

NEW STEAMER ISLANDS' RUN

Deal About Complete for Purchase of St. Margaret — Alaska Boat is Mentioned

The Vancouver Province has the following regarding proposed coast steamship service of the C.G.M.M.

"If the survey which is now about to be made of the British steamer St. Margaret, ex Chief-tain, shows her to be up to the claims of the present owners in regard to the condition of hull, fittings and machinery the Grand Trunk Pacific steamship service of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine Limited, will have a new liner on the coast this spring. It is expected that if she is accepted after survey, a master will leave here within the next fortnight for the Old Country to bring her out here in time to start the spring or early summer service to the Queen Charlotte Islands.

The St. Margaret is a steel screw ship, with oil-burning furnaces, and a speed of 15 1/2 knots. She is well known in British coast service and on the Mediterranean. For the past year or so she has been on a run on the Mediterranean out of Gibraltar.

Bigger than John

Built in 1907 at Ayr, Scotland, she is 241 feet long, 33 feet beam and 11 feet deep. This shows her to be midway, in size, between the present Queen Charlotte Islands run steamer Prince John, and the Prince Rupert liners. The Prince John is 185 feet long, and the Prince Rupert liners are 306 feet long.

The St. Margaret, if bought, will be given a "Prince" name, and will be operated regularly out of this port. It is believed that it is the intention of the C.G.M.M. to endeavor this year to lay down for construction one or two large and fast coast liners for extension of the present northward service to take in Alaska ports. This matter was urged last year, but was put over until this year for final decision.

BOAT ARRIVALS

Arrivals from the south on the C.N.R. steamer Prince Rupert yesterday afternoon included:

For Prince Rupert—C. Park-vold, P. Wold, Mrs. S. J. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. J. Macenzie and family, J. Morrison, W. G. Brown, W. March, J. Thompson, H. Peterson, Ed. Winter, Mrs. Basil Porritt and child, Mrs. Lawrence Moore and child, Irving McDermott, L. D. Merkle (Prince George), Mr. Tomkins, George Rorie, Mr. and Mrs. John Hansen and children, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Campbell, E. L. Hartrop, R. E. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bryce, Mrs. Beckwith, J. H. Le Page (Prince George), J. P. Wheeler (Telawa), F. S. Shep-ward, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Moore (Vanderhoof) and F. J. Hurley.

For Stewart—C. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Collins, Constable and Mrs. Isip and family, R. F. Hill, A. Roberts, L. Jessen, F. H. Lewis and A. Caröben.

For Anxox—Mrs. McDermott, R. M. De Fossel, H. Wallace, H. A. Smith, D. Howell, B. D. Clegg, Miss M. Nicholson, D. G. Brown, R. McMillan, Mrs. Mills, Miss Murphy, Mrs. J. Cody, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bosnich and Mr. Ross.

W. H. Manual, C.N.R. auditor, arrived in the city from Prince George on last night's train.

Gives Lie to Statements That He Harmed Rather Than Helped The Queen Charlotte Islands

(By C. Harrison)

Knowing what these islands are like and the great future before them, I have always done my utmost to bring the possibilities of their development before the general public, but no matter what I have done in this respect in the past I have frequently been told by certain new-comers that it was entirely through my influence that these islands are today in such a backward condition, and that my reason for not advertising these islands more than I have done was owing to my desire to keep all settlers out.

Now this I deny in toto, and in evidence of what I have done in the past to get parties interested, I cannot do better than quote an editorial that appeared in the Vancouver Province, March 17, 1909. The writer of it was and is still unknown to me, but this article vindicates the position I have always held in regard to the whole of the Queen Charlotte Islands as a group. It is as follows:

"The first gold excitement in British Columbia took place on the Queen Charlotte Islands away back in the fifties. A large area of coal deposits on Graham Island was acquired and developed in a preliminary way years ago. Mr. Harrison was engaged in mission work amongst the Haidas thirty years ago. He remained as missionary to the Haidas for eight years and then became engaged in cattle raising. Fishoil was manufactured at Skidegate, and has long been established as a regular industry. The Hudson's Bay Co. had an early trading post at Massett to trade with the Indians. The Queen Charlotte Islands were the happy hunting grounds for a generation or so of curio seekers. Coasting steamers have called at intervals there for a long time. There have been government explorations made, prospectors and timber cruisers have roamed over the islands at various times within the last twenty years.

