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WEATHER REPORT
Compiled by Mr. C. H. Urseth, of the Bella Coola Observatory.
Temperature for the month of February, maximum, 28, minimum, 28.
Rainfall for same period, 2.10. Snow, 10.

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Date Set for Prince Rupert Exhibition

Prince Rupert, March 27.—September 30th, October 1st and 2nd are the days selected by the board of directors of the Northern B. C. Agricultural and Industrial Association for holding the second annual exhibition. The civic authorities have granted the sum of \$5,000 to the Association and the Provincial government \$500. At the close of last year, the surplus from the initial fair of \$1400 was placed in the bank, a pecuniary result as gratifying to the board as it was unusual. L. Bullock-Webster has been re-engaged as secretary and manager. Plans are being mooted for the erection of commodious exhibition buildings, providing a suitable site can be secured within reasonable distance of the heart of the city.

Line Will Be Linked Up Early Next Month

Prince Rupert, March 27.—Splendid progress is now being made on the road construction, said general-superintendent W. C. C. Mehan. There is nothing now to interrupt continued work, and the thirty miles yet to lay to reach the Nechaco river should go down at the rate of two miles a day. From the Fort George side to the eastern point of connection is ninety miles. The grading, while not finished yet, will not interfere with tracklaying. At some points temporary track will be laid around the big cuts, the purpose being to get tracks to take material through for the permanent bridges and for ballasting. While the eastern end has some further distance to go than there is on the western end, there is less snow and fewer bridges on that end. By the latter part of April the linking up will take place. Weather conditions up the line are very favorable to work this spring, and no delays are anticipated. It is not expected that the permanent track will be down before June or July.

2000 Perish in Black Sea

London, March 26.—A St. Petersburg despatch to the London Times says it is estimated that between 2000 and 3000 persons perished in the recent storm which swept the Black Sea. Over one hundred and fifty vessels were sunk.

To Aid Ulster Militants

London, March 26.—It is said the Duke of Portland has offered a princely contribution to the funds of the Ulster militants.

Churchill Likely to Succeed Asquith

London, March 26.—Winston Churchill's navy speech was a great personal triumph. Following his Bradford address, it revived the report of his early succeeding Mr. Asquith. Liberals heard with pleasure Churchill's unstinted praise of the Australian plan of Dominion navies.

Contribution Policy Should Be Abandoned

London, March 26.—"Recent experience suggests that a frank abandonment of the 'contribution' idea would be in the interests of all concerned, including the British taxpayer," says the Daily Chronicle (Liberal), discussing the references of Mr. Winston Churchill to the three dreadnoughts project of the Borden government, abandoned for the time being on account of opposition in the senate. The Chronicle approves the local fleet unit proposal as carried out in Australia and advocated in Canada by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It says: "We welcome Mr. Churchill's apparent conversion to the Australian plan of the provision of local fleet units by the dominions, which is the only naval plan so far devised for permanently enlisting and keeping active the interest of the dominions. Its avoidance of insoluble questions, due to the division of the cost of an undivided imperial fleet between the British and Colonial taxpayers, is a decisive argument in its favor."

More Work Ahead

Washington, Mar. 26—Though merchant ships are expected to be passing through the Panama Canal in the course of trade within the next three months, the canal-makers still have much work ahead of them. Nearly all of what is known as the permanent dam and locks construction has been finished, but owing to the earth slides in the Culebra Cut many hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of earth must be removed to broaden the channel to its full width. During the month of February the total amount of excavation was 1,430,050 cubic yards as compared with 1,514,972 yards in January.

Expects Him Back

Ottawa, March 26.—W. Sloan, ex-M. P. for Comox, who has been here for the past week conferring with Sir Wilfrid Laurier and other Liberal leaders, left for British Columbia. Sir Wilfrid confidently expects that Mr. Sloan will come back to parliament after next election as one of the Liberal contingent from British Columbia.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Camosun arrived in port on Sunday last with the usual large number of passengers.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaspersen, three sons and a daughter, arrived by last Sunday's steamer and intend to settle in the valley. They came from Norway by the Allan Line of steamers, purchasing their tickets through the steamship company's local agent at Bella Coola.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaspersen have relatives and friends in the valley.

