The people in Bulkley Valley

hand, they are frank in their

opinions and honest in their

smile. Mostly, they are a hard-

Through community effort a

Dances are held frequently then,

Electric power at Smithers is

The town is serviced by the

time out to play.

graph system.

base-metal mines which lakes and towering glacial peaks, ive Smithers the boom for presents to the tourist scenes unit has long been waiting, equalled anywhere. To the sport ople have only part of their fisherman and hunter the area there. Lying directly in is a paradise. Here the rainbow enter of a line from Prince trout, the cut-throat, the Great Prince George-about Lake trout and char are found in s each way—and sur- their original lair. And the by the fertile farmlands moose, deer, black and grizzly Bulkley valley, Smithers bear roam the wooded hills and ting to the future as be- valleys in comparative freedom. one of northern British Guide service is available and bia's greatest supplier of also a few cabins on such lakes and mixed farming pro- as Kathlyn, two miles from Smithers, and Babine, B.C.'s larg-

town is a divisional point est inland body of water which northern route of trans- is readily accessible by road from intal Canadian National Topley. ay 16, completed in 1945 are friendly and they are sincere. Prince George to Prince Always ready to give a helping

hway will be hard surfaced. commencing this summer of all road sections per-

along the CNR-draw ted at Smithers and curling is a of their milk and dairy major winter sport. Outside es from the Bulkiey Valley. hockey rinks are popular and the fore, with every increase Smithers and Burns Lake Ski dustrial activity in the Clubs are well supported and western section of the pro- active. e called upon to supply an favorite sport as well as tennis.

the 300 farmer in the dis- and theatres offer additional evening entertainment. most of their efforts to Civic duties are administered ng steadily 40 to 50 cows. tized as District B. Farmers' supplied by a diesel plant, operute, a representative ateach sitting of the Victoria

cultivation in the huge drained by the Belkley with another potentia

these problems are being three building contractors and ered as a direct result of eight transfer companies in the - from which 500 From the day the first settler ers draw a steady payroll, arrived in Smithers in the wake 70 sawmills operate in the of the fur- trader and prospector, hers district, which in 1950 . Hight began to give this centre here than 40 million board an outlet for its produce. First of lumber. Four large and came the railroad, then the highsmaller planer mills way. Centrally located, it be-

came an adminstration point for te at peak capacity. general stand of timber Dominion and provincial governges 18 inches at the butt, ment departments. But nearly ding the types of spruce, always, when a gain was made, ock, balsam and lodgepole it was another town, city or dis-Towards the west, red trict that profited first. Expan-20,000 poles were cut and but at one end or the other. eted last year. Cutting and So today Smithers looks upon ng railway ties also consti- the opening of Columbia Cellua considerable portion of lose pulp mill with a special significance to itself. And to the

coming of Alcan to Kitimat, from ties were sold in 1950. more of the low-lying wood- which Burns Lake is already eas are being logged, and benefiting, the reaction can propenerate further into vir- bably best be gauged by one oldage available for easier "Been holding my breath for 40 years, for something like that to ng and accessabiliity.

Bulkley valley, with its happen in the west. Now I'm unding hills, cool mountain breathing easy."

Lands and Forests

I greatly appreciate the opportunity extended by the Daily News to convey a message to its readers on the occasion of the opening of a great new indus-

Untold generations of conifers germinated, grew

only to crash earthward when overcome with old age, before Prince Rupert became established as the northwestern terminus of the Canadian National are under cultivation. In ad- ing and market gardening. Here Railway. For untold ages dition, it is estimated that at the farms are much smaller than least 140,000 acres of raw land is in the Bukley but with the grownature's bounty was wast- well suited to mixed farming and ing market of Prince Rupert at

our fruitful river valleys

commencing this summer working lot, but they do take and beneficial climate will be channelled into a useful course for the benefit of man and the enhance- unately it is no longer necessary. ce Rupert - and other large curling rink has been erec- ment of the modern way of life.

