

RUPERT OLD-TIMERS' FIRST BANQUET TONIGHT

PROVINCIAL BUILDINGS ARE PLANNED: MERCANTILE MARINE STRIKE: CANAL RATE WAR

DETERMINED RATE WAR IS BEING PREDICTED BETWEEN PANAMA AND SUEZ CANALS

(Special to Daily News.)

Washington, Aug. 24.—A rate war which might involve all maritime nations of the world and which would revolve about the Suez and Panama canals was predicted yesterday by officials who have watched the development of the world interest in the Panama canal bill now awaiting the approval of the President.

According to a report which reached the State department the directorate of the Suez Canal decided to reduce the rates through that canal. In official circles this notice is regarded as first retaliation steps against the free tolls provision for American ships through the Panama Canal.

Announcement of the proposed reductions through the Suez Canal appeared in inconspicuous notices in American newspapers. The notice was to the effect that after the first year the transit dues in the Suez Canal would be reduced fifty centimes, bringing the toll for loaded ships down to 6.25 francs. This is the precise equivalent to the \$1.25 maximum tolls which the Panama Canal act prescribed for vessels passing through that waterway.

Miss Mercer, niece of Mr. William Manson, M. L. A., returned from the south today and will resume her work as teacher in the public school when it reopens.

AMATEUR NIGHT WAS MUCH ENHANCED

The amateur night performance at the Westholme Opera House was witnessed by a large audience last evening, the added attraction of the increased orchestra proving a very popular feature of the entertainment.

Mr. Frank Ellis, auctioneer for Mr. C. D. Rand at the forthcoming government lot sale, returned from Vancouver and Victoria today. Mr. C. D. Rand, Mrs. Rand and Messrs. G. S. and W. L. Rand also arrived.

WILL CALL A STRIKE THAT WILL STARVE GREAT BRITAIN SAY THE MARINE OFFICERS

Second anniversary service of the First Baptist Church tomorrow evening. Special sermon by the pastor. Special music, solos, etc. You are invited.

(Special to Daily News.)

London, Aug. 24.—Culminating the strike series which has all but crippled the British carrying business during the past two years, a movement long threatened by officers of the mercantile marine began today when the newly formed union of ship masters and mates tried to prevent the C. P. R. liner Mount Royal from sailing.

That vessel's chief officer had been dismissed and the union demanded his reinstatement. Substitutes were obtained by the

company and the vessel left port. The officers are well organized and violently discontented. They propose to put forward before the end of the year what they consider their legitimate demands. Failure to meet these on the part of the ship owners will be met with a strike "which may starve the nation."

The cause of the strike is the dismissal of Chief Officer Keelt of the Canadian Pacific Line, owing to his refusal to perform dockers' duties during the recent dockers' strike.

PERFECT UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE G. T. P. COMPANY AND THE GOVERNMENT

(Special to Daily News.)

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—"So far as we are officially aware there is neither is, nor has been, any friction between the government and the Grand Trunk Pacific, any controversy which has occurred concerning the taking over of the Transcona-Superior Junction section by the company has been absolutely confined to the newspapers, for neither from the company nor from the commission have we yet had any notification of the company's alleged objection to take over the line."

Such was the statement made by Hon. Dr. Reid, acting minister of railways, to the Free Press correspondent the other afternoon when his attention was called to a recent statement made by E. J. Chamberlain in Montreal.

Not Forced to Take Section.
"It is now some time since the order in council announcing the completion of the section and notifying the company that it was ready to be taken over, was issued and if the company had any strong objections to taking over I am quite confident that its representatives would have been up here to voice their objections long ago. But I am quite sure that there is no friction. Why should there be? We are not forcing the G. T. P. to take over the section until it is ready to do so. We recognize that by the act the company 'may' but is not 'forced' to take over any one section of the Winnipeg-Moncton division until the entire division is completed."

Presbyterian Services.

At the morning service, which will be held tomorrow in the Presbyterian Church Hall on Fourth avenue, Rev. F. W. Kerr will continue his discourses on the prophets. In the evening at his usual popular service in the Empress Theatre the pastor will speak on the subject of "Ultimate Human Destiny," with the theme of the forgiveness of God in prominence throughout the address.

First Fall Social.

