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GRUNTY GRUNDY SAYS:

If you get outside all the good things in the B. of T. President's report you will have a new faith in Rupert.

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### UNITED STATES WILL BAR HINDUS—PRESIDENT BOARD OF TRADE ON RUPERT'S PROGRESS

#### PRINCE RUPERT'S PROGRESS SHOWN IN SPLENDID REPORT

THE PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF TRADE PRESENTS STATISTICAL ANNUAL REPORT WHICH AROUSED THE ENTHUSIASM OF MEETING

On Retiring President F. G. Dawson completed the reading of the annual report at the Board of Trade meeting last evening. The report was met with the greatest enthusiasm. It is a splendid and complete analysis of the progress of the city during the past year, which is bound to encourage every business man and citizen in the city.

##### President's Annual Report

Prince Rupert, Jan. 23, 1914. Members, The Prince Rupert Board of Trade, Prince Rupert, B. C.

Members: In presenting my report and the attached information relative to the various industries of the central and northern portion of British Columbia, and the statistics of the city of Prince Rupert for 1913, it is a pleasure to me to express my sincere congratulations notwithstanding the financial general on this continent. I am enabled to report a continuation of progress in every line of endeavor.

##### Meetings

During my term of office there have been eight general and special meetings, and nine council meetings of your board, besides the following subjects receiving attention: Land settlement, weekly mail service to the coast, aids to navigation, telegraphic and telephonic communication for Queen Charlotte Islands, unattached cannery license, road around Kaien Island, amendment of the recommendations of the Prince Rupert Bar to admiralty court; post office abolishing duty on coal; inland and waterfront sites and freight rates, endorsement of the B. C. Agricultural Exhibition fair, Bank Reform bill exhibit for Toronto, sale of mineral exhibit from the department in connection with opening of new headquarters, establishment of a bureau of information, and the installation of a permanent exhibit of natural history of the central and northern portion of British Columbia.

##### Entertainment

During the past year your board entertained the visiting members of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce on June 24, and the members of the International Geological Survey on August 30. Board interviewed the Hon. J. A. Aiken, minister of marine, and W. R. Ross, minister of agriculture, besides several conferences with officials of the Grand Trunk Pacific regarding freight rates and transportation in general.

##### Publicity

The recommendations of the board for the purchase of booklets from G. R. T. Sawie, the purchase of 2,000 copies of a special issue of the Vancouver News-Advertiser and of 800 special copies of the special issue of the B. C. Saturday Sunset, were complied with. Since the inauguration of the bureau of information a considerable quantity of these special numbers, besides the illustrated report of 1912, together with government bulletins, have been sent out by your committee in answer to inquiries, and in supplying different government departments having to do with immigration.

##### Bureau of Information

The first office, at 1113, the new opened offices at 341 Second Avenue, having secured a

very nominal rental for six months spacious quarters for the purposes of a bureau of information. The commissioner, Mr. P. F. Godenrath, was given authority to equip and furnish the same, and commence the installation of a permanent exhibit of minerals, agriculture, etc. This was made possible by a grant from the city council of \$300, supplemented by the fees of the new members secured by the commissioner and the regular dues. I might state that this department of the work has proved most successful in infusing new life into the board, and in bringing together the nucleus of an exhibit that will in time be of service to visitors in showing the potential wealth of the new north.

##### Railway and Steamship

During the past year 150 miles of the western end of the main line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway were completed, and today sees the finish of steel laying to mile 337 east of this city, the Nechaco River. This leaves only 80 miles to be completed to Prince George. It is hoped by the officials that with the early spring and the disappearance of the frost the whole line will be finished in May, and a through service inaugurated to the east. At present the port of Prince Rupert is served by the following steamship lines: Grand Trunk Pacific (five boats), Canadian Pacific (three boats), Union Steamship Company (six boats), Northern Steamship Company (one boat), Coast Steamship Company (two boats), Pacific Coast Steamship Company (two boats), and Griffiths & Co. (one boat). To these must be added several ocean going freight steamers, and numerous smaller craft making periodical calls. On account of the customs department's report not being completed until March 31, I am unable to give the tonnage of the vessels plying in these waters. From present indications, however, the tonnage will show a considerable increase over last year.