Many who will read this are close personal sed by the Provincial Legislature. friends of many years' standing who have steadfastly maintained their faith in the great future of equipped with cutting and piling the northern portion of our Province. I rejoice with Smithers and Burns Lake In the summer baseball is a them in the continuing industry that gets under way ing over a period of thre years. today—an augury of increasingly prosperous days for Northern British Columbia. And to the newcom- started in the Bulkley Valley in ers whom I hope, in due course, to have the pleasure During 1948 work was done on 62 is a major dairy in Telk- by five commissioners and a of meeting, I would convey a welcome to the fellow- farms between Houston and ship and prosperity of a great community.

E. T. KENNEY.

ated by B.C. Power Commission. Government Telephone and Tele-

Four churches service the community of Smithers and Smithers and Burns Lake have modern Booms There are 35 retail stores, 15

garages, two machine shops, of homesteads, farms and cattle- of most of the town's present largely the type of agriculture lands, looks up today with a dif- wealth. little village of some 500 people January, 1926, Vanderhoof is industrial expansion as has been rounding farming area and pany of Canada so far has made south and north.

ko dam, by which means Alcan energy.

Vanderhoof and, with the influx area of some 2,500.

conscious and afflicted with a able. fever of progress and prosperity. The Bulkley and Skeena Vai-

ferent attitude. Most solidly the Incorporated as a village in In the Skeena Valley, partichas been touched by the bug of distributing centre for the surfelt everywhere Aluminum Com- shipping point for livestock from

While the village receives elec-From Vanderhoof a huge road trical service from the B.C. construction program is under Power Commission diesel plant, way, which will hew a direct immediately to the north the route from the village to the Nation river holds 80,000 horsealready famous proposed Necha- power of undeveloped hydro

will flood a large portion of Since the war, population has Tweedsmuir park to form the been increasing mainly by imstands are also prevalent sion rarely begins in the centre, largest lake in British Columbia. migration of agriculturists from The road work has begun at Europe to form a present trading

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Industrial Expansion Bringing New Era to District's Agriculture

(By K. R. JAMESON, District Agriculturist)

For many years agricultural development in Central B.C. has been slow but, with the growth of local markets due to the great industrial expansion new taking place, it is to be expected that our agricultural production will be greatly increased.

district are able to carry on a

more intensive type of agricul-

ture than is possible farther east

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Considering the Bulkley and Skeena Valleys only, it is esti- ularly in the vicinity of Terrace, mated that of the 70,750 acres the moderate climate makes this now farmed, less than 20,000 acres district well suited to fruit growawaits only the coming of new their doorstep, farmers in this

With the opening of One of the main reasons why agriculture has been slow to dethe Columbia Cellulose velop in Central B.C. has been be-Company's up-to-date cause of the many years of hard work necessary to clear a few plant at nearby Port Ed- acres of land. When a settler had ward, the former cycle of only his axe and possibly a team of horses it was of necessity waste effort comes to an many years before he could clear end and the products of enough land on which to make a

Today, farmers can no longer afford to clear land by the old laborious hand method and fort-In 1945 the "Farmers' Landclearing Assistance Act" was pas-This act authorized the purchase of heavy, crawler type tractors blades to clear land for farmers and to finance the cost of clear-CLEARING

Land clearing operations were 1947 and continued for two years. Smithers and a total of 1,148 acres was cleared. In 1949 further work was done in the Bulkley Valley and in the Terrace district. In the two years operation a total of 1.695 acres was cleared. of construction crews, the village Most of this new land is now doesn't look or feel the same. It under cultivation and increased has overnight become industry- production should soon be notice-

In the main, there will be a leys are well suited by soil and greater opportunity to market climatic conditions to a program Vanderhoof, a pioneer's country farm produce which is the basis of mixed farming, and this is that is carried on today.

