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Prince Rupert Welcomes Visitors

PROPOSAL FOR BIG CORPORATION TO PURCHASE CANADIAN SHIPS

Three Hundred Masons Here From South to Take Part in Grand Lodge Communication

The C.P.R. coast liner Princess Charlotte, Capt. W. J. Boyce, gaily bedecked in holiday garb, glided into the harbor at nine o'clock this morning, and berthed at No. 1 dock. The decks were crowded to the rails with the joyous throng of visiting Masons of the Grand Lodge and their wives, who will stay in Prince Rupert until midnight Friday to hold their Fifty-First Annual Communication. While a cooling shower prevailed on the arrival of the party the sun commenced to shine shortly after the ship had been safely moored.

The wharf was crowded to capacity with a large welcoming party of local Masonic brethren, Mayor Rochester on behalf of the City of Prince Rupert, boarded the steamer and in few well expressed words welcomed the visitors and handed to W. S. Terry, the Grand Master for B.C., a gift key of gigantic proportions symbolic of the freedom of the city. The waiting citizens, upon a call from the Mayor, gave three rousing cheers for the visitors. W. S. Terry, the Grand Master, made a

PROMINENT MEN MASONIC PARTY

Many Well Known Figures in Public Life of Province Are Prince Rupert Visitors

Many men prominent in the business, professional and political life of the province are in the city today with the Grand Lodge Masonic Convention. Some Prince Rupert old-timers are also here having taken the opportunity of revisiting old scenes on the auspicious occasion.

Among the well known men are Hon. W. J. Bowser, leader of the opposition in the provincial government and former premier; F. J. Bird, general manager of the Vancouver Province; J. Stüvel Clute, barrister of New Westminster; Rt. Rev. Bishop A. H. De Pencier, of Vancouver; Mark L. Grimmer, barrister and former mayor of Merritt; William Ivel, druggist of Victoria and Liberal candidate for the Commons in the last federal election; E. D. Johnson, formerly city treasurer of Prince Rupert and now deputy provincial minister of finance; Hon. A. M. Manson, of Prince Rupert, attorney general; William Manson, of Victoria, formerly member of the legislature for Skeena and ex-mayor of Prince Rupert and Nanaimo; W. P. Marchant, mayor of Victoria; C. F. Nelson, of New Denver, formerly member of the legislature for Slocan; E. B. Paul, principal of the Victoria College; W. S. Terry, Victoria druggist and Grand Master of the Grand Masonic Lodge; C. E. Tisdall, mayor of Vancouver and formerly member of the legislature, and many others.

Big Reduction in Deficit of Canadian National Railways Shown in 1921 Annual Report

TORONTO, June 21.—The first annual report of the Canadian National Railways, with all roads consolidated under one system, was issued today. An increase of \$1,049,703 in gross earnings over last year is shown. Passenger receipts are down 10 per cent and freight receipts up 3.12 per cent. The gross earnings were \$126,691,455 and the operating expenses, \$142,784,687, the net deficit thus being \$16,093,232 or less than half of the previous year. The physical assets of the road are valued at \$1,280,000,000.

M. Diggon, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Evans, T. J. Evans, W. Gower, M. W. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. P. Hall, N. O. Haugh, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. W. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hetherington, J. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ivel, P. James, Mr. and Mrs. S. Jones, I. Lancaster, Hon. A. M. Manson, W. Manson, W. P. Marchant, W. Middleton, J. Munro Miller, E. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. R. Peden, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Phillips, W. T. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. H. Pont, D. Robertson, W. T. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Staden, Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. R. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Terry, A. H. Walker, D. Walker, W. O. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. W. Yule and H. E. Morris.

New Westminster—E. L. Berry, S. Bowell, W. Burns, G. L. Cassidy, J. S. Clute, R. Cullen, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Currie, D. Donaldson, J. Houston, H. G. Howells, Mr. and Mrs. A. McDonald, H. S. McGeer, Dr. P. D. MasSween, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Nelson, J. H. Raphael, K. K. Reid, A. Rowe, Dr. de Wolfe Smith.

From Other Points
Revelstoke—D. Adams, J. G. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bews, Miss M. Cathell, E. A. Dickson, T. Hope, Nelson—Jas. Teague, Jno. Teague.
Kamloops—A. V. Alexander, J. R. Bromley, E. J. Grimrod, W. A. G. Mariatt.
Princeton—A. G. Black, Central Park—Mr. and Mrs. A. Brookhouse, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wriglesworth.
Port Alberni—F. H. Bishop, Murdo Campbell and F. G. Cox.
Mission City—F. Bannister and T. Smith.
Grand Forks—Mr. and Mrs. W. Bonthron, Mr. and Mrs. W. Huffman.

