

RUPERT CELEBRATES ENGLAND'S PATRON SAINT

BIGGEST PASSENGER SHIP AFLOAT LAUNCHED—SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION HERE

DR. ROBINSON PLEASED WITH EDUCATIONAL CONDITIONS

DISCUSSED LOCAL EDUCATIONAL MATTERS WITH SCHOOL BOARD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON—RECOMMENDS EARLY CHOICE OF SITES.

Dr. Alexander Robinson, superintendent of education for the province of British Columbia, who has been spending several days in Prince Rupert, was present at a special meeting of the school board yesterday afternoon for the purpose of discussing educational matters in so far as their local bearing is concerned. During his visit to the city Dr. Robinson has visited every classroom in the schools of the city and he has also gone carefully over the townsite accumulating information that will be of great value to him in future in improving of additional school sites.

considering the rapid growth of the city and upon the capability of the teaching staff. He urged upon the board the advisability of making an early selection of all the permanent school sites that are likely to be required for some years to come and of securing the sites through the co-operation of the local member. Speaking in a general way of the city's future, Dr. Robinson said he was greatly impressed by many of the undertakings that are now being carried on. That there are many works of greater magnitude than have been undertaken in similar lines in the older coast cities he considered a very strong indication that the city is destined to be one of the most important ports on the Pacific Coast.

AGRICULTURAL EXPERT FOR THIS DISTRICT

Wide Area to Be Covered for the One to Be Stationed at Prince Rupert.

W. E. Scott, deputy minister of agriculture, announced yesterday that the government has under consideration the appointment of two expert officials in horticulture to reside in and serve the northern country of the province. It is felt that with the rapid development which will result from the increased facilities for transportation when the Grand Trunk Pacific and other projected railways are completed through the magnificent country that there awaits the settler, ample scope will be found at no distant time for the services of men well trained both in horticulture and general agriculture.

One of these probably will be stationed at Prince Rupert, from which centre he can take charge of Queen Charlotte Islands and the other islands of the gulf, while inland his territory will include the valleys of the Upper Skeena and the Naas as far as Hazelton. Another practical agriculturist will also be appointed to look after the needs of the country between Hazelton and Fort George. This northern country, Mr. Scott stated, is, from its climate and soil conditions, certain to become a great, if not the greatest, producing territory in the province, and the appointment of skilled experts to originate sound methods of cultivation and production at its start should do much to assist in its rapid progress.

Rowing Club Dance.

The Prince Rupert Rowing and Yachting Club is making arrangements for a grand assembly to be given in the Kaien Island Hall on Friday evening, May 2nd.

King Edward Wharf.

William Angle has returned from Port Edward, where he has been engaged in the construction of a wharf. The work is completed and the new port is now ready for shipping.

Reception This Evening.

At 8 o'clock this evening a reception will be given in the Presbyterian Hall to Mr. Roffe Macdonald, who is here as an assistant to Rev. F. W. Kerr.

Examining Ore Bodies.

Mr. R. H. Hedley, M. E., and Mr. B. Thompson are presently engaged examining the copper ore bodies at Tassoo Harbor, Moresby Island.

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NUMEROUS INQUIRIES REGARDING SALT BEDS

Salt Producers All Over America Interested in Recent Discovery on Skeena.

Since the publication in this paper a few weeks ago of the striking of a solid bed of salt at Mobley & Whiteford's property on the Skeena, near mile 45, Mr. Mobley has been almost daily in receipt of telegrams and letters from all parts of Canada and the United States asking for further information. The inquiries are from firms and individuals already interested in salt, production. Mr. Mobley stated to the "News" today that in the course of a few months he expected to have a plant in operation at the salt beds that would have a capacity of fifty tons per day.

'LA TOSCA' TOMORROW NIGHT

Those who have not had the pleasure of seeing Sarah Bernhardt in the flesh will have the opportunity of seeing her pictured representation at the Empress next Friday and Saturday. It should be understood that the Divine Sarah herself acted before the camera man when these films were taken, so that all that wondrous grace of movement and gesture which are perhaps among the chief charms of the great French actress are portrayed with marvellous realism.