Mrs. Reginald Hill has come to join her husband, the well-known and highly popular head net-man at the local cannery, and will spend the summer in this valley.

Randolph Saugstad and John Nygaard have returned after spending the winter attending college in Washington.

J. Pask has been spending the last week in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Nygaard are to be congratulated on the birth of a son on Tuesday last.

Mrs. Nygaard senior, mother of Mr. Martin Nygaard, is also to be congratulated on the arrival of her twenty-fifth grandchild.

John Sylvester of Hagensborg leaves by tomorrow's steamer for the Beaver cannery, where he will be engaged during the summer.

Ed. Wheeler has done considerable improvements to his property opposite the Courier office, in the way of clearing, leveling and fencing. The property now presents a very creditable appearance and should prove some incentive to other property owners in the town to do likewise.

Trout Fishing Regulations.

The idea has become prevalent that under the new act of the

The draw for the Parlor Suite took place at Hagensborg on Wednesday last. The lucky number was 28, and the handsome suite has become the property of Thersesa Lokken of Hagensborg.

Rev. T. C. Colwell has returned from a visit to Firvale and the Crossing and will conduct service on Sunday as usual.

Harry Kivett, of Firvale, has had the good fortune to capture a fine male fisher, alive and unharmed. The animal will be shipped probably to Vancouver by the Camosun on Sunday next.

The long and anxiously awaited work of cribbing the Necleetsconny river for the protection of the town was commenced on Thursday last. This removes a great cause of anxiety to the people of the town, who have not relished the idea of a possible reoccurrence of the flood of last fall.

Mr. Ashdown Green, civil engineer of the Indian Department of the Dominion government, has stated that he intends to recommend that considerable work be done on the Necleetsconny river as it passes through the Indian reserve, with the object of diverting a large portion of the water into the Paisley river. This will save the road towards the approach to the wharf from being flooded in case of a freshet.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Brewster, who have been spending the winter at Hagensborg, leave by tomorrow's steamer for the Brunswick cannery, Rivers Inlet, where Mr. Brewster is employed as engineer.

The McClosky brothers of Kimsquit visited the valley last week for the purpose of obtaining independent fishing licenses.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Christensen and Mr. and Mrs. I. Fougner made a short trip by gasoline launch to the head of South Bentinck Arm. The return journey was not at all pleasant owing to high wind and a rough sea. The party returned on Monday evening none the worse for the experience.

Much regret is being expressed at the serious loss incurred by Mr. R. N. Levelton whose house was completely destroyed by fire on Monday night.

The fire, which was not discovered until it had got a firm hold of the roof, was caused by a spark from the chimney.

The building which was of a substantial nature, being constructed for the most part of hewn timber, burned fiercely, the glare in the sky being plainly seen for miles around.

The fire was fortunately prevented from spreading to the stable, barns and other outbuildings and the major portion of the furniture was saved.

We understand the property was not insured.

People are asking if anything is to be done in regard to clear-

ing away the brush piles from the town streets.

The Development League have had the matter in hand with the government for several months past, but have so far not succeeded in obtaining any assurance that the work is to be undertaken.

One reason given is, that it is not the government's policy to clear town streets. A glance at the accounts, however, would lead one to believe that our member of parliament was suffering from a lapse of memory when he made this statement, as there appears numerous instances of money being spent for exactly this purpose in places not as important as Bella Coola. This is one of the matters that the League will take up with Mr. Manson on his arrival.

Another matter which the League will deal with is the temporary crossing over the Nootsatsum river.

It is understood that the government does not intend to construct a new permanent bridge at this place, so that it is essential that the temporary crossing should be properly constructed and maintained.

