

## WATER ROUTES CAN BECOME VERY VALUABLE FEEDERS FOR TRUNK RAILWAYS.

12. "The value of cheap water transport towards developing British Columbia can scarcely be over-estimated when we come to realize the bounteous manner in which Nature has endowed Central British Columbia with naturally navigable waterways along which we can carry freight at less than one-tenth of railway cost down the Bulkley Valley, Babine Lake, Francois Lake, Nechaco Valley, Stuart River, Salmon River, Crooked River, Fraser River, etc., to act as valuable feeders to the G. T. P. Railway.

13. "In like manner the C. N. Railway can be advantageously fed by traffic at economical through rates along the Clearwater Valley, Quesnel Lakes, Horsefly Valley, etc."

*The two latter areas linked by the Fraser, Nechaco, Stuart, etc., Rivers, with the great Stuart, Tada, etc., Lakes, and by Giscome Portage with the vast Peace River Country, would much sooner help the P. C. E. Line to pay its way and earn its interest.*

## UTILIZATION OF NATURAL WATER ROUTES MOST NEEDED TO PERMANENTLY HELP SETTLERS.

14. "For the average settler whom British Columbia most needs to encourage, the easiest and cheapest natural routes to the markets of the world are along the rivers as now being increasingly used by every progressive nation in Europe, as well as the United States and Eastern Canada."

"For settlers generally, easy-grade roads to the nearest navigation, and thence by navigable waters to the nearest market or rail, form what both they and the Province most urgently need and by which they can soonest derive the best permanent benefits."

15. "Those great natural highways of the country so easily utilized by the Indians cannot be longer neglected without serious permanent loss to both British Columbians and Canadians."

16. "The fact that Premier Sir Wilfrid Laurier has already spoken in the Dominion Parliament his conviction as to the practicability of a cheap waterway for steamers of 1,000 tons from Montreal right into Alberta through the Saskatchewan River indicates the waterway development which British Columbians could most successfully press the Dominion Government to furnish from Quesnel, etc., through the greatest agricultural area of British Columbia along the Peace River country."

*NOTE—The control of and responsibility to develop Rivers and Canals for traffic is vested in the Dominion Government.—M. B. C.*

*Unfortunately Mackenzie and Mann's manipulation of politicians in the Prairie Provinces, prevented that more economic development.*