Before the turn of the century,

Simpson on the coast by Hudson

River. New activity again cen-

tered around Hazelton when

Has Had Its Booms As Natural Distributing Point At Confluence of Skeena and Bulkley (By HARRY SEAMAN)

rugged shoulders of yesteryear brush the ers of today in the community of Hazelton. between the prongs of the Bulkley and Rivers and benevolently dominated by the mountain, Roucher de Boule, Hazelton is lest existing settlement in the British Colum-

ple since the first ape of man in the northas. The Skeena River, outhwest to the coast, an avenue of retreat tribes when the Haida parties forced them inhev in turn fought and the tribes occupying r Skeena Valley. Taking lence a few miles above forks the coast natives this point in their hisnaming their village oks (Kispiox) which litranslated means "people

from the southeast, fol- cable by running a telegraph line he broad valley of the from the United States, through They were fur men, and northwest Canada, Siberia, and an overflow from the found little gold they did disds of California and the cover that the surrounding area

of these men push- elton became a supply and disomas Hankin, remained tribution centre for construction and became Hazelton's crews and, although the success-

comers halted the venture, it did much

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to promote the northwest. A few years later when the Dominion government decided to link the Yukon and Northern British Columbia with the rest of Canada by telegraph the Hazelton route was the one chosen.

The biggest boom in the history of Hazelton came with the commencement of construction work on the Grand Trunk Pacific. Once more it became a natural distribution centre with a whole fleet of sternwheelers. tural crossroads, it has was rich in fur-bearing animals making it their terminus. But w been a gathering place and soon Hazelton's first busi- the railway didn't come to Haznesses were established as trad- elton, it remained across the ers came to buy the furs and Bulkley River. A few businesses. supply the needs of trappers and including the newspaper, moved prospectors. When the magic over to the town site of New words, "Klondike Gold" reached Hazelton but still the centre of central and southern British Col- supply for the district remains umbia, hundreds of men out in Ola Hazelton.

fitted at Hazelton and hit the Although saturated with histrail northward up the Skeena toric events Hazelton has kept Valley and eventually into the up with the march of time. Whereas it used to be the eastern terminal for river boats it is now! linked with communities to the Hazelton was linked with Port east by bus. A taxi-stage provides service between Hazelton Bay river boats plying the Skeena and New Hazelton, meeting east and westbound trains. Homes and business places are modern telegraph company decided to first white men probably beat the laying of the Atlantic ly equipped which includes in

most cases a telephone. Fur trade and supply are still important to the district but with eleven or twelve mills flourishing, lumber is the prominent industry now. Pole cut-Europe to London, England. Hazting also contributes substantially to the district's income.

Mixed farming and cattle raising is carried on successfully in ful laying of the Atlantic cable several areas throughout the district. Around Kispiox farmers specialize in production of seed, particularly potatoes which have carried off honors at a number of British Columbia agricultural

MINING COMING

TO FORE AGAIN Mining is expected to share some of the industrial spotlight when the Silver Standard, which has been closed for some twenty years, goes into production again. As well as silver the ore contains lead and zinc. To produce the concentrates the company intends to build a mill on their property this summer. Other silver properties in the district include the American Boy which is having preliminary work done now. During the war there was a considerable amount of tungsten produced by a mine on Rocher de Boule.

of the Hazelton area ever demand an abundance of electrical Hagwilget Canyon may be har-

rushing streams, topped by the towering bulk of Rocher de Boule provide tourist attractions hard to equal anywhere in the world. Sportsmen too can find plenty fly-fishing can find plenty of 1930 many were unable to keep up payments. In sport in a number of lakes accessible by auto. At certain times of the year bait fishing for steelhead at Hagwilget Canyon provides a special thrill.

Whatever the future of Hazelton, be it little or great, its history will always remain colorful part of the British Col-

PROSPECTORS COMING NORTH

River, particularly around the and poultry. The lack of natural proving the principal mecca for difficult. veins of lode gold are attracting are available.

Nor is the activity confined to from Europe during the past ten prospecting. The Goldway-Peck years. A number of Swiss were ach, swede turnip seed and pot-Mines Ltd. (subsidiary of the placed on farms around Smithers atoes. Leitch Gold Mines Ltd., of which and Telkwa in 1937. In 1939 sev-Karl Springer of Toronto and eral families from Holland Vancouver is the head) has settled at Houston and Barrett. field—Seed and beef cattle. twelve men engaged in active Most of the Swiss and Dutch development of a property in the have remained on the farms and heart of the area. This is the like the others have taken second season of trenching and logging since lumber prices have gone up. diamond drilling.