Road superintendent Macfarlane was authorized to do this work as long as October last, but seeing that the thing was being urgently requested by a large number of settlers and would be a great public convenience, it was not in accordance with his usual custom to even consider it, and he didn't.

If the government does not build a permanent bridge, a temporary bridge must be provided. Stay with it.

The Liberal leaders, H. C. Brewster and John Oliver, are due to arrive by the Camosun tomorrow.

Bella Coola is determined to take full advantage of the visit of these gentlemen and they are in for a busy time.

Leaving the town on Monday morning they proceed to Hagensborg where they will address a meeting in the evening. Returning to town on Tuesday morning about noon, they will, if convenient, be invited to meet the executive board of the Development League during the afternoon. There are several matters absolutely nonpolitical on which the League require information and which, doubtless, Mr. Brewster and Mr. Oliver will be able to afford. On Tuesday, the Liberal leaders will speak in the Mackenzie School. They will leave on Wednesday for Nanaimo en route to Prince Rupert, the next point to be visited in their tour.

Church Notice

LOWER BELLA COOLA: Sunday School, 10 a. m. Church Service, 11 a. m.
BELLA COOLA: Sunday School, 2:30 p. m. Evening Service, 7:30 p. m.
Subject:—"Dr. Thos. Crosby." Talk to the boys and girls.

Rev. T. C. Colwell, B. A., Pastor

Don't Fail to Hear the Liberal Leaders
H. C. BREWSTER
JOHN OLIVER
Colony Hall, Hagensborg, Monday
30th, at 7:30 p. m.
Mackenzie School, Bella Coola, Tuesday
31st, at 7:30 p. m.
GOD SAVE THE KING.

Mrs. J. H. Whitcombe has returned from Spokane, Washington which place she visited for the purpose of consulting a physician.

Mr. Ashdown Green, left by the last steamer after spending a week in town on business in connection with the Indian Department.

J. H. Disney, who has for some time past been engaged in survey work in this neighborhood, left for Vancouver on Sunday.

C. Rainsford has left for his home in North Vancouver after spending a week in town.

C. Mills, the genial representative of the famous firm of Kelly Douglas & Co. Ltd., went on his way by the last steamer after spending a pleasant and profitable week in the valley.

A. Crichton left town on Sunday for Victoria, where he will sit for the final examination for the diploma of Provincial land surveyor.

The Courier wishes Mr. Crichton every success and looks for his speedy return.

legislature licenses must be taken out before angling can be indulged in. This is not so, the attorney-general having stated that all anglers resident in the province are at liberty to use rod and line as formerly.

The regulations governing trout fishing this year are as follows:

"No one shall fish for, catch or kill trout of any kind, including steelhead of two pounds in weight undressed, or under, from November 15 in each year to March 25 following, both days inclusive, except in the waters east of the 120th Meridian, where no one shall fish for, catch or kill trout of any kind from November 15 in each year to April 30 following, both days inclusive, provided that these close seasons shall not apply to Seton and Anderson lakes and waters tributary thereto, nor to dolly varden trout nor steelhead caught in tidal waters by rod and line, or in Okanagan, Kamloops, Shuswap, Arrow and Kootenay lakes, nor to landlocked salmon, weighing five pounds, undressed, or over."

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"Salus populi suprema est lex."

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1914.

Warning to Naturalized British Subjects.

Every naturalized British subject would do well to bear in mind that by a recent amendment to the Elections Act, no naturalized British subject can have his name placed on the voters' list for any electoral district unless his application is accompanied by his certificate of naturalization or a certified copy thereof.

Attorney-general Bowser fears the vote of the naturalized British subject and seeks by this means to disfranchise as many of them as possible.

The only way the full effect of this change in the elections act can be obtained is by the cancellation of the present voters' list.

This has been done before, and can be done again anytime the government think advisable for its own benefit.

The last time the lists were cancelled only five weeks were allowed for reregistration previous to the holding of the court of revision.

