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## EXTRACT FROM CONGRESSMAN GEORGE'S SPEECH IN CONGRESS.

On the 4th of April Hon. M. C. George, in an exhaustive speech, entitled, "Permanent Development of the Northwest," discussed at length the matter of improving the Columbia river bar, and effectively answered the objections of the New York board of engineers against Col. Gillespie's report. In the course of his remarks he said:

"I believe it to be true that the Columbia river carries off a volume of water almost equaling the great Mississippi. It has been estimated that the volume of water in the Spokane, a river that empties into the Columbia, at Spokane Falls, about seven hundred miles from the mouth of the Columbia, is greater than that of the Ohio at Cincinnati. Though not so wide as the Mississippi, the channel of the Columbia, fed by the rains of winter and the melting snows on mountain ranges in summer, is of great average depth and its current rapid and strong. And this mighty stream, free from sediment than any other American river, flowing out of one month only (and not a half dozen), would form a grand, deep, straight channel, with a bar, as I verily believe, in time ten miles out to sea, with abundance of water to float any vessel over it in almost any weather. As it is now, vessels not of the largest draft are at times detained for weeks, even months, awaiting water enough to pass out with their cargo. And this brings me to the last objection, and that is:

The idea of the board that no improvement of any kind was necessary, which, by the way, was equally incorrect. Let me quote the following dispatch, which I clipped recently from the Bulletin of San Francisco: "The Eureka, which arrived here [Portland] yesterday, reports eighteen vessels off the Columbia river bar. Twenty vessels, loaded and cleared, are lying in the harbor ready to cross out; and this dispatch is but an illustration of what is frequently occurring at this point. The loss of the Great Republic is a significant illustration of another evil closely allied with the present condition of the bar. While not wrecked on the bar, and aside from all consideration of carelessness, yet a straight channel to the sea (which is always the counterpart to a good bar when the body and the current of the water is sufficient, as they are in the Columbia) would have saved the noble vessel, whose hulk now rests on Sand island to attest the dangers of crooked channels immediately inside as well as over the bar.

From a list of vessels, foreign-bound, crossing the Columbia river bar from June, 1881, to January, 1882, carefully compiled by the Astoria Chamber of Commerce and presented to Congress to-day, it will be seen that of eighty-six vessels, drawing from fifteen to twenty-two-feet, and having a value of nearly \$17,000,000, sixty-five were detained from one to forty-two days, and that the total direct loss thereby for demurrage of vessels and interest on cargo, amounted to \$45,413. This list omits the large coasting trade in steamships and sail to all points between Puget Sound and San Francisco, neither does this include the loss for detention of vessels coming in over the bar, some of which have been compelled to wait outside as long as thirty days at a time.

From the same detailed statement it appears that in the last four years the loss from wrecks on account of crooked channels and

lack of water on the bar, simply, and not counting the costs to other vessels for repairing damages caused by striking on the bar, has amounted to \$518,734.

In addition to the above, I have just been advised by the president of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce of the complete wreck of the bark Corsica, 816 tons, drawing nineteen and a half feet, while being towed out over the bar, March 1st, the vessel having struck seven times and became a total wreck; loss of vessel \$22,000; cargo of wheat, \$46,838; total, \$78,838. He adds: "The Reporter lately came in with railroad iron after lying off the bar forty days."

The larger class of vessels loaded with railroad material for the Willamette valley and Columbia river basin have been compelled to go to San Francisco, thence to be lightened in smaller craft, or to Puget Sound, and thence transit across the land by railroad at largely increased expense. And yet the New York board thought, nearly two years ago, that no improvement was needed, but time has proven otherwise. Why, Mr. Speaker, the commerce of the Columbia suffers now, all told, enough in one year to equal the entire amount asked for by Colonel Gil-

lespie.

On this whole subject my personal knowledge of the locality and careful investigation induce me unhesitatingly to declare my belief that the three gentlemen in the city of New York constituting the board were wrong and Colonel Gillespie was right; and the engineer in charge still stands by his recommendation, and the people of the great Northwest still stand by his report.

It will be seen by any one who takes the trouble to examine the maps of the harbor entrances of leading maritime ports the world over that the Columbia is peculiar to itself. Its capacity for permanent and great improvement is far greater than that of New York, or the mouth of the Mississippi, or the Delaware. While San Francisco has much the deepest water over its bar of any leading port in the United States—thirty feet at low water and probably a mean rise of four feet more—yet the Columbia river once equaled it, and can be made to equal it again.

Take the salmon industry. While it was said that the English commissioner agreed to surrender Oregon because a country in which a salmon does not rise to the fly could not be worth very much, yet on the river there are thirty-five canneries, which, during this last year, packed for export 540,000 cases, worth over \$2,700,000. On my way here, standing on the deck of the steamer California, which by the way had to wait two days to get over the bar, Mr. Lieneweben, a prominent citizen of my state, informed me that \$785,000 in gold coin had been paid out that season to fishermen for fish caught in the waters within the range of our vision.

The immense tonnage of the Columbia, present and especially prospective, calls for increased facilities for shipment; larger vessels, deeper draft, more tonnage capacity. Our coasting trade with San Francisco employ iron steamships, every few days, of over 2,000 tons. The average draft of our grain fleet to Europe is probably eighteen feet, but these are too often delayed, to the great annoyance and expense of all interested therein. The voyage is so long that economy requires the largest and deepest vessels, which we cannot now procure. Even if they could not carry a full cargo up the river after entering, should they

desire to ascend as far as they could go, they could transfer or lighter, as therefore, in part, and on return to Astoria could finish cargo, and thus materially benefit the transportation interests of the people. You of the east, whose capital is doing so much to develop our country, are deeply interested in these matters. Your people who contemplate emigration are also. The commerce of the world is concerned. It is of the greatest importance that your vessels and the ships of the world can safely reach their destination in our northwest, and safely and profitably depart. These ships last year carried out over that bar, in value, over \$14,000,000 of exports. What will it not be in the development of the high future? Another thought: Improve the river and large steam-vessels will take the place of sail, and instead of the greater portion of vessels coming in ballast and charging higher rates, through lack of cargoes, large immigration will follow on these lines, thus not only diminishing the cost of wheat carriage, but causing the upbuilding and development of our country.

On entering the Columbia we find the prosperous and rapidly growing commercial sea-port, Astoria, a distributing point for a vast scope of country teeming with all the grand elements of present and future wealth. Here is the center of the vast lumbering and salmon interests, and vessels entering generally lighter for the upper passageway and complete cargo on return.

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