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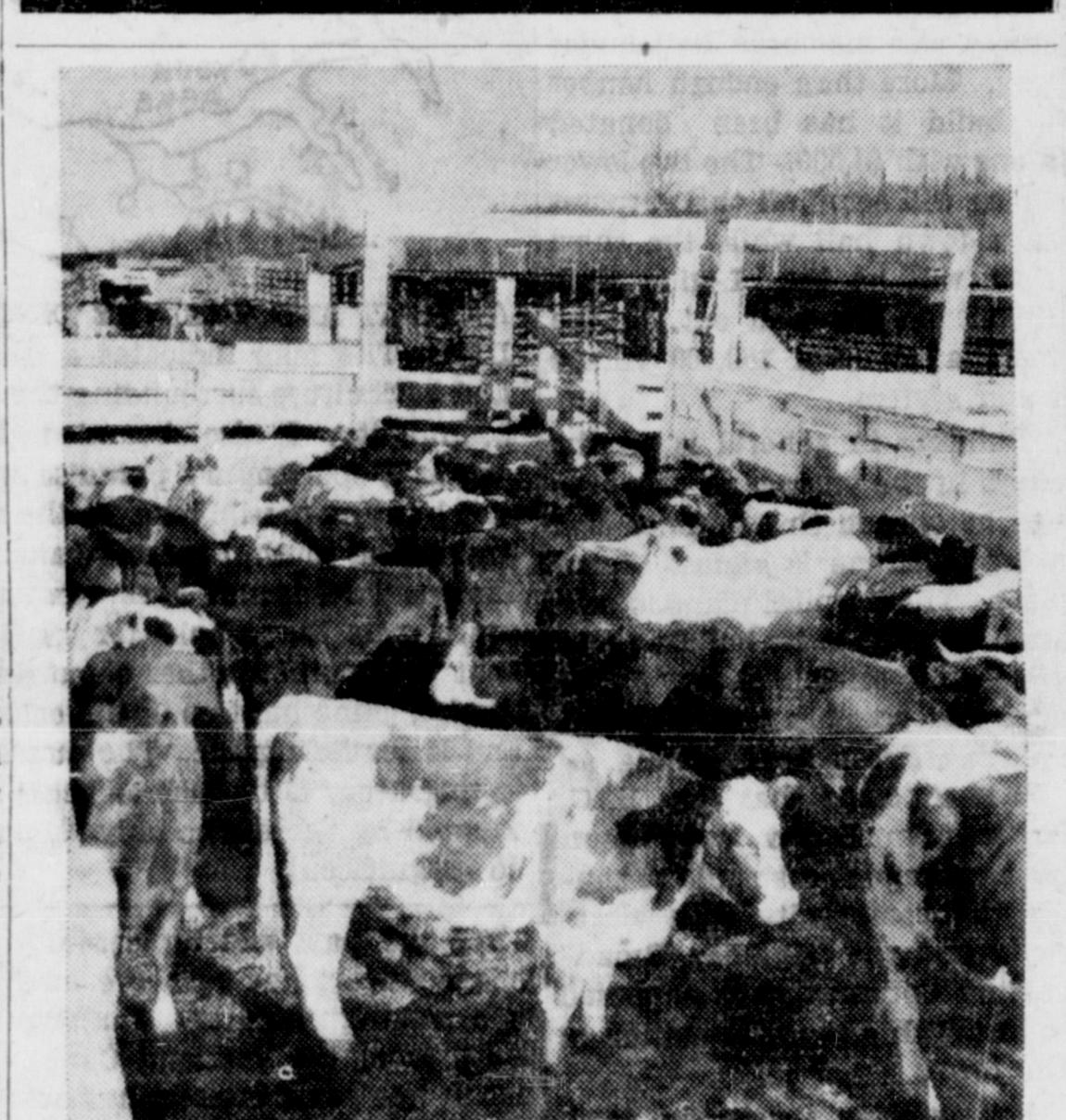
The Board of Trade is a channel by which information is distributed both in and out of a city and forms the greatest medium for promotion of trade and development of new ideas, knows all the problems facing industry and how to get these problems ad-

Northern and Central British Columbia is on the eve of great development and it is fitting that you have chosen to meet this year in our part of the country. We have tremendous natural resources and great opportunities and I trust that you will find time to explore and discuss our problems so that on your return to your various homes you will be in a position to disseminate true information of this new and almost unknown part of our great Province. Development of the southern part of this province went on so rapidly and prosperity has been so great that most of the northern and central regions have been neglected. The march of progress has now inevitably turned northward and we look for great expansion, and invite you to be a part of it.

As Mayor of the City of Prince Rupert I bid you a very hearty welcome.

NORA E. ARNOLD,

Mayor.



Part of trainload shipment of cattle being loaded in Central Interior for Kamloops sale.