To be held under the auspices of the Baptist Brotherhood in McIntyre Hall, Monday evening, Aug. 26th, at 8 o'clock. Everyone invited. No admission fee. 21

SIR GEO. DOUGHTY TO BUILD SUMMER HOME

There arrived on the Prince Rupert this morning Sir George Doughty, the president of the B. C. Fisheries Co., with headquarters at Skidegate, Queen Charlotte Islands, accompanied by his wife, Lady Doughty, and his son, Mr. Wilfrid Doughty. Sir George, who is pleased to remark on the great changes and improvements that have taken place in the appearance of the city since his last visit, had a short conference with General Superintendent W. C. Mehan at the G. T. P. offices upon leaving the boat.

Several gentlemen connected with the promotion of the Port Edward townsite met Sir George with a view to arranging for a trip this afternoon as far as the latter place. Sir George and party, who are registered at the G. T. P. Inn, will remain in the city until tomorrow, leaving on the Prince John tomorrow night for Skidegate and Alford Bay, where the most extensive of the company's operations are being carried out. Amongst these are the erection of a summer residence for Sir George in a most

charming and picturesque location overlooking the water.

Sir George, who will make a trip up to the end of steel upon his return to the city, has not definitely decided how long his visit to Northern British Columbia will extend, but the fact of his having a residence built for himself at the headquarters of the company at Alford Bay shows that his present intentions are to spend a considerable portion of the summer months of each year right on the ground where his big enterprises are being carried on.

PROVINCIAL BUILDINGS ARE BEING PLANNED NOW FOR RUPERT: CONTRACTS SOON

(Special to Daily News.)

Victoria, Aug. 24.—Plans are now being prepared in the Department of Public Works for the new Provincial buildings to be erected at Prince Rupert. These buildings will be of handsome architectural design and sufficiently commodious to meet the

needs of that growing city for at least a quarter of a century to come. The government expects to be in a position to advertise for tenders within a few weeks. It is understood also that the Dominion government will rush the work on the federal structure which is contemplated there,

while at the same time the Grand Trunk Pacific will proceed with the erection of its terminals and of the hotel for which plans have been prepared by Mr. F. M. Ratlenbury. Next year, therefore, will see the expenditure in Prince Rupert of at least two million dollars on these works.

NAMES OF OLD-TIMERS ON THE LIST OF GUESTS AT TONIGHT'S BANQUET

Men Who Made the Beginnings of the Prince Rupert We Have Today—Some Few of the First Builders of the City Have Unavoidably to be Absent

Chairman George E. Gibson		Swanson, A. Tobey, W. H. Vickers, W. H. Wright, W. H. Wright, W. H. Woods E. A.	
Speakers Rev. Bishop Du Vernet Fred Stork G. R. Naden		1908. Allen, J. Dennis Bacon, B. J. Brandt, J. F. Cameron, R. W. Clarke, Ed. Clarke, H. M. Corley, S. A. Cook, W. H.	
Old Timers Present THE FIRST RESIDENTS John Leggett J. H. Pillsbury		1907. Burgess, C. E. Babington, Capt. Bratt, F. P. Blane, Wm. Grippen, L. C. Christie, J. M. Cuthbert, A. Forster, A. G. Gibson, Geo. E. Johnston, Capt. B. L. Little, A. C. Lucas, A. S. B. Moody, Brother McLennan, H. H. Murphy, R. H. Parkin, A. T. Petigrew, W. A.	
1906. Anderson, P. W. Freeman, Cap. Mow, Joseph Morrison, W. R. McKinnon, D. A. McNicholl, G. A. Morrow, Geo. W. Munro, Kenneth D. Roberson, Capt. Hanson, Gus Titus, H. T. Tremayne, Dr. M. E. Viereck, John Du Vernet, Rev. Bishop		1908 Dennis, W. G. Dawson, F. G. Edge, A. W. Franks, A. O. Fraser, Harvey Godson, William Gamble, V. Hart, Frank Hoffman, Harry Kirkpatrick, J. A. Klause, J. H. Kerr, Geo. W. Kelly, Frank Kelly, Vernon Kelly, Warren	
		Lofquist, M. Lucas, F. T. Leek, Geo. Mitchell, Jack McClintock, Thos. McMaster, A. E. McKean, H. McLeod, J. McLeod, R. A. Morgan, Frank E. McNeil, Dr. R. M. Manson, Alex. M. McLeod, M. R. Nuttall, J. H. Nelson, Otto Newcombe, C. P. H. Orme, C. H. Prudhomme, A. Ramsay, Mason Saunders, Capt. Scott, J. W. Scott, J. G. Stephens, Frank Shrubshell, W. Sweet, George Stork, Fred Stalker, R. A. Stewart, D. G. Tomkins, Vic. Uwinn, J. A. Wallace, Wm. Watson, P. Yager, E. E.	