Steveston—L. Caldwell.
Cumberland—T. H. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jeffrey.
Nanaimo—Mrs. and Mrs. J. W. Coburn, Samuel Drake, D. Gallo-way, C. Graham, R. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. G. Merrifield, J. M. Rudd, Mr. and Mrs. Jno Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thompson, Nicholas Wright, and A. E. Yates.
Chilliwack—J. W. Carmichael, G. G. Carter, L. A. La Pierre, and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wilson.
Point Grey—W. L. Corey.
Golden—D. P. Kimpton and J. R. Lianey.

Ocean Falls—Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Denton, M. Haslett and C. Tupper.
Duncan—Mr. and Mrs. C. Dobson, Dr. D. E. Kerr and Jas. Greig.
Bedley—F. Fraser.
Kaslo—H. Giegrich.
Merritt—Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Grimmer.

Penticton—J. Kirkpatrick and H. B. Morley.
Williams Lake—R. W. Hagen, Creston—Major E. Mallandaine
Vernon—A. Megraw.
Fernie—N. McCallum.
Abbotsford—J. A. McGowan.
Ladner—Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Rich, W. Staples, and W. H. Wilson.

Riondel—C. F. Sherwin.
Rossland—J. H. Stanton.
Rock Creek—Mr. and Mrs. O. Wheeler.
New Denver—C. F. Nelson.

Mrs. W. A. Willisroft is passing through the city aboard the Prince George enroute to Anxox.

BUCKLEY DELAYED IN COMING HERE BY TRIP TO THE EAST

Word was received in the city this morning that F. L. Buckley who was to have been here to open up the mill at Buckley Bay had gone east instead and would be here later. In the meantime the saws are being overhauled at the drydock and other minor preparations made with a view to the work starting.

VOTE TAKEN ON RAILWAY RATES PLAN

Crow's Nest Agreement Suspended and Lower Rate to go Into Effect

OTTAWA, June 21.—The special House committee voted last night to suspend the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement for another year with the option at the end of that period of a further suspension for one year. The offered reduction of rates on basic commodities offered by the railways is to come into effect immediately. The majority in favor of suspension is believed to have been small and sharp fighting will probably take place in the House of Commons over the proposal.

NATIVES FROM KITWANGA ARE BELIEVED LOST

Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Assumed by Police to Be Victims of Khyex River Tragedy Report.

It is believed by the local provincial police office that Mr. and Mrs. Stafford, natives of Kitwanga, were the unfortunate people who perished on the Khyex River trail and whose bodies were reported to have been found by another native Monday. This is assumed by the police on its having been ascertained that this family, which also contained four children left for the headwaters of the Khyex River on a trapping expedition last fall and have not been heard of since. If this assumption is correct it is likely that the children may also have expired in the settlement 30 miles up river and that when death occurred the parents may have been on their way out to the railway line to obtain supplies. The bodies were found about twelve or fifteen miles up the trail and about midway between the railway and the camp.

Chief Minty, of the provincial police, was in receipt of a message yesterday from Constable Martin, who was sent with Constable Gibson to investigate, stating that he had left the mouth of the Khyex River at 6 o'clock yesterday morning for the scene of the tragedy. If it is found that the persons who expired on the trail were really Mr. and Mrs. Stafford, it is likely the police party will continue right through to the camp at the headquarters where the children may also be found.

DEBATES ON THE BUDGET

Great Number of Provisions Passed in Committee Yesterday

LIQUOR DISCUSSION

Senators Do Not All Approve B.C. Control of Imports Measure

OTTAWA, June 21.—The House swept through a number of budget resolutions making a few changes and defeating amendment, brought chiefly by Progressives. The foreign currency resolution was allowed to stand after a hot debate.

Proposed duties on imported blankets, plows, implements, ready-made clothes, boots and shoes, fabrics, cigarettes and cigars were all adopted by the House, which debated many amendments to these sections.

The excise duty on beet sugar was adopted to come into effect at the beginning of next year.

The sales tax provisions were held over at the request of Hon. W. S. Fielding.

Liquor Amendments

In the Senate the liquor amendments were hotly debated. Some of the senators suggested that British Columbia and Quebec wanted control so that they could adulterate the liquor and sell at a huge profit. The liquor administration in Ontario was criticized. Senator Robertson deprecated the handing of federal rights to the provinces.

Sir George Foster supported provincial control of exports but thought British Columbia ought not to get control of the imports thus putting wealth under party and political control.