Should industrial development of the Hazelton area ever de- Agriculture Making Progress; power, the thousands of wild Lower Skeena Good for Fruit, white horses running through Lower Skeena Good for Fruit, The scenic beauty of tree-Bulkley Valley, Mixed Farming green hills, winding rivers and Bulkley Valley, Mixed Farming

By S. G. PRESTON District Agriculturist, Smithers

Agriculture in the Bulkley Valley and Lower of attractions for moose, cari- Skeena grew rapidly after the railway was completed bou, grizzley, black bear and in 1914, but slowed down toward the end of World mountain goat are plentiful in War I, only to go ahead again immediately after. the area. Fishermen who prefer Land prices rose and when the depression came in

> addition to this, high freight* costs and unfortunate choice of crops discouraged many of the of the young people brought in Central British Columbia are taking over the farms, acquiring modern equipment and using upto-date methods. Thus, we are hoping that a stable agriculture

In the Lower Skeena, particularly in the vicinity of Terrace, most tree fruits can be grown as early. well as small fruits. The area is Headwaters of the Skeena well adapted to truck gardening Sustet-Johansen Lake area, are pasture makes dairying rather

is being developed.

the prospectors of British Col- The Bulkley Valley is adapted umbia this season, said a well to dairying, forage seed crops, known authority on mining af- feed grain, some classes of vegfairs who was in the city a few etables and beef or sheep where Fine high-grade summer range and winter feed

The district has had settlers ing.

The Swiss settlers earry on settlers. Since that time, many the same crops as the others in the district. A number of the Dutch have been raising very successful crops of spinach seed and swede turnip. Cabbage and radish seed production, too, was attempted. The long winter storage of cabbage plants and high losses have not made this crop very remunerative. Radish seed did not ripen sufficiently

Despite the difficulties with which the farmers have had to contend there are some excellent places built up or being built up which show that initiative and sound methods of farming bring results. Several of the places where this is evident are:

HOUSTON: N. Vriend-Spinach and swede turnip seed grow-

BARRETT: Geo. Prins-Spin-

QUICK: Greene Bros.-Dairying and seed crops. N. Wake-

TELKWA: J. Bourgon-Mixed farming. John Fulsebakke Dairying and seed.

SMITHERS: Ray Oulton

Sees Need Of Immigration

Canadian Northwest Has Great Need for Settlers

By RICHARD L. NEUBERGER In The New York Times

Northwestern Canada, with its vast expanses of uninhabited land, is actively urging immigration to this country. Fears expressed in some parts of Canada over the admission of Europeans have had few echoes in British Columbia. Spokesmen for many different political faiths are asserting that the region's great est need is more people.

The Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia, meeting in the logging town of Terrace, asked the Dominion Government to "admit to Canada those people who were associated with our soldiers in the war." The resolution pointed out that fertile mountain valleys along the picturesque 700-mile Smithers Division of the Canadian National Railway are almost wholly without white population.

"Each immigrant will not only be a producer of new wealth but a consumer of all kinds of products made in our industries,' said The Prince Rupert Daily News. "Immigration is vitally needed in British Columbia."

British Columbia, more than seven times the size of New York State, is inhabited by less than 900,000 people. Agricultural economists assert that many lonely uplands could produce grain. dairy herds and even orchard fruits. Although some labor leaders in Vancouver also support increased immigration, they qualify their stand by insisting that the newcomers go onto the

Many British Columbia newspapers have deplored the tendency to leave the farm. In recent years the Province's larger centers have gained in population at the expense of the hinterland. The urban drift has prevailed even among the Indians. Frank Anfield, Indian agent in the Skeena Valley, reports the dwindling of tribal villages as Indians move to centers of the logging and canning industries.

Hopes for further development of the North Pacific region have been heightened by President Truman's announcement in Ottawa that the Canada-United States Joint Defense Board will continue to function. It was under the direction of this agency that the Alaskan Highway, the Haines Military Road and other northern arteries were constructed. Canadian lumbermen say that thousands of immigrants could find employment in projects along the Alaskan Highway.

TOTEM POLES OF INTEREST

An outstanding old totem pole now standing at Frince Rupert is the 200-year-old Grizzly Bear, featuring the crest of the Edenshaw family of Massett. Queen Charlotte Islands. Another, equally ancient and replete with lore depicted in native carving, is of the Wolf Crest totem which came from the village of Gitakdamiks on the upper Naas River



THE SECRETARY-Hardworking Duncan Kerr, Terrace lumberman and secretary of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia. On his broad shoulders devolves much of the responsibility for the success of this convention. Delegates at Terrace last year remember his fine work there.

Dairying and seed. M. Mesich-Seed, hay and lumber.

HAZELTON: Love Bros. --Truck gardening, seed potatoes. TERRACE: Frank Bres-Dairy. Ken Kerr-Fruit. Fred Thomas -Dairying.

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WM. BRETT, MLA.



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