S. S. SOPHIA NEARLY WRECKS THE WHARF

It looked as if there would be something doing in the smash-up this noon for a short while when around the Rupert Marine Works through the vagaries of the Princess Sophia whilst endeavoring to effect a landing at the G. T. P. wharf. Consternation reigned supreme amongst the crews of the McCulloch, the

Dominion government fisheries inspection boat Falcon and A. W. Agnew's Lakanian, which was loaded down with supplies for the camps at the Port Edward townsite. Partly owing to wind and tide, it is to be presumed, the stern of the Sophia swung in and crushed the McCulloch to the extent of smashing the guard rail, damaging it considerably. The Rupert Marine wharf was shoved over about three feet. It was considered by those around on the wharf at the time that the Falcon had a narrow squeak from being stove in altogether. Black looks and cuss words were the order of the day down on the wharf.

PRINCE RUPERT DAILY NEWS TODAY

Announced that plans to palatial standard are being rapidly prepared for Prince Rupert's Provincial buildings. Princess Sophia nearly wrecks Rupert Marine wharf, damages tug McCulloch and shaves Lakanian at noon.

Fierce rate war is predicted between Panama and Suez canal administrations. Suez British owned retaliates against U. S. tolls.

Officers of British Mercantile Marine are seriously disaffected and threaten to cause a strike which will starve the country.

Long list of passengers by the Rupert. Local items and personals. Visitors. Tomorrow's church services.

Old timers' banquet tonight. Names of those who will be present.

Mrs. H. H. Clark has gone below for her first holiday in three years, and Mr. Clark is "enjoying" again the existence of a lonely bachelor.

Sir George Doughty and Lady Doughty arrived by the Prince Rupert this morning, accompanied by Mr. Wilfrid Doughty.

The three school teachers, Miss Martin, Miss Milligan and Miss Johnson, returned today from their vacations in the south.

Mr. Jay Kugler was a passenger from the south today by the Rupert.

CORSICAN ALL SAFE AT LIVERPOOL

(Special to Daily News.)

London, Aug. 23.—With a large rent in her bow, the Allan liner Corsican arrived alongside the Liverpool landing stage on Wednesday. Otherwise she was

none the worse for her encounter with an iceberg on August 12th. Captain Cook, the commander, says the vessel was going dead slow and when ice was sighted the engines were immediately put full astern, but before the ship lost her weight she touched the berg.

The Corsican's boats were at once made ready for lowering, discipline being excellent. During the voyage addresses and a gold watch were presented to Captain Cook by the grateful passengers.

St. Andrew's Picnic.

At a meeting of the St. Andrew's Society, held last night, it was decided to hold the picnic on Labor Day at Tugwell Island. A strong committee of ladies has been added to the society's committee, and a jolly outing is anticipated. Full particulars will appear later.

Social Hop.

You are cordially invited to attend a social dance at K. of P. Hall Saturday eve., Aug. 24th. Mr. M. M. Cooper will manage the floor. Good music. 200

Prince Rupert's leading hotel—Savoy.

SO THAT LAURIER MAY HELP?

(Special to Daily News.)

Toronto, Aug. 24.—A movement is on foot here among men prominent with both parties to take the naval question out of politics.

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

PRINCE RUPERT THIS TIME LAST YEAR

G. R. Naden, H. B. Campbell and Duncan Ross return from attending the Liberal convention at Nanaimo.

Civic steam roller takes a dive into a hole in the succulent muskeg on Third avenue.

Two customs officers, W. G. Humble and J. H. McLeod, each receive a baby duty free.

Chief Owen of the Provincial police runs to earth an opium den up river.

Arrangements made for B. C. championship bout to be held under auspices of Kaien Island Club in Prince Rupert—Nelson to meet Bayley.

Party of British capitalists go up the line of the G. T. P. heading for Bulkley Valley.