The play is "La Tosca," considered by competent critics as a Victorian Sardou's greatest masterpiece. As seen at the Empress the following will be the cast: La Tosca, Madame Bernhardt; Scarpia, M. Le Max; Mario, M. Denouberg; Angelotto, M. Maury. The scene is laid in the Eternal City in the year 1880. Scarpia is chief of police, Mario a celebrated artist, Angelotto the brother of La Tosca, who is a famous singer. The plot how Mario fell in spite of the price his sweetheart would have paid for his liberty hinges upon the mad infatuation of the chief of police for the songstress.

To further his passionate desires he has Mario arrested and orders him to be shot at sunrise. Then playing upon her love of the artist he promises him his freedom if the girl will consent to the shameful bargain proposed as the price to be paid. How the villainous Scarpia was a double traitor, how La Tosca stabs the treacherous chief and leaps from the citadel parapet to her death on the flagstones below. All this and much more is depicted with splendid force and through it all moves the queenly form of her who is perhaps the world's most famous actress.

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SONS OF ENGLAND BANQUET MOST SATISFACTORY AFFAIR

St. George's Day Honored With Roast Beef and October Ale; Speeches Witty, Eloquent and Stimulating; Songs That Made True Loyalty Bubble

It was a large and representative body which gathered around the festive board at the Central Hotel last night, at the invitation of the Sons of England, to commemorate St. George's Day and the post prandial efforts of the speakers rank among the best ever listened to in this city. They were witty, eloquent and supremely patriotic. The old English songs, too, added a charm and a zest to the conviviality, which was continued long past midnight.

Mrs. Black is a past master in the arranging and serving such a banquet and everything was excellent. The room was prettily decorated and the tables were daintily to a degree. "The Roast Beef of Old England" with brown October ale were features on the menu.

The committee which so ably arranged the details of the banquet was composed of T. Silver-sides, S. M. Newton, J. Howe, F. Salter, J. F. Hutchinson and F. A. Ellis.

Among those present were the following: The Mayor, Captain Fred Stork, William Manson, M. P. P.; Alex. Manson, J. H. Hilditch, J. C. Brady, F. A. Ellis, S. M. Newton, A. W. Edge, Alderman Dybbavn, Alderman Leek, George D. Tite, Joseph Scott, W. B. Kerr, W. McG. Mason, Frank A. Evans, J. Kirkpatrick, E. H. Honeyman, A. B. Williams, F. J. Fuller, J. Larkin, J. Shields, W. Waring, T. Barnes, W. McLeod, J. Rees, M. Ramsey, W. Cummings, W. Garnet, G. Garnet, O. H. Nelson, C. V. Eviitt, T. McMeekin, J. Duffy, C. Freeman, G. Kelsey, A. Cummings, J. Ledley, F. N. Clifton, F. St. Clair, M. Lamb, A. S. Johnson, J. Gidley, Arthur Culbert, W. Moorehouse, W. D. Vance, Adair Carrs, G. S. Fitzmaurice, Joseph Howe, A. Brooksbank, T. W. W. Parker, F. R. Brown, Warren Kissick, Ed. Gillingham, Ed. Ling, C. T. Heward, Dennis Allen, D. Peyton, W. Booth, Arthur Johnson, J. Unwin, W. J. Briggs, F. Adams, Albert Wild, W. H. Derry, J. Kemp, C. G. Case, A. Stowell, A. O. Franks, J. Lee, E. Edmunds, W. H. Goodman, E. A. Woods, C. Ault, F. W. Kerr, H. A. Watts, C. Youngman, A. Clark, J. E. Oakley, W. Heward, A. Williams, O. A. Shepard, D. Yelf, E. H. Shockey, Mr. Landys, G. Russell, Alderman Kerr, C. Arnel, B. Hyde, Harry W. Birch.

