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DOUGHTY FAILURE  
A HARD KNOCK

The failure of the Canadian Pacific Fisheries, better known as the Doughty organization, will give the prospective fishing industry of the district adjacent to Prince Rupert a decided setback. We have been looking forward to the development of the fisheries on a very much more extensive scale than the operations for the past few years. The waters of this district are admitted to be the richest fisheries in the world, and the catching and marketing of these fish is one of the greatest assets of Prince Rupert.

We have naturally expected the great amount of capital for experimenting and development to come from England, but the bad failure of the Doughty organization, the first English company to enter the field, is bound to frighten the British investors.

The Doughty failure will be looked upon as an unprofitable prospect instead of being understood for what it is—a wreck due to stupid judgment and colossal extravagance bordering on insanity. It is stated

that the amount paid out for telegrams and cables alone during the past year would buy a first-class fully equipped cannery. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent for plants that had apparently no real purpose, and for valueless licences. Besides this, big sums were paid for promotion and salaries to men who might understand fishing off the English coast, but who certainly do not know how to fish in these waters. The men who put their money into the project have been stung, and it will have a tendency to make others, who do not know real conditions, timid about fishery investments.

It seems ridiculous, but nevertheless true, that a man with a tin pot handled name and a wild scheme can raise a million in Great Britain, while a man who actually knows the fishing game on this coast, and could turn out fat profits from a reasonable investment, would not be able to raise a dollar in the same market. It is the custom of the British investor to trust a name rather than a face, and occasionally he pays a big price for the habit.



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New Portrait of the newly elected Grand Master of the Orange Lodge of the World.

## In the Letter Box

A. W. Agnew Replies to D. W. Morrissey

D. W. Morrissey, Esq.

Dear Sir: Referring to your letter in the Empire of December 19th.

Your statement that I have misrepresented facts either when I was in the employ of the city or at the present time is uncalled for and untrue. You state that at the time I was investigating Woodworth Lake I estimated that there was 2400 continuous horse power available, and that now I claim there is only 1800 continuous horse power available. In January, 1911, when I had just completed my preliminary gageings and estimates, I furnished data to Colonel Davis showing 1884 horse power available, provided Shawatlans Lake were lowered 10 feet, and a dam built to raise the level of Woodworth Lake 30 feet. In proof of this I publish the following letter, which was also published by the city in May, 1911, in the report

on the hydro-electric and water supply scheme. These publications were made at the time when you were an alderman:

"Prince Rupert, B. C., February 4, 1911.

"Wm. Manson, Esq., Victoria, B. C.

"Dear Mr. Mayor: Re Woodworth Lake water supply.

"Referring to our conversation a couple of weeks ago regarding the water supply from Woodworth Lake.

"I am still strongly of the opinion that the city should obtain absolute control of this watershed just as soon as possible, if it can be managed at a reasonable cost. I have revised my estimates of the horse power available with the following results:

"Mean annual rainfall, 108.

"Area of watershed, 9.56 acres.

"Mean flow, 76.13 cubic feet per second.

"Water belonging to City of Prince Rupert, 8.4 cubic feet per second.

"Available for power, 67.73 cubic feet per second.

"Assume available head at Shawatlans Lake, 300 feet.

"Horsepower to be developed, 2,305.3.

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"If the city is to own the water power, a dam thirty feet in height will be necessary for storage of the water during the months of low rainfall, if not, one below ten feet in height is all that is required.

"I have discussed the matter with Acting Mayor Smith, and I believe he agrees with me as to the advisability of securing the rights of the Woodworth people if possible.

"I am forwarding by this mail a blueprint showing the watershed.

"Yours very truly,  
"WM. MAHLON DAVIS,  
"City Engineer."

In view of the above I will ask you to retract, through the press, your statements alleging deception on my part.

Yours truly,  
A. W. AGNEW.

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