so far north has include the balance of 3,500 per to go on building. ttracted many farmers, several sons clustered around the pres-

local and Prince Rupert mar stallation of adequate sewer aware of the value of our system and improvement to natural resources. Industry is

NEW BUILDINGS

operations of Aluminum Com- to the extent of \$260,000 were pany of Canada at Kitimat only taken out in 1953 for private 10-odd miles south has left its dwellings and business construc-

ness which Kitimat is bringing up in the last year in addition to its nearest neighbor, is con- to the original bank which has imat—the Aluminum Company ies," commented an indignant

high school was opened this "Watch us for the next 10 100 new beginners each year.

looking the Skeena River, 100 to Prince Rupert-is expected to building will go up this year to hotels, retail stores, cafes and house the post office and other auto courts. federal government agencies.

A modern theatre, nearing these things will come soon as completion, is scheduled to run investors hear more of mushfirst pictures this summer. rooming Terrace and it poten-But still needed in the way of tialities.

Today's Pioneers Accept Vision of Early Settlers

Editor, Terrace "Omineca" Herald

miles. Total distance is 45 dance of water, showings of as well as the excellent fishing miles. Cost of constructing the rich minerals, a temperate cli- and hunting. link has been estimated at mate numerous lakes and When the Kitimat project streams, and the winding gets under way, we are told But in the wake of this un. Skeena River lending so much there will be much surplus precedented growth, the vil- to the beauty of the country- electric power, tempting new lage's administration and facil- side, all within easy access to industry to come in; deep sea

It was indeed a land of opporsave the satisfaction of watchling a dream unfold.

It took men with vision and

Today, half a century later, the eyes of the outside world mercial horticulture supplying Other desperate needs are in are at last turning our way, faith, courage and spirit as did coming because we have the instrumental tools of nature which it seeks.

We welcome new industry and are proud that our com- CATS STAY FREE munity played an instrumental part in bringing this new in- council rejected a proposal to dustry to our doorstep.

of Canada-we extend a warm alderman.

This new enterprise will make CANADIAN ARCTIC Kitimat is the reason why year to help take care of more Kitimat a community many Sovereignty over the Arctic than 750 district pupils and the times larger than ours, which islands north of Canada was cannot but help every other transferred by Great Britain to And the federal government town and village along this Canada in 1880.

BY CATHERINE FRASER northern line on the road to secondard industry." prosperity. The new Canadian National

The people of Terrace and rail link now being constructed The B.C. Power Commission, district are proud and happy between Terrace and Kitimat that at last north-central British will open up a rich, virgin area, Columbia is coming into its as yet untouched by man; it own. The pioneers of our dis- will give the farmers and the trict, who, away back in the lumbermen in the interior anwhich to settle and build, were built also; this would enable From Terrace, a good road ex. halted this 40 miles inland by Kitimat families to enjoy the tends south for 14 miles to the the charm and unlimited poten- warm, dry interior summers limits of Lakelse Lake. From tial of the Skeena Valley. It and give them opportunity to

ships bringing ore for the making of aluminum, will be looktunity, for those willing to work ing for return cargo. Along with hard with little remuneration Prince Rupert, central British Columbia will then have two outlets to the sea.

We have been told that Tera true pioneer spirit to give this race airport will be the hub of country its start. We, who to- air transportation for this secday are reaping the reward of tion of the province. The beam their hardship and sacrifice, are station now being constructed proud that our country breeds will ensure year-round service. mushrooming community and men of this calibre - for by advantageous not only to Ter-

This land of opportunity, visualized by the early settlers, is entering another era in its growth. We today are the pioneers of this new industrial era. May we have the same steadfast our forefathers and work together with understanding and integrity so that their vision and ours will become a secure and stable reality.

VANCOUVER (CP) - City impose a license on cats, similar To our new neighbors at Kit- to dogs. "Next it will be canar-

To Highway, Power Projects 'Desirable Location For Secondary Industry' which now boasts a population will benefit all of B.C. and of 4,500 persons, a 15-fold incentral B.C. in particular, "it is crease of construction of its rail link with the

aluminum town of Kitimat is exciting a fever of anticipa- more than double of that four Terrace. We're going to grow tion in Terrace, but residents pin their major hopes of years ago. the future on twin developments yet to be launched.

They are:

1. A highway link between uency. the two centres.

2. A power line to Terrace as the "great Pacific seaport of the future and as such must from Kitimat tapping the vast supply of electricity to be trans- "In my opinion the highway mitted from the Kemano hydro is the key to the whole developgenerators.

link will provide the first direct means of land communication Kitimat to which forest-rich between the two centres, it will Terrace would truck it products be used mainly for freighting of over the 40-mile route. supplies into Kitimat and sending out aluminum ingots.

necessary to provide easier and raw product from the Terrace more versatile means of contact. area HIGHWAY NECESSITY

confident that the highway will highway. come soon, and claims a share now under way. Cost of the sur- power becomes available. vey is being shared on a 50-50 basis by the provincial government and Alcan.

president, says:

sprawling on a plateau over- Canadian National's main line lots where it is expected a buildings, apartment units, has been pressing for such a pottery in the community which "For 18 months our group There are several pieces of highway. Not only will it open were made from local clay by up a lot of territory for logging, a hobbyist 35 years ago. No doubt, say the villagers, farming and tourist centres, but will boost Terrace in its stride of becoming a major distribut. Fishermen Seek

"A highway will also give c Kitimat residents the opportunity for car travel which is a

for cheap power in Terrace fishermen can receive the mornwhich would, he said, "make ing broadcast directed to them. Terrace a desirable location for Ken Harding, secretary-man-

POWER LINE

Board of Trade and village com. ficient range to reach the fishmission that the feasibility of ing grounds. hooking up Terrace to Kitimat's | Council ordered a letter sent supply will be investigated.

and forests and recently re- CFPR's output is 250 watts.

signed MLA for Skeena constit-

Mr. Kenney envisions Kitimat

have a highway outlet. ment of the Skeena area."

While the new 40-mile rail He cites the following poten-1. A lumber assembly dock at

2. The Terrace airport to serve Kitimat and the whole

northwest coastal area. In the opinion of Terrace 3. A pulp mill in vicinity of businessmen, a highway is Kitimat receiving much of its

A highly developed agricultural area between Terrace and The active Board of Trade is Kitimat to be opened up by the

Industrial opportunities in of credit for having influenced Terrace are considered numera decision to survey the route, ous providing cheap electric

Besides the main natural resources of forests, there are huge deposits of clay tested Fred Macklin, Board of Trade suitable for brick manufacturing, ceramics and pottery.

Base metal deposits and

Stronger Radio

City council has joined the must in this day and age. A Prince Rupert Fishermen's Cocommunity cannot be progres- op Association in requesting sive and be even semi-isolated." that the power of local radio Mr. Macklin stressed the need station CFPR be increased so

ager of the Co-op, told council the B.C. fishermen's broadcast The B.C. Power Commission provided a service to fishermen already has indicated to the but the station did not have suf-

to Transport Minister Chevrier, Another outspoken supporter under whose department the early 1900's, came over the Kiti- other outlet for their produce. of the two proposals is Edward CBC is directed, asking that mat trail seeking a new land on It is hoped a highway will be T. Kenney, ex-minister of lands the power increase be approved.

also located in the area.

Terrace Folk Look Hopefully

"mountains" of limestone are Cathie Fraser, editor of the hometown weekly newspaper, On the whole, there is little the Omineca Herald, says that but optimism in busy Terrace while the Kitimat development

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