Pioneers Thought Crazy But Dreams Coming True By GEORGINA MITCHELL | The engineers had just arrived blasted to the side of the Prince

Rupert evidenced by the city's students are two talks given by two Booth Memorial High school ina Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell, 333 Fifth Avenue West, won the contest over Patricia Lemon. Both speeches, outlining the history of Prince Rupert are published today on this

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laid down upon the muskeg. As ities were very primitive. there were no street lights and the muskeg was deep and wet the pioneers put candles in tins and cut the sides out so they could light their dim way.

There were labor troubles too. While Kelly's Cut was being

Fasten your safety belts and and were laying plans for our Rapert Hotel, the men decided fly back with me into 1906 when city. Directors of the Grand that they needed more pay. As students in the Rotary club public Prince Rupert was a wooded is- Trunk Pacific, later to become there were no unions they went land covered with muskeg. the Canadian National Railways, to war about it with guns and We will have to land with and Sir Charles Hays had dreams real bullets. Dr. J. P. Cade, our

> ed and fortunes were made and When my Dad's people arrived eval forest into the commercial centre. They had the same type earlier days, lost in that brief period. ... in 1910 they moved to an un- were it is today. The city was incorporated in 1910 and consisted of a centre street which is now Sixth Street, squirrels out of the partitions Pacific Railway was due to the liquid sunshine running down running down to the waterfront. So they could sleep at night selection of G. M. Hays.
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> The people-lived in shacks or water was carried from McCly- John Knox, a lone prospector,

neers decided to build roads on trestles over the muskeg and in started operations in 1906.

The railway, started in 1908, rive from all provinces and ports. age plant the people felt that Stork was the first mayor. nothing could stop them.

Several ships were built at the shipyard was capable of doing if it was opreated steadily.

located at the present site of the avoid our soggy muskeg. government liquor store. The The hardware store of Howe from the street. Local worthies of a wheelbarrow. first principal, would be forced store near the site of the present come into being. to leave his class and tell these Skeena Grocery. men to take their snoose and Parker's garage was started by From 1930 to 1937 a general

going to mean a great deal to race. north country.

here their dreams and plans are tage that their young husband ance which has greatly helped just beginning to be fulfilled. Prince Rupert has the geographic position for a trading port to the Orient, the resources are here and as the Interior grows and expands the city is bound to benefit and become an outlet for the north as was originally planned. It will come into its own, maybe not in this generation but undoubtedly in the next as nothing can stop it.

So let's fasten our safety belts again and take off for 1954 and a Prince Rupert definitely improved since its early beginnings. Hats off to the pioneers who had the courage to come here: and stick it out through many

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Varied Occupations of Northern Wilderness Made Prince Rupert Commercial Centre Today We will have to land with and Sir Charles Hays had dreams real bullets. Dr. J. P. Cade, our care because it was a daily oc- of a great terminal railway and Good Citizen Award winner of The history of Prince Rupert dream was rudely shattered. The door-to-door mail deliving make the construction of the alumination of the when her dream house turned cry service was started in 1953 doubtably make the

tents. The roads were just planks mont park and sanitation facil- secured the first footing on this consisted of the weekly catch of townsite by locating a mineral salmon, halibut made by the Oh that muskeg! Remember, claim. Baconsville, Knoxville trailblazers. Although this year there were no bulldozers or and Vickersville represented the hasn't been too prosperous the machines in those days. All labor major divisions and camps of fishermen in better years caught was done by hand. So the pio- the earlier members of this city, on an average of 10,000 to 100,000 A survey party 'landed and' some cases these roads were 10 was during 1907-08 that pioneers of the future city began to ar-

reached completion in 1914 and The charter that made Prince the whole town was exhuberant. Rupert into an incorporated city With the drydock and cold stor- was granted in 1910. Alfred

Early businessmen had varidrydock but it took the Second Orme's drug store began as a small tent perched on a high platform. All the homes and buildings of note were built on Being a high school student, I these platforms. The roads were was very interested in the first plank sidewalks, these too were of steel that connected Prince

S. E. Parker who first owned and depression swept the whole of Highway 16 was started in the operated Pacific Cartage Co. This Canada and with the Second early 20's became more or less he sold and then entered into an World War coming two years lata relief job in the 30's but was amomotive dealership that ex- er it was a long time before Rufinally connected up to Terrace pended into a garage business pert got back on its lect again. in 1943 and over the years is in both Prince Rupert and Ter- It was during these war years

brought his bride from Toronto, finished. In spite of the pioneers being Most girls have a secret yearn- In 1947 the Columbia Cellulose told they were crazy to come ing for a green-shuttered cot- Company Ltd., put in its appear-

of weather that we enjoy tounderneath their bed.

The fishing industry of 1903 pounds of fish per trip according to the size of the boat. In anticipation of rapid growth of this industry one of the largest cold storage plants in the world was built between 1910 and 1913.

The population was growing steadily by this time as boatloads of immigrants arrived to try their luck in the wholesome ccuntry. As with a growing! city, schools, banks, a city hall hospital and a provincial! building sprang up to meet the needs of the population,

high school. I am told it was raised above the ground to Rupert with Eastern Canada were joined.

windows were on the level with and McNulty began as Mr. Mc- to store the grain brought in the sidewalk and the building Nulty walked up and down the from the prairies. As Prince was set only a short distance plank roads selling his goods out Rupert is 500 miles closer to the would sit on the railing discuss- Perhaps Jack Musallem was shipping industry would help to ing sundry topics in tones that inspired to start the Variety develop Prince Rupert like it penetrated the sanctum of the Store from the example of his idid San Francisco and other school room. Mr. Brady, the father who operated a grocery ports, but thus far this has not

that the highway to points south Prince Rupert and the whole Prince Rupert's first postman was completed and the air base

care because it was a daily oc- of a great terminal railway and Good Citizen Award winner of currence to see whales blowing Pacific shipping port.

1952, patched up the casualties is an overflowing account of the when her dream house turned cry service was started in 1953 doubtably make this northern. and porpoises cavorting in the By 1909 lots were offered for and work went on as usual the many wide but varied occupation to the same than the progressed show far the city prosper. tions that turned this once primate rentre. They had the same type earlier days.

We are indeed living in a clip

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