"Yet, notwithstanding all these things, nobody, one man excepted, had faith in them. No metalliferous minerals of any consequence were known to exist; the coal areas were reported to be too much broken up to be of value; the downfall of rain was too great to make the islands habitable; there was no agricultural land of any extent or value on Graham Island, and what there was was covered with moss and hopelessly in need of draining; the timber also was too scattered to be of any commercial value, etc., etc.

One Man Had Faith

"The one man who had faith was the aforesaid missionary, and he talked so much and so big about Graham Island in particular when he had the opportunity of getting the ear of a stranger, which was seldom, that people thought he was drawing a very long bow or was touched in the upper storey. His optimism injured his reputation as a former missionary, and when his stories were repeated it was the proper thing to say: 'Oh, that's only Harrison talking.' Nobody else dared to have convictions on the subject for fear of sharing the universal doubt attaching to Harrison's statements. So although it was uncharitable to say, perhaps, Harrison's hymn of praise attuned to one key for high on to thirty years, unsiren-like, warned people away from these shores.

"Harrison has had his revenge. He has gained the respect due to a missionary whose voice so long cried in the wilderness. He may have been unwise in his strenuous persistence with which he strove to cause others to share his optimism concerning his treasure islands, but he was wise in other respects. He, long ago, acquired a goodly slice of government land at Massett, and he was as pertinacious and long suffering in hanging on to it as he was assiduous in singing the praises of his adopted but rather lonely island, to which as a white man he bore about the same resemblance as did Alexander Selkirk to his lonely abode.

Japanese Arrive

"Along came, of all persons, some Japanese, attracted no doubt to these islands by their physical resemblance to the islands of Nippon, and discover rich copper veins, now developed into mines. Along come other prospectors and locate more claims, also copper kings to look over the field. Along come tim-

ber cruisers and apply for thousands upon thousands of timber licenses and leases. Along come land-seekers and stake so many sections, half sections and quarter sections of agricultural land on Graham Island, that the government sent up a Joshua in the form of a provincial land surveyor to spy out the country and report on it. Then comes the newspaper, the harbinger of speculative and industrial activities, the influx of settlers, the plotting of townsites, and the projection of government main roads and a railway. It matters not now whether his theme be the richness of the Queen Charlotte Islands or not. The spell has been broken, and the people are coming of their own accord. Other things are coming, too, wharves, weekly mail service, wireless stations, telegraph and government officers, a most remarkable development in a very short time. Harrison was right."

(Editor's note—This is the eighteenth of Mr. Harrison's series of articles on the Queen Charlotte Islands. The nineteenth will appear in an early issue.)

The Man in the Moon

SAYS:

KEEPING right up to date is getting a big head before morning after a night out.

THOSE who are fond of making up figures might try to discover how much time is lost by a stenographer in opening her compact and powdering her nose in the course of a year.

ANOTHER thing to work on would be to find out what was the loss of time and money from smoking cigarettes during working hours.

YES and another thing for the statistician to turn his attention to is how much good advice given by editors and preachers goes to waste every year.

THE border line between stinginess and thrift is very easily crossed.

NOW that the elevator contract is let, lets get busy for a change.

WHAT I am wondering is how high Prince Rupert will climb by means of that elevator.

WHEN a girl is asked how long she will wear her skirt she hardly knows whether to answer "three months" or "just above the ankles."

"STEP on it kid" is much more expressive than "hurry."

SETTING and thinking we are going to get rich when the elevator is built will not get us anywhere.

IF you wish to kiss a girl all you have to do is follow the line of least resistance.

WHAT I could never understand was how some of these men got away with it. If I was a girl I should think about fifteen hundred times before I consented to the purchase of the license.

Ten Years Ago

in Prince Rupert

January 22, 1915.

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