##### Agriculture

While the government agent reports a slight decrease in the number of pre-emptions taken up last year, there has, on the other hand, been a larger increase in the number of enquiries from settlers desirous of taking up lands after the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. It is pleasing to note that encouragement is being given homesteaders and settlers by the Provincial Government in the appointment of an expert horticulturist and agriculturist, having headquarters in this city. The government has also undertaken the establishment of an experimental station near Lakelse. The past year witnessed the formation of the Northern British Columbia Agricultural and Industrial Association and the holding of the first fair in Prince Rupert, which during the period of three days not only brought to the city a large number of visitors, but the displays gave demonstration of the splendid fertility of the soil and resources of the surrounding country. It is to be sincerely hoped that the association will receive every encouragement, not only from this board, but also from the Provincial government and the municipality for the holding of an annual exhibition.

##### Fisheries

It will probably come as a surprise to those unacquainted with the enormous development of the fishing industry in the waters contiguous to Prince Rupert to learn that the total value of the

##### Burns Banquet Monday Night

The sons of Bonnie Scotland will be out in force on Monday night at the Central Hotel. The annual Burns banquet will be held at that time and place, and besides the usual toasts there will be an unusual selection of songs and recitations. One of the biggest times of the year may be anticipated. Have a "blow in" of four dollars and enjoy an event that will long live in your memory.

##### Earthquake at Athens

(Special to The Daily News.) Athens, Jan. 24.—A severe earthquake has occurred at Lepante and almost every house in the town is damaged. The fortress is partially wrecked but no one was injured.

catch for the past year amounted to the fact that last season was one of the lightest runs on the to \$1,287,315, and this in the face Skeena in a number of years. The following shows the quantities and value of fish landed green for this particular district:

Salmon, 161,300 cwt., valued at...	\$810,465
Halibut, 73,768 cwt., valued at...	378,900
Herring, 93,390 cwt., valued at...	93,840
Cod, 1,055 cwt., valued at...	3,225
Mixed Fish .....	885
	\$1,287,315

I am pleased to announce that a plan of reorganization for the B. C. Fisheries, Ltd., is now in progress, and that the English stockholders are prepared to spend a sum in the vicinity of \$100,000 in the erection of a modern cold storage and ice-making plant on its holdings of 240 acres at Porpoise Harbor on Kaien Island, eight miles from the city. The proposed plant will have a capacity of 2,000,000 lbs. per annum, and in connection will be erected two units of a fish fertilizing plant. The company intend to supply ice for both domestic and commercial use, and this will overcome the present difficulty of bringing in ice from Ketchikan. It is a matter of congratulation to the fishing industry, as well as to the shareholders of this English undertaking, that what at first appeared to have the elements of failure is, through the proposed reorganization, to be made a substantial commercial success.