After the toast "Our King," proposed by President A. H. Silver-sides, had been duly honored and a patriotic song by Mr. Stowell had been enthusiastically encored, Frank A. Ellis gave the toast of the evening, "The Day We Celebrate." He said this day was being celebrated by Englishmen and English societies everywhere and was a very appropriate occasion to emphasize. St. George was the tutelary guardian of England and there was a beautiful tradition associated with his name. Even though a mythical personage in the days of chivalry the character represented was one showing that spirit and self-sacrifice which has characterized the English race from the earliest days. So long as these qualities were held in admiration and reverence in the world a character which so exemplified them must retain its place in literature.

Turning from allegory to history, Mr. Ellis went on to speak of a character which should appeal to all present. He referred to Prince Rupert, the cavalier, and gave an able sketch of the career of that brilliant and fearless soldier. Prince Rupert, the city, was well named if we, as citizens, kept ever before us the best characteristics of Prince Rupert, the man.

"What is our aim as Englishmen?" the speaker asked. "We must labor here in order that succeeding generations of Canadians may rear upon the stones we now lay another great civilization to be added to the glories of the ancient throne. Let us strive to keep unsullied the glorious traditions of our race. Let us endeavor to maintain a broad outlook on life and our fellows; to love our province without being provincial; to love our island city without being insular; to aspire to be worthy citizens of our great world empire and to leave our mark on the annals of its progress." Mr. Ellis concluded with the toast of "St. George and Merry England," which was honored amid applause.

"Our Empire" was the sentiment which fell to the lot of A. M. Manson to propose. He said the King was but the head of the empire which had come down to us from our forefathers upon those great principles of freedom, justice and Christianity. These were things that the British Empire stood for and which had made it an empire upon which the sun never sets.

The guests made the rafters ring with "Rule, Britannia." J. Hilditch responded, stating how proud he was to be not a Canadian merely but an imperialist and a citizen under the Union Jack, which would wave for thousands and thousands of years after we had all passed away.

Mark Harby and "Billy" gave a witty interlude. S. M. Newton proposed "Our Province" and said that from the early days British Columbia had

always been loyal to the British flag. It was one of the largest of the provinces and it would be difficult to find one more loyal.

William Manson, M. P. P., responded, first congratulating the Sons of England upon the success of the gathering, which showed the strength of the organization in the city. He said that when the Canadian Pacific was first talked of in parliament British Columbia was described as "a sea of mountains." The progress and development that had so rapidly followed in the last twenty-five years was largely due to that railway, and was an indication of what we might expect in this northern section from the Grand Trunk Pacific in the next twenty-five years. The development of our resources rested not with the provincial government but with individuals. Government could only assist in such development. Therefore all must take their full share in the work, and such a gathering of Englishmen as those present should be an incentive to them in the building up of the province and in building up the great British Empire.

In the absence of Captain McCoskie, Frank A. Evans was called upon to propose the toast "The City We Live In." He regretted that Captain McCoskie was not present as he was probably the best informed of any on this part of the province and what was now this city. Had he been present the captain would probably have told them that the British admiralty, years ago, chose Prince Rupert for a naval base. The construction of a dry dock at a cost of three millions showed that large expenditure must be being made for the purpose of having this port as a naval base. He had been to Europe twice during the past twelve months and he could assure them that in London, Paris and Vienna the people knew more about Prince Rupert than the people living here. They asked many questions that were difficult to answer.

Mr. Evans then referred to the vast wealth of this part of the province in natural resources still to be developed, of the ninety millions of gold yearly from Alaska which later would pass through here in bond when the railway was finished. With its boundless resources Prince Rupert was bound to be a great city, but he would leave this to be told by Mr. Pattullo, the finest mayor the city had ever had.

There were cheers for Mr. Pattullo and then the guests burst into the old slogan "We're Here Because We're Here," and sang it with great vim.

