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WHAT SCOTSMEN DID IN CANADA

Fred Stork Delivered Interesting Address to St. Andrew's Society Last Evening

Fred Stork delivered a highly interesting address before the St. Andrew's Society last evening, taking as his subject, "The Scotsman and Canada." The great influence that the Scotch had exerted in the early development of Canada was referred to and the numerous distinguished Scotsmen who had come to the New World to settle. The address was mainly devoted to the three outstanding Scotsmen who had played such a great part in the early history of Canada: Sir Alexander Mackenzie, explorer, Lord Selkirk, colonizer, and William Lyon Mackenzie, reformer.

Organized Big Company

Sir Alexander Mackenzie was the organizer of the North West Company which competed with the Hudson's Bay Company in the fur trade. While acting as one of the directors of the fur trade he had discovered the great river which was named after him and had explored it to its mouth in the Arctic Ocean, opening up 2,000 miles of unknown territory hitherto untraversed by white men. On his return to the old land he reported the discovery of salt, coal and oil, the latter being particularly interesting at the present time, for Mackenzie's discoveries had been made near Fort Norman.

Fame for Author

On his trip into the Mackenzie, the explorer had discovered his lack of technical knowledge, so he took courses in astronomy and scientific development and returned to Canada a year later to make further explorations. He sailed down the Peace River from the Mackenzie, crossed to the Nechako and again to the Bella Coola and descended to tide water, arriving near Bella Coola on June 22, 1793. He returned to Canada and shortly afterwards retired from the fur business and went to Scotland, where he published a book telling of his explorations. This caused world wide interest and brought knight hood and fame to the author.

Lord Selkirk

Lord Selkirk at an early age succeeded to his father's vast estates and immense wealth. He devoted his life and fortune to the improvement of the conditions of the Highlanders and planted colonies at infinite expense to himself on Prince Edward Island, Western Ontario and the Red River district in Manitoba. His colonization schemes were not looked upon with favor by the British Government and met with the unrelenting hostility of the fur traders and Family Compact government of Canada. The venture was disastrous to Selkirk financially and his colonies were almost exterminated, but the tenacity of the Scottish colonists could not be overcome and from this have grown the prosperous Scotch colonies on the Red River.

William L. Mackenzie

William Lyon Mackenzie came to Canada during the period of discontent caused by the autocratic rule and methods of the government of the day, known as the Family Compact. To Mackenzie the system was a nefarious one. Many attempts for improvement, such as petitions and pilgrimages to London were made, but without avail. The situation went from bad to worse and finally an open breach occurred between Sir Francis Bond Head, the governor, and parliament. Conditions drifted into open rebellion, finally,

there was a collision between the factions near Toronto, where several were killed. The insurgents dispersed and Mackenzie sought refuge in the United States. He returned several years later and again figured largely in the political life of the country.

Durham Visit

Lord Durham was sent out from England to investigate conditions and his report to the

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The Man in the Moon SAYS:-

SOME people are like crabs. They spend a good deal of their time side-stepping.

AFTER a man has been caught a few times and paid the penalty he is apt to become virtuous and swear that honesty is the best policy.

THE difficulty with Prince Rupert is that when it is fine they are always looking for rain and when it rains— But why labor the question.

WE hear a lot about educating children, but what we need to know more about is educating parents.

The Canadian squadron did not come here because there was no time before leaving for the Atlantic coast. Now it will not have time to come before going to the Gnomex ranges for shooting.

SOME fool syndicate is reported to be willing to take the Canadian railways. I would not have them for less than a hundred million dollars a year to pay the expense of riding the hobby.

IF a doctor would only operate on some of the boneheads of the country by removing the bone, what an advantage it would be to everybody.

SOME mudheads are always kicking about the fuel supply, the food supply, the tobacco supply or the fish car supply. The only thing I'm interested in is the money supply.

CAN figures lie? Ask a lady.

A PRINCE RUPERT citizen when discussing the Irish question said he thought the "dear little isle" would be dead at any price just now. He would not live there if they would give him six.

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