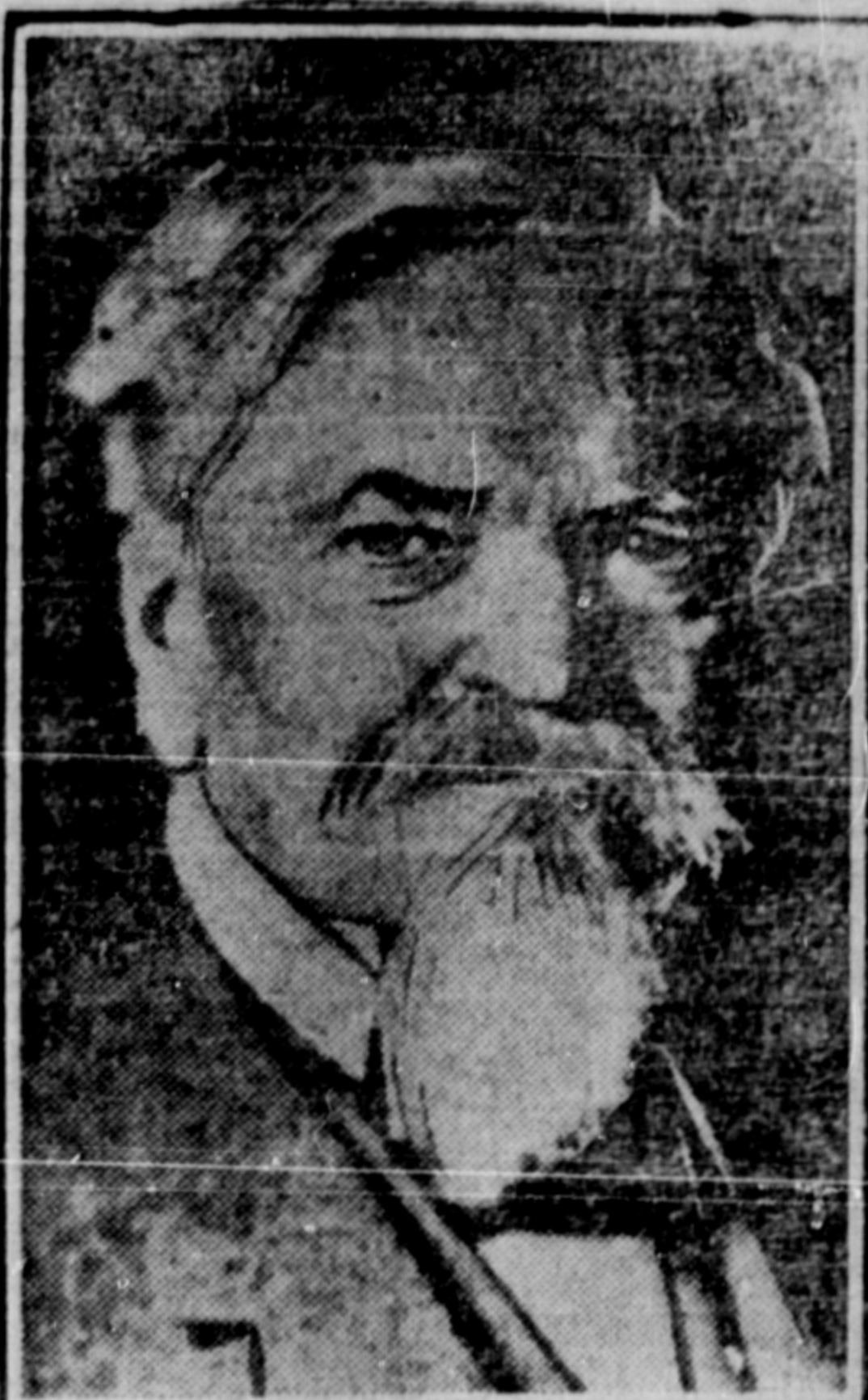
##### Lumber

There are at present thirteen lumber and shingle mills in the coast district tributary to Prince Rupert. Though the cut for 1913 was slightly smaller than the previous year, still the lumbering industry is in a healthy condition, and the decrease was no doubt caused by the stringency in the money market which curtailed to a large extent building operations. The Provincial Government has established an office and staff for the district forester here, and has placed in service two modern motor launches for the better supervision of the work of the forestry branch.

##### Mining

Metaliferous mining is now commencing to assume proportions that will shortly justify the predictions so frequently made regarding the potential wealth of this industry. The completion of the main line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and the construction of roads and trails throughout the several northern mining divisions will give an added impetus to development by reason of better transportation facilities which have hitherto been lacking. The enterprise of the Granby Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. at Anyox, where enormous sums of money have been spent in development and in the construction of a 2,000-ton copper smelter which is to be "blown-in" in the course of a few days, is evidence of the stability of the industry and its possibilities in the Skeena mining division, of which this city is the headquarters. In the Omineca

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GENERAL BUCKNER

Last Confederate general has answered roll call. In the log cabin, where he was born 90 years ago in Southern Kentucky, Simon Bolivar Buckner died on January 9.

## SUGGESTED NAVAL CRUISE FOR IDLE CANADIAN FISHERMEN

MR. LEWIS IN DEBATE ON SPEECH FROM THRONE CRITICIZES GOVERNMENT NAVAL POLICY—HOLDS GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR GREAT LAKES DISASTER

(Special to The Daily News.) Ottawa, Jan. 24.—At the opening of the house yesterday Mr. Laperance rose to a question of privilege with regard to an article in an Ottawa paper which, referring to his bill to abolish the Laurier Naval Act, intimated that he was in negotiation with the members of the opposition and that the object of the bill was to embarrass the Quebec ministers. He said the article contained a distinct accusation and insinuations reflecting upon his honor to which he wished to give an absolute denial.