Less than five weeks time may be allowed next time, with probably a general election to follow.

Get your certificates ready. You will need them. Mr. Bowser does not put laws of this nature on the statute books without intending to use them. Do not let him put one over on you.

If you have not got your naturalization certificate, get a certified copy of it by applying to the registrar of the court which issued your naturalization paper, enclosing fee (25 cents in British Columbia) for copy of certificate. Get busy on this at once. Don't be beaten out of your vote by Mr. Bowser.

Mail-Bags Full of Rubbish.

The mail arriving at Bella Coola post-office on Sunday last was exceptionally large.

Speculation was rife as to what the extra bags contained. Some hoped for long deferred mail from the Old Country. Some waited for their mail-order house catalog. All were doomed to shock and disappointment.

At last the postmaster commenced to haul out large envelopes, marked as coming free from Ottawa. These envelopes contained a sheet called the Federal Press Bullentin, with headlines inches deep, "The Transcontinental Scandal," "Railroading to Bankruptcy," (this makes us think of home) etc.

This sheet was at once recognized as the very press report that has been branded by the acting minister of railways as utterly false and devoid of fact. Of course several copies reach-

ed this office. Perhaps these were the only ones that left the post office building, as the wastebaskets and boxes for public use were stuffed full of the trash.

That this report should still be distributed, after being declared an utter fabrication, is nothing less than a scandal, and the persons responsible are as devoid of honor as they are lacking in any sense of decency.

When a party stoops to such depths as this, they are in a bad way indeed.

Inconsistency.

Mr. Gutelius states, that by reducing the grades on the Intercolonial Railway, the tonnage on the trains could be doubled and by increasing the strength of the bridges heavier motive power could be used.

This, says Mr. Gutelius, would enable business to be handled at less than half the present cost of transportation and would reduce the total cost of operation by 25 per cent.

This is the same Mr. Gutelius, who, with his colleague, Mr. Lynch-Staunton, declared that the Transcontinental Railway Commission appointed by the Laurier government had been guilty of unpardonable extravagance in having the grades of the Transcontinental reduced to a minimum and in constructing steel bridges instead of wooden trestles.

The Cost of It All.

What it cost to have these investigating commissioners compile their fake report is somewhat interesting.

The two above-mentioned gentlemen were appointed on February 14th, 1912, at a salary of \$65 per day and expenses. According to a government report, Mr. Gutelius was paid \$27,465.48 and Mr. Lynch-Staunton received \$24,038.01 as remuneration for his services, in addition to which \$11,884.96 was paid out for their expenses. The government report shows that Mr. Gutelius has also drawn since the first of May last, on which date he was appointed manager of the Intercolonial Railway, a salary at the rate of \$20,000 a year, or up to the time the above referred to report was made, \$14,999.74. Thus for pay and salary allowance alone in less than two years he has drawn no less than \$42,465.42. This gentleman was also provided with a private car which cost the government \$17,500. Can it be wondered that a report favorable to the Borden govern-

ment was made?

No mention is made in the official return as to whether any of the expenses of Mr. Lynch-Staunton, when canvassing for the Conservative candidate in South Bruce last October, were charged up in this account.

It is worthy of note that one of these investigating commissioners, when appointed, was an American citizen. Hearing that Mr. Borden had once valiantly declared himself determined on "No trade or truck with the Yankees," he quickly applied the whitewash brush and is now a naturalized British subject.

Built Out of Revenue.

Conservative editorial writers, pamphleteers and speakers are using the partisan Gutelius-Lynch-Staunton report to convey the impression that Canada is staggering under the enormous burden of interest charges on the National Transcontinental Railway construction cost. Hon. Dr. Reid, acting minister of railways, told the House of Commons the other day that of \$140,562,147 actually expended on the road so far, only \$41,966,890 has been raised by loans. The rest has been met out of revenue. When revenue pays for more than two-thirds of so large a national development work of permanent character, it hardly seems to be a case of the country "staggering" under its financial load.