Mayor Pattullo expressed his pleasure at being present at the first banquet of the Sons of England and hoped they would have many more of them. He believed such societies were a very good thing, as they brought the people closer together and thus helped to good citizenship. As Mr. Evans had observed, a great deal more was known of Prince Rupert on the outside than we probably knew, and they did not need to go to London to find that out. Mr. Newton and Mr. William Manson had told them of the vast possibilities in the coming development of the province, and in regard to the city it was a commanding position we occu-

LAUNCH OF MONSTER STEAMER ON CLYDE BY CUNARD COMPANY

COST OVER TEN MILLIONS AND WILL ACCOMMODATE OVER FOUR THOUSAND—FULLY EQUIPPED THEATRE ONE OF THE NEW FEATURES.

Glasgow, Scotland, April 23.—The largest steamship ever built in Great Britain, the Cunard liner Aquitania, was successfully launched on the Clyde yesterday. The new vessel is double shelled and carried boats sufficient to accommodate 4,250 passengers and crew.

The Aquitania cost the Cunard line \$10,000,000 to construct, not to mention the cost of her luxurious equipment.

Like the names of all Cunard liners, the name of this new one was derived from an interesting source. Aquitania is the Latin name of a part of Gaul, originally including the country between the Pyrenees and Garonne, peopled by Iberian tribes and settled in part by Celts.

The new liner is 885 feet in length, with a breadth of 95.6. Her tonnage is 47,000. Her passengers will be divided as follows: Six hundred and fifty first cabin, 740 second cabin and 2,400 third cabin. First and second cabin passengers will have the accommodation of Turkish and electric baths.

In the matter of speed the Aquitania is up to the minute in every respect. She will have an average speed of 23 knots, making her somewhat faster than the ill-fated Titanic.

The ship will be provided with a theatre and a theatrical company with repertoire of plays will be a regular fixture. This is the first time that anything of this kind has been attempted.

SIR CHARLES ROSE DIES IN AUTOMOBILE

Son of Sir John Rose, Finance Minister of Canada in First Macdonald Cabinet.

London, April 23.—Sir Charles Day Rose, M. P. for Newmarket, died in his automobile on his return journey from Hendon yesterday afternoon.

Sir Charles Rose was the son of Rt. Hon. Sir John Rose, who was finance minister of Canada in the first Macdonald ministry and later a member of the London banking firm of Morton, Rose & Co. He was born in Montreal in 1847, and was educated at Rugby. He was a captain in the Montreal Garrison Artillery and a Fenian Raid veteran. He sat for Newmarket in the British Commons from 1903 to 1910. In January, 1910, he was defeated, but was re-elected in December of the same year. He was created a baronet in 1909.

He was a member of the Jockey Club and for a time was racing partner of King Edward VII when Prince of Wales.

TEMPORARY WATER SYSTEM Hydro-Electric Co. Installing System for Port Edward.

A shipment of water pipe for the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Co. arrived by the steamer Henriette this morning. It is being transferred to Port Edward in scows and is for the purpose of constructing a temporary pipe line from Wolf Creek to supply the camp with the necessary water. The line will be about a mile and a half long. The Port Edward Townsite Company has already made application to the government for permission to construct a permanent water supply system but as it will be some months before all the formalities can be complied with the temporary system is being installed.

Consolidated By-Laws

The special meeting of the Council last night, called for the purpose of consolidating certain of the debentures to be issued after today's vote, lasted but a few minutes. All the members of the council were in favor of the course and the two measures were formally passed.

Voting on the By-Laws

At 11:45 this morning the total number of votes polled on the by-laws was not more than 75. It is evident that there is no serious objection or the vote would have been much larger.

No skating for the public at the Rink tonight. 96

POLISH GIRL FAINTS WHEN LEFT FORTUNE

Nearly Half a Million Left by Relatives to a Simple Domestic.

Montreal, April 23.—Hanka Etrepainnik, a hard working Polish domestic servant, was placidly washing dishes last night when a messenger handed her a telegram. She read it and fainted. When she was revived she read the telegram and fainted again. Her employers at 101 Colonial avenue took the message away from her then and read it themselves. They nearly fainted, too, for the cable tersely informed Hanka that she was the heiress to \$425,000 from relatives in Russia.

TALK ABOUT FEATURES

Here Is One That Is a Feature

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