

Duncan Campbell Scott

Let your soul grow a thing apart
Untroubled by the restless day,
Sublimed by some unconscious art,
Controlled by some divine delay.

For life is greater than they think,
Who fret along its shallow bars,
Swing out the gloom to float or sink
And front the ocean and the stars.

DUNCAN CAMPBELL SCOTT, F.R.C.S., Litt. D., was one of the great poets of Canada. His genius ranged over a wide field, including prose stories as well as poetry, and found expression in a variety of forms, but his chief appeal to his readers was in his lyrics. There is an indication of this in the short poem quoted above entitled "The Ideal." A deep thinker, imaginative and artistic in his treatment of his themes, sympathetic, overflowing with love for the beautiful in nature as well as for the finer qualities in mankind, this sweet singer of Ottawa bountifully enriched Canadian letters.

He was, above everything, a poet of climate and atmosphere, employing with a nimble, graphic touch the clear, pure, transparent colors of a richly-furnished palette. He leaves unrecorded no single phase in the pageant of the northern year. His work abounds in magically humorous phrases and stanzas—particularly happy was he in the phrases suggested to him by the songs of birds. Nor was his talent merely descriptive. There was a philosophic and also a romantic strain in it. He was, before everything, a colorist. He painted in lines of a peculiar and vivid translucency.

Although the greater part of his life was spent in the service of the Dominion government's Department of Indian Affairs, Dr. Scott was essentially a poet. He did not permit the routine duties of his office to crowd out his beautiful dreams. His poetry flowered even in the field of ordinary, everyday affairs in the department.

Dr. Scott was also well known as a writer of prose.

A Denver youth crawled through a skylight to gaze at the full moon and fell into the street. This is a tough world for dreamers.

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RADIO AUCTION BIDS PILE UP

Bids Last Night Total \$142

The Junior Chamber of Commerce Radio Auction program went on the air for the second time last night, presenting a dozen items of amateur talent during its broadcast hour and garnering scores of bids for other performers who, presumably, will make their appearance on the final, two-hour program tonight.

In spite of inclement weather, which kept the studio audience in the Civic Centre small, there were \$142 in bids turned in. Most of the talent for which the bids were placed will be heard tonight.

Announcers on last night's program were Neil Ross and Bert Jeffreys who kept the program running smoothly despite an occasional difficulty in getting some of the performers to the hall immediately after their bids were placed.

Apparently the most popular performer on last night's program was Harold Whalen, who made three appearances singing "I'm Waiting for Ships That Never Come In" on two occasions by requests, and "I Love You Truly."

Allee Strand and Margaret Strachan, a schoolgirl piano and accordion team, did a repeat performance for substantial bids. Other performers were Andrew Letourneau, piano solo; Ian Dunbar, vocal solo "Stout Hearted Men"; Joanne Langridge, vocal solo, "Bless This House"; Mrs. J. R. Elfert, piano solo; Helen Hibbard, piano solo; Ella Marie Bagshaw, vocal solo "Danny Boy"; and Eleanor Hood, vocal solo "Somewhere in the Night." Mrs. J. S. Black was accompanist and provided background music.

Naas River Winter Is Proving Mild

Although there has been a foot-and-a-half of snow on the ground for the past couple of weeks, weather in the Naas Valley continues fairly mild and there is no sign of ice in the river yet, it is reported by Johnson Russ, chief counsellor of the village of Greenville, who is in the city on a pre-Christmas trip. Water in the river is fairly high. There were heavy rains before the snow came. Mr. Russ came in with Chris Calder on the latter's boat and James Angus also is in the party.

LETTERBOX

RETAIN INSTALLATIONS

Editor,
Daily News—
After forty years of painful waiting, the permanent port installations elated the pioneers to heart's content. It is shocking to hear anyone mentioning of scrapping them now on the eve of real development.

If they are, as they surely are, of permanent nature for the port's use, why did the C.N.R. permit the perpetration of such abuse? We are often reminded that the C.N.R. has the interests of Prince Rupert at heart. Why then did it let such plums pass out of their hands at the start? Of all the abuses that Prince Rupert had endured, this is the most outrageous of them all.

Pioneers of Rupert, let your indignation sky-rocket and see that the government plays ball! Let those in authority exercise their wisdom and end talk of scrapping installations worth millions.

The American installations are of permanent nature and belong to the port.

Pioneers, raise your voice and see that their true object no one is allowed to distort.

The Chamber of Commerce's attitude relative to this matter is Prince Rupert's stand. It is a timely act that we as a community highly commend.

—ONE OF THE FEW
REMAINING PIONEERS.

PINS EXPENSIVE THEN
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WINNER CLAIMS ROTARY CAR

Mrs. Mary R. Franks Sells Prize to Employers

Mrs. Mary R. Franks of Cedarvale, winner of the Rotary Club automobile which was raffled as a door prize at the Rotary ball on December 12, arrived in the city last night to claim her prize which she sold this morning to her two employers at the mill camp where she works in the interior settlement.

Purchasers of the Chevrolet car were Helge Sorensen and Bert Albertson, sawmill operators of Cedarvale, who drove to Prince Rupert yesterday with Mrs. Franks. Because of heavy snowfall, the trip took 10 hours, considerably longer than it ordinarily would require.

Undaunted, the party took off in the new car which they picked up at Long Motors shortly after noon today to return to Cedarvale.

Reports from Vancouver indicate that the condition of Lynn Griffiths, who was flown from Prince Rupert to Vancouver to receive special treatment for an injured eye, continue favorable. The child is the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Len Griffiths.

You saw it in the Daily News!

England Is Winner Over New Zealand

BRADFORD, England (P)—England defeated New Zealand 25 to 9 in the third and final rugby league test match between the two countries here today.

LIGHTNING AND THUNDER HERE

Shortly before 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, Prince Rupert experienced thunder and lightning with the former not particularly heavy and the flash not to blinding. One man thought he heard a blast being fired at Port Edward.

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