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MR. COLLISON INTERESTING

St. Andrew's Society Hears Indian Agent on Progress of Natives

W. E. Collison, Indian Agent, gave a very interesting address on "The Development and Progress of the Pacific Coast Indian" before the St. Andrew's Society last night in the society's rooms. In spite of the inclement weather the attendance was large.

In his address Mr. Collison dwelt upon the marvellous progress the Indians on the coast had made collectively during the past 50 or 60 years. Half a century ago the natives on the Pacific coast were living in practically the stone age but, through the education they had received at the hands of the white missionaries and others, they had progressed rapidly and today were just as far advanced in their style of living as was the white men.

Mr. Collison also dealt with the different theories which had been advanced as to the origin of the Indian race. As far as could be ascertained, in view of the fact that the Indian had no written language and consequently no written history, the Indian had sprung from the peoples of northern Asia at some very remote period.

"What is going to become of the Indian?" asked the lecturer. In answering the question Mr. Collison advanced the opinion that the Indian of today would, in years to come, become so advanced in civilization that he would be absorbed into the white race. In speaking of the character of the Indian the lecturer stated there were good and bad Indians just the same as there were good and bad white men. In the north country he had met among the Indians some of the finest men and women he had ever seen in his life. Mr. Collison said that his own godfather was an Indian and that he was proud of the fact.

So interesting was the lecture by Mr. Collison that the St. Andrew's Society will endeavor to have him lecture again during the next syllabus on the Indian Polite.



Doings of the Mosquito Fleet which is the chief source of Prince Rupert's prosperity

The Admiral of the Mosquito fleet reports the halibut landings for the week light, accounted for by the fact that the ushering in of the New Year interfered in a measure with the regular business. The boys spent a quiet but very enjoyable time on New Year's Day and the behaviour of all ranks was exemplary. The old man vovs there is not a better behaved fishing fleet in the world when it comes down to morale and being on the job. The festivities were confined to purely family entertainments and no general upheaval took place. Keen optimism is evident along the waterfront for the improvement of conditions in the nautical game. Those officers and men engaged in the salmon trolling and cannery business profited a much earlier start in all departments of the fishing game this year, claiming that arrangements have already been made for crews, boats, etc. The majority of members of both the American and Canadian fishing fleets have taken advantage of the holiday season to be home with their families and this has consequently affected the landings. Boats of the Canadian fleet which have been overhauled during the past two months will shortly be getting into the game again and the southern fleet will be coming out stronger with the advent of better weather conditions. The only untoward nautical happening over the festive season was the stranding of the American schooner Sumner, Capt. Soriano, outside Ketchikan early on Tuesday morning. The boat went on the rocks at high tide but was successfully refloated and arrived in port on Thursday morning with a very satisfactory catch. The damage was not so serious as was first thought. Few of the small boats engaged in trapping operations have yet put into port with any fur but some good arrivals are expected during the month.

house building will be introduced in this instance. In addition to a revolving staircase the bath room will contain a billiard table. The idea of the billiard table is that one can have a game of billiards while waiting for the bath to fill up. Frank has taken all the lumber necessary aboard and has returned to Porcher to commence building operations.

Fish Business

During the week 171,000 lbs. of halibut has been marketed on the Fish Exchange. Americans were high at 18.7c and 10.1c and low at 16.2c and 10c. The arrivals were: Pioneer, Tom and Al. Wireless, Sumner.

Yard Activities

The N. M. McLean shipyard ways are full to capacity and all the loose tools around the place are working. The fishing schooner Eagle is off the ways after undergoing her annual overhaul and will in all probability be out over the week end chasing the hairless halibut. The Ringleader, Capt. Sollows, is the next boat to go into the chair for a general looking to. The hull and deck is to be recaulked and the engine thoroughly gone over. The Suga yards are occupied with the building of a trolling boat which is rapidly taking shape and will be ready for the water before the month is out. Bone Yard Creek is full with small boats being put into shape in readiness for the forthcoming dash to the salmon grounds. Capt. Khort is busy building a rowboat. It is understood he has several boats of this type on order.

The power boat Skeena City is in port from the Skeena river for supplies.

Zorra is Watched

The secret service of the fleet have been much exercised lately over the remarkable antics of the power boat Zorra, Capt. Brown. It is said this craft often goes out backwards to make believe she is coming in. According to a nautical celebrity, another remarkable feature is the powerful engine. In fact it is said to be so strong that it will turn canned milk sour.

Skaters Out

The launch Oh Baby, Capt. Myhill Jones, otherwise known as the ship of romance, made several trips on New Year's Day to the Salt Lakes with bappy parties on skating bent. The weather was ideal and while the ice was a bit rough it served the purpose excellently. Observers say that several pretty and poetic little love romances were witnessed during the day. It's funny how a good sheet of ice and a pair of skates will awake the love sentiment of the youthful. In fact it is not always necessary to be the proud possessor of two skates in some cases one skate is sufficient. Unfortunately the sad break in the weather has killed the joy of the ice for a while at any rate.

The Storm

The heavy wind storm and the rain which struck the city on public exhibition it is said Thursday night and continued that several new innovations in throughout yesterday was gen-

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STATION AGENT AT HAYSPORT IS ASKED

Board of Trade Receives Communication From Superintendent Walton on Matter

Regarding the establishing of an agent at Haysport station, the Board of Trade received a communication last night from N. B. Walton, C.N.R. assistant general superintendent, stating that light business there, in his opinion, did not warrant an agent but he would go further into the matter. The railway and navigation committee of the board had made a request for an agent at Haysport as a convenience to the people of Port Essington who received considerable express through that station.

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