VANCOUVER ISLAND STRAWBERRY CROP SMALL THIS YEAR

VICTORIA, June 21.—Continued dry weather is spoiling the berry crop of Vancouver Island and the first output indicates that there will be a considerable falling off in the output of berries this year.

WAREHOUSES WIPED OUT IN DISASTROUS CRANBROOKE BLAZE

CRANBROOKE, June 21.—Worden's flour warehouse and James Kerrigan's feed storehouse were destroyed by fire yesterday. The total loss is estimated at \$13,000 and the damage to C. P. R. freight cars was \$1,000.

Company Proposes Buy and Operate Merchant Marine

QUEBEC, June 21.—A project to have the Canadian Government Merchant Marine taken over by a number of British financiers who will build a number of grain elevators at Canadian and European points and a large flour mill at Quebec, is outlined in a letter written by T. M. Kirkwood, steamship magnate, to the minister of marine and fisheries.

Mr. Kirkwood says that a group of British financiers favor the scheme if the Quebec and Ottawa governments will guarantee the interest on the issue of bonds and will sell the vessels at a fair price. In return for this the new company will give a lower rate on grain freights and as security will give the government a first mortgage and the insurance policies on the vessels.

Rotarians From New York Pay Short Visit to City; Leave For Tour of Canada

Close to two hundred Rotarians and their wives and families arrived this morning on the Prince George, a lively bunch of business and professional men from New York and New Jersey states, and after spending two hours in the city pulled out on a special train on a tour of Canada, taking in all the big cities. They came north from the big Rotary convention at Los Angeles and spent a day at Vancouver en route.

The party was met at the dock by the members of the local club headed by President Tom Johnson and ex-Mayor McClymont. They were then taken to the upstairs room of the new station building where they were formally welcomed.

President Johnson, in a humorous address, welcomed the party to the "metropolis of the west" on behalf of the local club. He spoke of the pleasure it gave him to meet them and Mayor Rochester extended to them the freedom of the city.

Spirit of North.

Padre Grant of the local club told them of the spirit of the north where Rotarianism had been practised since the beginning. In the life of the northwest there was the spirit of helpfulness which was the basis of Rotary.

The Doctor then went on to speak of the close friendship existing between Canadians and Americans and of the Rotary spirit which would tend to improve those relations. With a union of forces of the American and British peoples, war would cease.

The president of the New York club spoke briefly in reply, emphasizing their pleasure at being here and at the reception they were given.

There was some singing and the visitors gave a number of humorous and topical refrains. Sharp at noon the train, consisting of nine Pullman cars, one observation and three diners pulled out bound for Jasper Park which is the next stop.

BIRTH.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Giggey, of Terrace, at the General Hospital on June 20.

TREATY STILL IS WINNING IRELAND

LONDON, June 21.—Latest Irish election returns: Coalition Treaty, 53; Coalition Republicans, 36; Labor, 14; Farmers, 5; Independents, 10. The favorable results of the elections are being received here with great enthusiasm.

LATEST DESPATCHES

Montreal—Charge against Montague Allen dismissed.
London—Prince of Wales arrived Plymouth last night. Home today.
Copenhagen—Many Jews being massacred in Ukraine.
Washington—President Harding unable to make Western trip this year.

Tenders for printing the 1922 fall fair prize list were received at the meeting of the exhibition board last night and the contract was awarded to Rose, Cowan & Latta at \$7.20 a page. McRae Bros. also tendered, their bid being \$7.50.

A reception will be held at the Prince Rupert Club on Thursday afternoon from 3.30 to 5.30 for the visiting ladies. All local Masons' wives are invited. Also boats will be at the Prince Rupert Boathouse for those who prefer a water trip. 144

RAILWAY RATE BUREAU TO BE STARTED HERE

Will Study and Advise Regarding Railway Rates—Vancouver Headquarters

VICTORIA, June 21.—The provincial government will grant \$3,000 towards the cost of a freight traffic bureau to give expert study and advise business interests in regard to railway rate matters as they affect the province. The cost of such a department will be \$8,000 towards which the Vancouver Board of Trade will grant \$2,500. Vancouver will be the headquarters of the bureau.

CONVICTION MADE AT WILLIAMS LAKE UNDER FOREST ACT

WILLIAMS LAKE, June 21.—At Forest Grove yesterday Harry Wilcox was convicted of burning without a permit in contravention of the Forest Act and was fined \$10 and costs by the magistrate.

AMERICAN OFFICIAL COMING TOMORROW

U.S. Consul Wakefield has been notified that Hon. Claudius P. Huston, assistant secretary of commerce will arrive here tomorrow aboard the American ship Lojave. He will confer with the consul here.