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Visitors Were
Duly Entertained.

Unfortunately the weather put a damper on the efforts of the local committee appointed to arrange for the entertainment of the Montreal Board of Trade and English visitors who were here on Saturday. The boat trip on the harbor had to be cancelled and the visitors were taken to the cold storage plant by train. However, the visitors did not complain, but professed to have had a good time here. We hope they did, but there was disappointment on both sides undoubtedly. However, the local committee did its best under the circumstances and every effort was made to give the visitors an idea of the resources of the district and of what is meant by a western welcome.

The piece de resistance was the fish banquet in the evening to which all the men were invited. It was arranged that most of the time should be given to the visiting speakers, whom Prince Rupert people particularly wished to hear and that the local addresses would be confined to the welcome by the mayor and short speech by Fred Stork, M.P., emphasizing the desirability of putting the railway here on a paying basis by providing facilities for business. He asked the co-operation of the Montreal Board in efforts to secure grain elevators, coal bunkers and a lumber assembly dock. All other matters were set aside for the time being as unimportant relatively. Little was said about the fish business, because the visitors had already been shown what was being done and the resources in fishing and the result of the efforts of the fishermen had already been impressed upon them.

Great Reception To
Sir Arthur Currie.

A great reception was given Sir Arthur Currie. The General was undoubtedly the hero of the evening. Those who knew him years ago before the war noticed a remarkable change. He has developed with the years of experience and the varied responsibilities of office, and yet withal there was the same kindly genial spirit that enabled him to carry on under adverse circumstances, and what was worse, often under unjust adverse criticism. He was shown clearly at the banquet that Prince Rupert people at any rate appreciate him and his work.

Empire Builders
And Statesmen.

Among the men who were here Saturday were many from Montreal who are prominent in Canadian affairs and whose influence extends far beyond the city in which they live. Among the visitors from Britain were those who exercise great influence on the policies of the Government. All were anxious to learn and to find out the views on public questions of the people here. Some of them will be among the Empire builders because it is the people who come and see for themselves who are able to have an intelligent appreciation of the problems of Empire and who are able to formulate policies that will prove acceptable. Prince Rupert people appreciate this effort of Montreal and of the members of the British Parliament to try to get acquainted with the problems of the west. We hope that the visit will pave the way for other visits of a like nature and possibly in the not too far distant future Prince Rupert may be able to send a similar delegation to learn the problems of the East and of Great Britain so that we may all keep in closer touch the one with the other. If we are to become a united people, there must be intercourse. The little matter of three thousand miles should not be allowed to be an insuperable difficulty in the way of close relationships between Montreal and Prince Rupert, the mother of Canadian seaports and the baby.

Vast Country
But Few People.

What particularly struck the visitors from London was the vastness of the country, the immense developments and the fewness of the people. To think that all the big cities, all the great public works over a territory more than three thousand miles in length should have been constructed by about two million men, the same number who live in London, was a source of wonder. The task was a stupendous one and the results amazing. Most of the visitors were here for the first time and they are learning lessons in distances, in immensities, and in what can be done as a result of determined effort. They return better able to appreciate Canadians than ever before and we trust they will be missionaries who will send us new settlers to help us cultivate our waste lands and build up here a British citizenship.

TURNBULL KEPT
BUSY IN LONDONDefends Use of Douglas Fir
Against Prejudices of British
Builders

William Turnbull, former editor of the Prince Rupert Daily News, and now assistant to the Agent General in London and lumber commissioner for B.C., has had to take issue with British users of lumber. The representative of one of the big firms of builders is reported to have said to a representative of the "Canadian Export Pioneer":

"Douglas fir is considered satisfactory for interior work. But builders will not use it for exterior work. It is a wide grained wood and they do not think it will stand sun and rain as well as yellow deal from the Baltic. They will not put it into concrete. Even for interior use there is some prejudice against Douglas fir. They say it will not take paint because it contains too much resin. The carpenters and joiners say it is very difficult to plane. To tell the truth, if Russia and the Baltic were exporting timber as they did in pre-war days, I do not think we would be able to sell Douglas fir at all."

Makes B.C. Smile

The Pioneer sought the opinion of William Turnbull, Timber Commissioner for British Columbia, on the points raised by Harding and Vick. "The interesting point in the interview," said Mr. Turnbull, "is that Messrs. Harding and Vick should quote the prejudices of the carpenter against the scientific facts brought out by the Timber Committee of the Imperial Institute."

"That Douglas fir is better adapted for interior than exterior work is a statement which makes a British Columbian smile. I can show you, in British Columbia, buildings constructed of Douglas fir sixty years ago, which are as sound today as when they were built, and our coast climate is not particularly dry. The man who describes Douglas fir as wide-grained has surely seen very few Douglas fir logs. In these logs you will find wide rings at the heart, but naturally, the rings narrow down to a pin width as the circle widens. There is a very wide variety in the formation of Douglas fir, according to the conditions under which it grows."

"They will not put it into concrete! Is this a test of the inherent qualities of any wood? I don't think so."

Memlock for Paint

"It will not take paint? For interior finish we don't paint it in British Columbia, preferring to show the fine natural beauty of the wood. Paint is used everywhere indoors in this country simply to cover up the defects in appearance of Baltic woods. We don't have to hide Douglas fir behind paint. We paint our outside Douglas fir, and have no difficulty in getting a good finish. Our Western hemlock is an ideal interior finish wood and will take paint or enamel perfectly. It is not well known over here, but should be."

"Old Douglas fir is usually hard to plane, simply because it hardens with age. That is why it is so valuable as a heavy structural wood. Is old Pitch Pine easy to plane?"

"In listening to comparisons between Baltic deal and Douglas fir, I am always reminded of the story of the East End urehino who was taken to the country and offered a fresh egg. He refused to eat it, giving as a reason that it 'haint neither got taste nor smell.'"

Queer Imperialism

"What amazes me," added Mr. Turnbull, with a touch of bitterness, "is that in England there is so much talk of Imperialism, when I find that Imperialism does not amount to 1 cent per thousand feet on timber. For a change I would suggest that importers and users of timber in this country try to find reasons for using Empire woods, instead of reasons for not using them."

Ten Years Ago
in Prince Rupert

September 25, 1912.

The Governor General and his party went up the line as far as Vaanarsdol yesterday and they were greatly pleased with the scenery and the prospects for agricultural development. W. C.

of Prince Rupert, visited here

HAZELTON

Last Saturday the wedding of Mrs. Mary Deans Cordner and Edward Sweet, both of this district, took place. Rev. J. R. Hewitt officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, of Prince Rupert, visited here



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