

## DO NOT EXPECT STAMPEDE INTO THE OIL FIELDS

Transportation Companies  
Will be Able to Handle All  
the Traffic Offering

Edmonton, Alta., April 12. — There will be ample accommodation for all persons seeking transportation to the northern oil fields, according to local officials of the three northern transportation companies who are now completing arrangements for the carrying of passengers and freight north. Reports to the contrary are incorrect and the transportation companies declare there will be no trouble in the way of moving all the

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men and supplies to offer. It is estimated that 5000 passengers, or even more, can be carried by the three companies — the Hudson's Bay Company, Northern Trading Company, and the Alberta and Arctic Transportation Company — operating on the Mackenzie and Peace river routes.

Just what proportion the trek into the north will assume cannot yet be determined, but to this date there are no signs, according to information from the steamboat offices, of a stampede. That there will be a far larger travel list on

the Mackenzie route than ever before is certain, but the stories of "thousands of brave men feverishly preparing for their northward dash" are being taken here at a fairly heavy discount. Opinions among those interested in the northern development differ as to the number of men who will probably be going north this summer, but a fair estimate, based on reports and on bookings with the steamer companies and inquiries already on their lists, puts the season's total at about one thousand.

Some eighteen or twenty round trips to the Fort Norman oil fields can be made by the combined services of the three companies, it is stated. If there is sufficient business offering. Few or many trips will be made, according to the number of passengers wanting to go. In all cases, it is understood, the Mounted Police will insist upon return tickets being purchased, and the estimated capacity of the three lines is based upon their ability to move the passengers back before the close of navigation.

The federal government's geologists and field workers in the north will be taken north by the river route and not by airplane, the air board having, it is stated in the interest of economy, abandoned its plans of transporting five government geological survey parties from Peace River. It has now been decided to build barges and to move the men and their supplies in that slower but much more economical way. The route followed by the barges will probably be the Peace, Slave and Mackenzie rivers, most of the work under prospect being in the vicinity of the Fort Norman and Windy Point oil fields.

## B. C. FIGHTING DRUG TRAFFIC

Airplanes Assist in Prevent-  
ing Landing of Packages of  
"Dope" at Vancouver

Vancouver, B. C., April 11.—Alarmed by the spread of the drug evil, federal, provincial and civic forces are redoubling their efforts to put an end to the traffic. Special precautions have been taken to prevent smuggling of the various forms of "dope" into this port. Airplanes have taken a prominent part in this work, accompanying liners from Victoria to Vancouver so that any dropping of packages to be picked up by small craft will not go unobserved.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. R. Carey, collector of customs, in an interview, said: "The drug traffic has been engaging the closest attention of the department for a number of months. It is being made progressively harder to smuggle drugs ashore from the boats which come directly to Vancouver harbor, but we have found that members of the crews of boats, longshoremen, women relatives of waterfront employees, and visitors to the boats, are all attempting to profit by the opportunity to make large sums and until such time as those who are proven guilty are adequately punished there is no real headway in the suppression of this traffic will be made."

"An initial effective step that must be taken in a campaign against drug importations is the close scrutiny of the past records of the various police magistrates who deal with these cases, and where they are shown to have been erratic in their sentences, unduly influenced by pleas for sympathy from clever lawyers, or where they are shown to have no real appreciation of the tragic results of permitting offenders who are making large sums to escape with nominal fines, they should be removed."

"Another step would be to attempt to create in the minds of certain clever lawyers who regularly defend these criminals a sense of shame for resorting to every legal technicality possible to protect those who they know are engaged in this loathsome business."

There was no difference between selling merchandise and selling the resources of the country. He was thankful to say that the association was now assured of the fullest co-operation from both the governments and the railways. The speaker said that under the driving force of Major-General McRae's personality, the Western Canada Colonization Association was certain of achieving the object for which it was organized.

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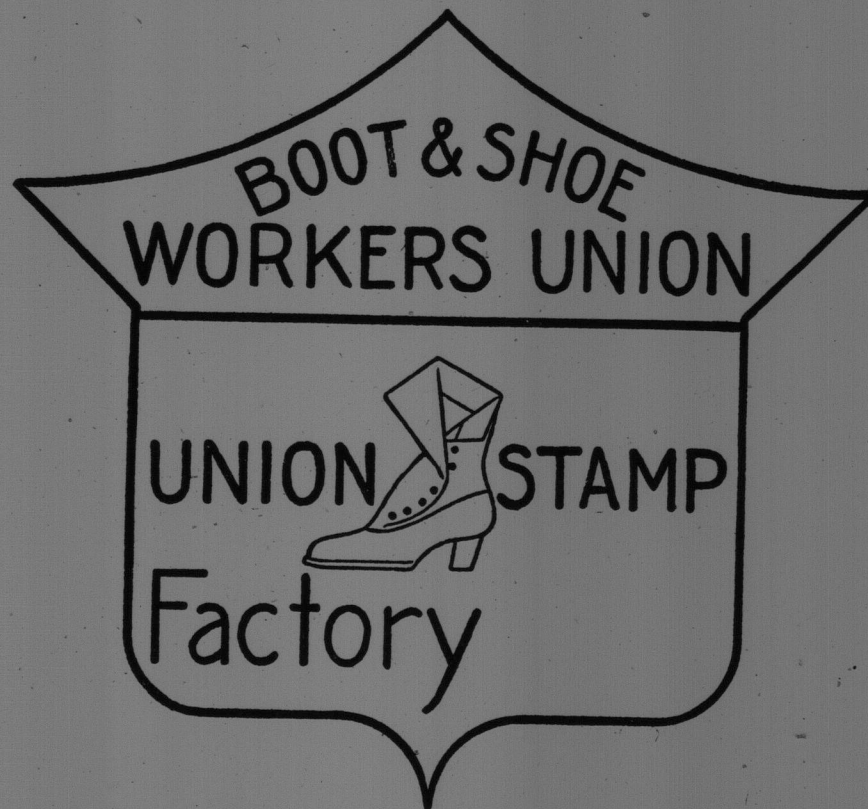
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