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DEFENDS OSLAND

Editor, Daily News:—The little colony of Icelanders who have been settled for some half-dozen years on Smith Island at the mouth of the Skeena River, hardly know whether to be annoyed or amused at an absurd and extravagant story appearing a short while ago in the Vancouver Daily Sun, purporting to be an interview given by their lady-school teacher to a Sun reporter, whilst the former was in Vancouver lately upon her vacation.

The present writer does not of course know whether the Vancouver Sunday Sun has a very wide circulation, or that many people read this "fairy tale"; but in case if anyone did and in their ignorance were led to believe the statements contained therein, it becomes imperative to write a few lines of an enlightening nature as to the true facts of the life and conditions of this little colony, who are "carrying on" quite successfully at Island, as they have named their little village.

Perfect English

The settlement boasts a population a little short of one hundred people, mostly families who have migrated thither from Manitoba, lured by the mild and equable climate of the Pacific coast. They have a post office and a school modern and up to date. There are about two dozen children attending the school, all of whom, having been born in this country speak perfect English, without a trace of accent.

The Vancouver reporter apparently understood the lady school teacher to say that the children were practically little savages who could not speak English, and squatted on the ground in their rude shake school house, not being provided with desks or forms. One would have imagined from her story that Smith Island was hundreds of miles away from anywhere, near the North Pole, or on the coast of Labrador, where a ship appeared about once a year to bring supplies. As a matter of fact Osland, the village on Smith Island, close to the rock quarry, where the material for Prince Rupert's streets is being obtained, is about three miles across the Slough from Cassiar cannery, on the line of the C.N.R. and the distance can be covered in a small row boat in less than an hour. Young girls from the settlement during the summer months, when the men are all busy fishing, come over three times a week to the cannery to get the mail. Incidentally they get stacks of the latter, and huge bagfuls of parcels from Eaton's and Simpson's, and do not have to depend upon furs and home-spun stuffs to clothe their nakedness, as the lady school teacher would have one believe.

Comfortable Living

As a matter of fact the settlers find conditions much similar to their homeland, and raise sheep and catch fish, and generally make a comfortable living, even if their island home is not the most productive spot that could be found as regards agricultural opportunities. They are far from being cut off from their fellow man, being right in the heart of the salmon canning industry on the Skeena river. Actually

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speaking they are far more "in town" than the settlers on the Queen Charlotte Islands or many of those in the interior back of us. The Icelanders are excellent settlers and citizens, and of the young generation growing up, doubtless many will be in the front rank of our future Northern British Columbia population.

It would be as well for the gentleman on the Vancouver Sunday Sun, who wrote the story given him by the lady school teacher from Osland, to delve into one of the geography books the Canadian school children use and find out something about Iceland before he attempts any more of his graphic pen pictures of the uncivilized natives from that little northern dependency of Denmark, who have in their wisdom migrated to Canada in latter years, in order to make homes for themselves and families in this thriving and prosperous Dominion part of that "empire upon which the sun never sets."

G. S. FITZMAURICE.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

September 2, 1912.

The St. Andrew's Society is holding a Labor Day picnic to Tugwell Island today. One hundred persons went out on the lgg scow in tow of the launch Wolverine, Capt. H. D. Robinson.

The deer season opened yesterday and many hunting parties were out. One of the most successful parties was made up of R. W. Cameron, Guy Cameron and Frank Reynolds, Ald. Bullock Webster also had good luck.

The Port Simpson Indian football team has challenged the Prince Rupert Roses for a match next week.

ALICE ARM

Louis Reynolds reports having made a rich strike of high grade silver and galena ore on his mine, the Beverley, across the bay from Alice Arm.

The exhibit of ore from this district that is to go from the B.C. House in London is being slowly assembled. A beautiful specimen of high grade ore has been received from the Dolly Varden.

Neil Forbes, of Anyox, has arrived here to spend a couple of months.

Mrs. Harvey Edwards, of New York, a sister of Don Cameron, is spending holidays here, the guest of Mrs. J. M. Morrison.

Constable D. S. Cameron, who is also assistant fire warden, is notifying hotel and rooming house owners that proper fire escapes must be installed on all buildings.

Waterfront Whiffs

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ceased was 42 years of age and a widower without children. He was a native of Norway in which country his father now resides. For some time Sather resided in New Westminster. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon.

There was a good deal of fun and laughter around Gow Bay on Thursday evening when the Admiral of the fleet and a crew of huskies supplemented by a band of boy scouts and other useful organizations spent a strenuous hour in embarking a live cow aboard the launch Nightingale, owned by a family of Naas river Indians. The difficulty arose when they tried to drive the four legged quadruped up the gangplank. The Admiral hit the brainy idea of crawling on deck and making a noise like a truss of hay which did the trick to a certain point on the gangplank when the cow lost her milky balance and would have fallen into the bay had not Apollo, the strong man of the fleet, grabbed her by the horns and hauled her back. At last with the combined weight of all hands behing her the cow was safely pushed on to the deck only to stumble to the leeward side which gave the craft a dangerous lurch. The boat was righted by all hands clinging to the near side.

Everything seemed to be at last all set when the engineer complained that the cow had her horns stuck in the fly wheel. However after considerable difficulty the animal was extricated and snugly tied in the stern of the boat, the deck having been lifted off to give her breathing space. With much howling from the cow and cheering from the helpers the Nightingale cleared port.

The following boats are at present in port: Narbethong, Dixie Rupert, Oh Baby, Annie, Starston, Fanny, Biddy, Johanna, Tip Top, Edwin, Monty, Maeve, Harold H. Sophia M., Volunteer, Imperieuse, Cub, Vivian and Towena.

The Admiral has received a short note from Flossie in which she says "Dear Admiral, Sorry that I ain't written earlier but the clock stopped. I think as how I am going to pass up this Sandy Slush affair as he went and got fired for writing sloppy poetry on the office walls now ain't that a silly thing to do. If he don't hit a good job next week he and I part for life, and just as we'd gone and got some of the house built too, but we only used the wood as I carried, up to now, so it's my house ain't it. May be I'll come back to Prince Rupert if you've got any loose change lying around not working."

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