A Summersault.

Sir Richard McBride in 1908: "We have the Grand Trunk Pacific; we have the C. P. R. building, and presently, no doubt, we will have Mackenzie & Mann knocking at our doors. Let us give decent, intelligent encouragement to these undertakings, but nothing else." By 1914 he has made the Province liable for a burden of indebtedness amounting to some \$122,000,000 for the benefit of one road alone. A burden that may yet bankrupt the Province and retard its development for a quarter of a century or more.

The Voters' Responsibility.

In this free country the citizen is part of a collection of sovereign force that directs the destinies of some eight millions, with ten times that number looming large on our national horizon. The individual voter should feel keenly the responsibility of his sovereignty. It should be an intensely felt moral obligation for him to study political problems with the view to making his vote and influence tell in the settlement of those problems on the lines of justice and mercy.—Port Arthur Daily News.

Editor, Bella Coola Courier.

Sir,—As a resident of Bella Coola, and one who has always taken a live interest in anything connected with the welfare of the Valley, I would like to draw the attention of my fellow-residents to what is without a doubt a very poor outlook for the coming season.

The rumor is, that the government intends to spend only \$12,500 in this part of the Skeena district this year.

The bridge at present under construction across the Bella Coola River will take up about \$8,000, leaving a balance of only \$4,500 for repairs to the roads, bridges and wharf, the protection of the town from the ravages of the Necleetsconnay River, the continuation of the road in the Upper Valley and many other things.

Times are bad. The government is forced to curtail expenses in regard to public works. "PARTICULARLY IN THE NORTH." This is the reason given, and we, the poor brainless people who pay the salaries of the men who are supposed to represent us, are not even supposed to ask any questions.

What has the government been doing with the vast revenues of the Province for the past few years? Have they been developing the country? Let us consider the Northern part of the Province. Last year the government spent, roughly speaking, half a million dollars. This year that amount is reduced by half. Now, with this greatly reduced amount, let us see what these men, who would have us believe that they have a corner on the supply of intelligence, will do to develop the country and encourage settlement. They will tell you that they are going to build roads and bridges. Where are these roads and bridges? We have one in this valley, which has cost over two hundred thousand dollars and is not half completed. It was the declared intention of the government to connect it with the Cariboo road, but at the present rate of progress, we of this generation will never witness its completion.

The government says it is not their policy to undertake any temporary work. Their standard is work that will withstand the wear and tear of many years. We of Bella Coola know how true this is. Look around as you travel over our road. You have lots of time for so doing. It would be cruelty to horses to drive faster than a walk. Is this the best work these brainy government men can do? Is this their high standard? I think it must be the beautiful scenery that dazzles the person who passes such work and calls it good. See three roads side by side. Each of them cost good money. Three (Continued next page, column 1.)