The debate on the address was continued by Mr. Nesbitt of North Oxford. He said he was not surprised that the Naval Bill was dropped, because the people did not like it. The mere fact of Canada contributing to the British navy would have been sufficient to stir Germany to greater efforts.

Mr. Lewis of West Huron was surprised at no reference in the speech from the throne to the greatest marine disaster in the history of Canada. Referring to the Great Lakes disaster Mr. Lewis contended that had Goderich harbor been properly equipped the hurricane call could have been sounded over the lake and not a life lost, as there was ample time on the lake for warning to be given. Mr. Lewis concluded with a few words on a new phase

##### BURNS BANQUET

under auspices St. Andrew's Society will be held in CENTRAL HOTEL Monday Evening, January 26th Tickets, \$4.00, can be had at Williams & McMeekin's and George P. McColl's.

##### F. O. E.

## Masquerade Ball

Four Beautiful Prizes

Thursday Evening, Feb. 12 at 9 p.m.

Tickets \$2.00 Ladies Free

##### Mine Fire Was Fatal

(Special to The Daily News.) Bingham, Utah, Jan. 24.—So dense was the smoke in the Boston mine that the search for the two Austrian miners cut off from escape is brought almost to a standstill. Attention is directed to controlling the flames in a shaft which started from an unknown origin.

##### Cold in Paris

(Special to The Daily News.) Paris, Jan. 24.—Extraordinary cold weather was experienced during the past four weeks, and it still shows no sign of abating. This has caused the price of food in Paris to rise from fifty to six hundred per cent above ordinary.

##### A Quake at 'Frisco

(Special to The Daily News.) San Francisco, Jan. 24.—The seismograph at Chabot Observatory, Oakland, showed a slight vibration travelling from east to west. Windows rattled in San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley but no damage is reported.

of the naval question and pointed out that 80,000 sailors and fishermen in Canada were idle for four or five months in the year. He thought it a good idea if the British government could send several cruisers and enroll these men and take a cruise to the West Indies, giving a general naval training that would make them a Canadian naval reserve.

##### New Blacksmith Firm

One of the new firms starting business in the city is A. Iverson & Co., blacksmiths. Mr. Iverson has had a large experience in this class of work and was in the employ of Foley, Welch & Stewart here for four years, and since that firm closed down, he has been with the G. T. P. Mr. Iverson has the reputation for doing first-class work and attending strictly to business, and for those reasons the new firm should very soon build up a large business. Their shop is across the street from Akerberg, Thompson & Co., on First Ave. and Manson Way, and will be run in conjunction with that machine shop.

##### Daughters of Empire Ball

Another of the series of delightful dances under the auspices of the Daughters of the Empire was held last evening in St. Andrew's Hall. About forty couples were present and every one of them enjoyed a delightful evening. The music was furnished by Werner's orchestra. During the evening refreshments were served. Mrs. Jarvis McLeod was convener for the affair and is to be congratulated upon its success.

##### At the Empress Theatre

"The Dean's Daughter" is a particularly strong Edison drama which is being shown at the Empress tonight. "Too Much Wining of Handy Dan" and "Our Neighbors" are two rollicking comedies. Scenes from the wedding of Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Duchess of Fife form part of an interesting Pathe's Weekly Series this week.

##### Baptist Services

The usual services will be conducted by Mr. Wright on Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school 2:30 p. m. There will be no morning service.

Special Sunday dinner 6 to 8 p. m. at the Bay View.

## ENTHUSIASM AND PUBLICITY POLICY OF BOARD OF TRADE

ANTICIPATE COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY THIS YEAR—TWENTY-ONE NEW MEMBERS—OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE YEAR 1914

Over fifty business men attended the meeting of the Board of Trade last evening and 21 new members were elected. It was the annual meeting, and in view of the opening of the railway this year a special effort is being made to make the board an active institution to encourage investors, promote publicity and generally advance the commercial interests of the city.

The new offices and exhibition room on Second Avenue was filled when the meeting opened. President F. G. Dawson was in the chair and J. Lorne McLaren was present in his capacity as secretary.