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Prince Rupert Daily News

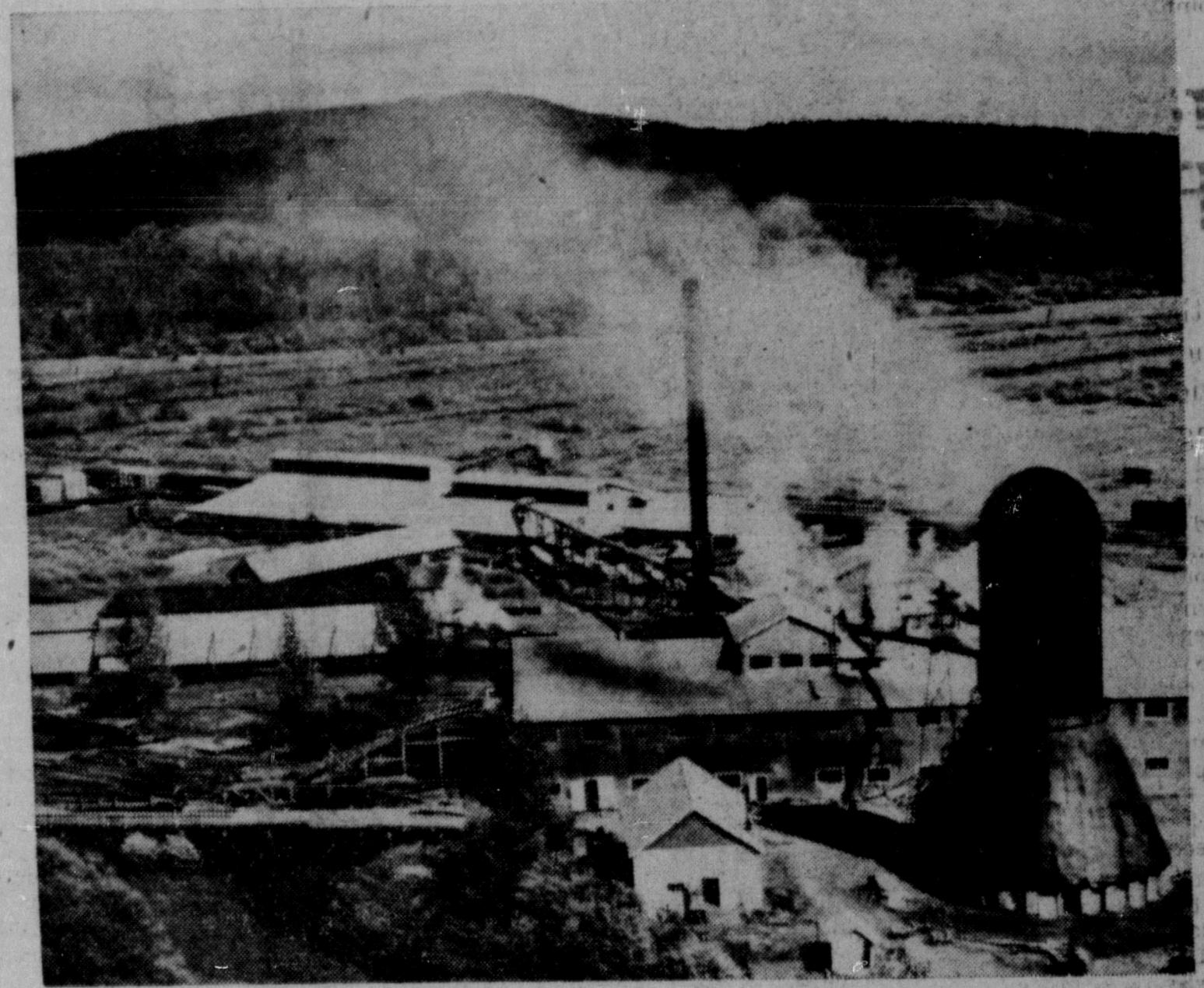
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