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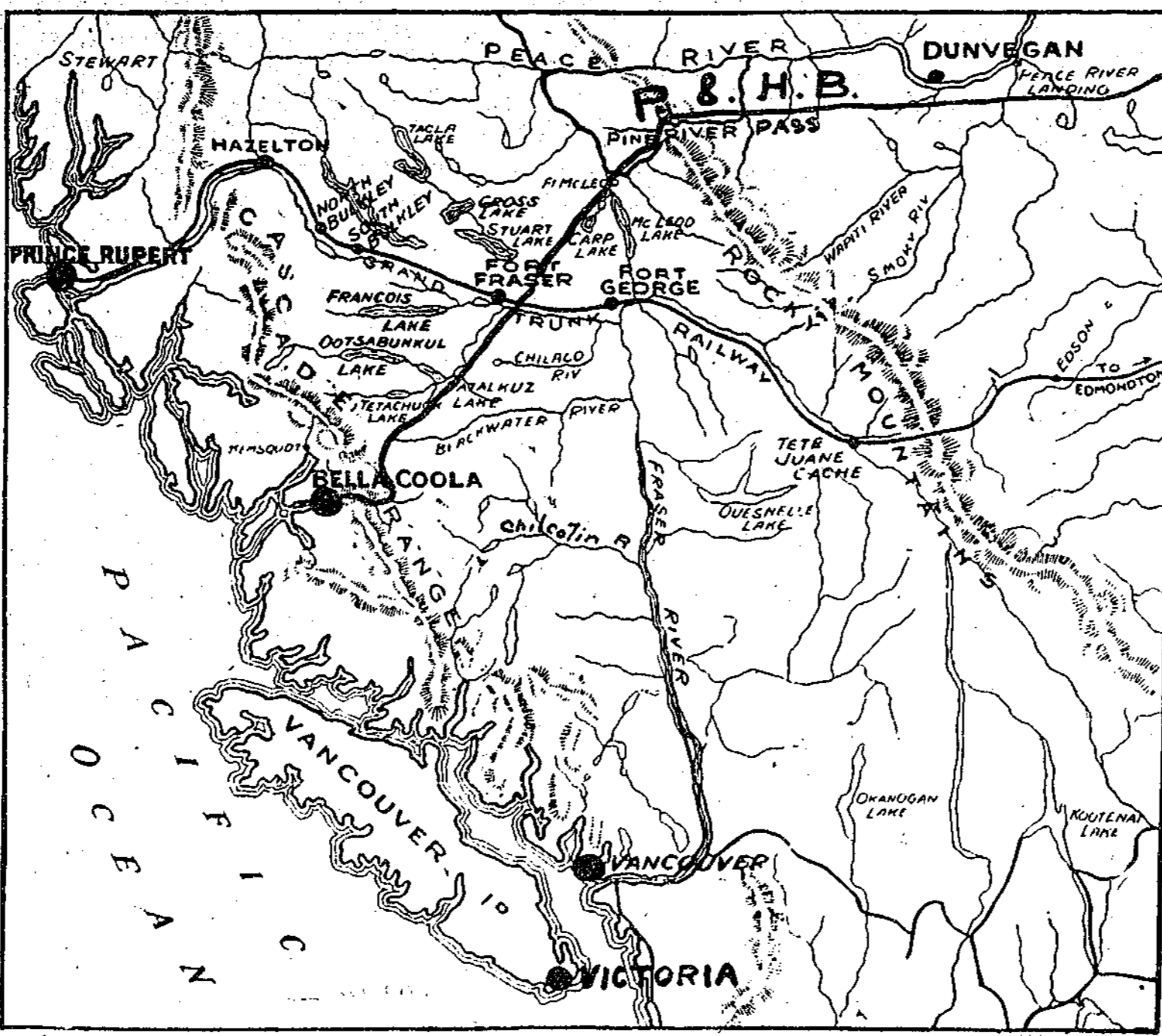
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From all over the Province comes the same complaint, that money appropriated for public works is being squandered to carry favor with men who use politics simply to make an easy living.

If members of the government would only use their brains they would perhaps realize that they

must have efficient men to carry out their public works, and not just give employment to cripples and men who are incapable of undertaking the work for which they are well paid.

"By their works shall ye know them." Personally, I would hate to be held responsible for the government's work in this part of Northern B. C.

Wake up all you people who, like me, are responsible for the present government.

It has been said that the people of Bella Coola are always kicking. That part of it is all right. Kick harder still. The members of the government have betrayed the trust you honored them with.

The government have dazzled us all with talk of the huge sums derived from the sale of our natural resources, and we like fools have allowed them to spend it with wanton recklessness and extravagance to little or no lasting benefit to the Province, and today we are reaping the benefit, PARTICULARLY IN THE NORTH.

Imagine the government of this Province having the nerve to tell the people that they cannot afford to spend the paltry sums that they have been spending on public works for the past few years, but must necessarily cut them down to half. Shame!

Yours, etc., DISGUSTED. Bella Coola, B. C.

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