The new commissioner, Mr. Percy Godenrath, presented his report of the publicity work and the organization of the permanent exhibition during the past three months. He has done good work and the board desires to see his efforts encouraged.

By his efforts new members have been secured and a list of 21 business men was presented for election.

The following were duly made members: R. C. Jardine, H. W. Rogers, F. A. Ellis, J. H. Swater, G. A. Woodland, J. F. Poole, V. F. G. Gamble, R. Oscar Boulton, W. W. Wrathall, W. Kissick, A. Wedge, W. J. Jephson, S. W. Gidley, F. R. C. Brown, P. M. Miller, James Gilmore, H. D. Robinson, Wm. Grant, R. O. Jennings, and P. Robertson.

A communication from Sydney Billingham, who is writing a descriptive article on the district,

asking for the board's endorsement of his application to the city council for \$500, was read and referred to the new board.

The question of freight rates on farm produce being sent in to the city from surrounding district was discussed briefly.

Mr. A. H. Allison suggested that the board get in touch with the big Japanese firm who anticipated building big flour mills on the coast and operating an Oriental steamship line. Mr. G. A. McNicholl said he was already making enquiries concerning this for the G. T. P.

A special committee is to arrange for a series of board lunches to be given during the year. The lunches are to get the business men together to discuss commercial ideas of general benefit to the city.

The secretary-treasurer's annual statement was presented and showed the finances to be in a satisfactory shape.

Mr. Robertson was adopted auditor without fee and a vote of thanks was tendered him for volunteering his services.

##### Officers Elected

President—G. R. Naden (accl.). Vice-president—D. G. Stewart (accl.). Secretary-treasurer—J. Lorne McLaren (accl.). Council—F. G. Dawson, A. J. Morris, W. M. Law, W. P. Lynch, T. D. Pattullo, J. G. McNab, A. Davidson, H. B. Rochester, Fred Stork, M. P. McCaffery, W. E. Williams, J. H. Thompson, Geo. D. Tite, L. W. Patmore, M. J. Hobin and G. W. Nickerson.

## TO BUILD COLD STORAGE PLANT OVER ON PORPOISE HARBOR

B. C. FISHERIES, REORGANIZED, HAVE PLANNED ERECTION OF BIG STORAGE AND FERTILIZER PLANT IMMEDIATELY

What was feared by many to be a distinct knock for this part of the country is about to be changed into a splendid boost. The B. C. Fisheries, which had recently gone into the hands of a receiver, will be reorganized.

The story of the B. C. Fisheries is another chapter in the tale of frenzied finance. It is said that the present company had paid \$625,000 for a worthless pile of junk that had been previously on the market for \$5,000. Besides this an immense amount of capital was spent on Queen Charlotte Islands almost a hundred miles from transportation by rail. Most of this money is practically wasted. What the promoters did not get is tied up in a useless plant. The company, however, have now secured 240 acres of land on Porpoise Harbor opposite Port Edward, and with this asset, and what can be saved from the

plant on Queen Charlotte Island, it is their intention to continue the business. A large ice and cold storage plant will be built at Porpoise Harbor which will cater to other lines of trade as well as to fish.

No small amount of credit for this reorganization is due to Mr. George Clayton, who has just returned from a series of meetings with the English shareholders. Their first inclination was to close down the business, but Mr. Clayton showed how such an action would not bring them a penny in the pound. He also pointed out that the failure was not due to a fault of the industry, but rather to reckless extravagance. It is understood that the original promoters will have nothing to do with the new company. The new officials of the company will be in town within ten days.

## STATES TO BAR HINDOO LABOR ON SUGGESTION LABOR DEPT.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, Jan. 24.—Secretary Wilson of the department of labor has suggested to congress that the doors of the United States be closed hereafter to the Hindoo laborers, who caused an injury to labor conditions on the Pacific coast through an already unaccountable influx of Hindoos, and a possible extension of the same conditions in the southern states. Reasons were given for urging the immediate exclusion.

The secretary suggested that the term Asiatic laborer be defined as including all aliens east of a certain boundary line except Japanese and Chinese, whose immigration is already regulated by agreements between the United States and governments in the far east. To all Asiatic immigration not covered by the existing restrictions Secretary Wilson proposed that a physical test be administered before they are admitted.