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**Talk About Separation.**

Undoubtedly there is some truth in what the London Morning Post says in regard to the talk in this country about separation from the Empire. Anyone who travels about the country is bound to hear it, if he keep his ears open. The Native Sons are the most outspoken. Many of the boys born in this country object to the idea of subservience and particularly to the attitude of some Old Country people toward those who live here.

There is a very considerable group in the big cities that openly urges in general conversation the advantages to be gained from joining the United States while others would have Canada independent.

Just what influence these groups will have on the future policy of the country is not clear. At present it is not very influential, or apparently not. However, it is vigorous and unless the federation of British nations becomes very clearly defined, will steadily increase.

**Argument In Vancouver Regarding Separation.**

The editor of this paper had an argument on the subject in Vancouver recently. The argument of the other man summarized was something like this:

"You live in Prince Rupert? Then you know something about the handicap Canada suffers. You know that Canadian fishermen have to pay two cents a pound on halibut they catch, for the privilege of being subjects of King George. You know that on almost everything you buy you are taxed for the same privilege. You know that if you go south to the States you are under no stigma but if you remain at home and mention that it would be good business to join the States you are immediately branded as disloyal. You know that if you have children they will probably become Americans before they die. Why not let them have the privilege without migrating south?"

There were other arguments but these were the chief and they are given here just for the purpose of letting people know how a considerable group of citizens are talking. The men quoted said that nearly every man he met held a somewhat similar opinion.

**Feeling Not Very Widespread.**

While this feeling exists among the younger element of native born Canadians, we do not think it is widespread. It will be remembered that only a few years ago the Liberal party in Canada was defeated because people feared that the policy of reciprocity would lead to union with the United States. As a matter of fact the opposite has been true. The policy of handicaping the Canadian has led to the feeling, such as it is, toward separation and possible amalgamation with the union to the south.

It is useless to shut our eyes to conditions. In Prince Rupert we have had somewhat similar sentiments more or less freely expressed and burying our heads in the sand or saying "pooh, pooh!" does not change them. What we have to do is face the fact and seek for a remedy.

**No Need For Being Uneasy.**

According to the abbreviated report coming on the wire, the Morning Post says some uneasiness exists in the Mother Country over the matter. We do not see why this should be. If anyone is uneasy it should be Canada. Britain gains nothing except prestige from having Canada as an associate nation. We trade with United States and United States money is spent freely here. It is doubtful if we should do much less business with the Mother Land even if we were part of the States. The question is of more importance to Canada than to Britain but it is a problem for both to consider and to solve. If the feeling is to be allayed it must be by giving Canada equal treatment both in business and in formulating imperial policies. Also Canada must consider this question carefully when formulating her fiscal and domestic policies.

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# PREPARING WAY FOR HEBRIDEANS

**Commander Jones Visits Islands and Tells of Conditions he Found There**

**SETTLERS WERE HAPPY**

**Even London Plumber Was Meeting With Success in Establishing New Home**

"While the Hebrideans are a peculiar people and a little given to dispondency and are easily discouraged, the life here would be very similar to their home life and I do not see why they should not make good on this coast," said Commander Jones, chairman of the fishery board of Scotland, in addressing the Rotary Club yesterday.

While it seemed a simple matter to advise people, Commander Jones said he felt the responsibility in regard to what message he took back to the Hebrideans. Many of them were married people with children and it was a serious matter to them to come to a new country. In the Hebrides there were but two industries, fishing and farming, and the people had not made good at either. Many of them had been on the verge of starvation. The crops had failed and the peat on which they depended for fuel had not dried out. The result was they had neither food nor fuel. Many lived under the most squalid conditions but their greatest handicap was their temperament, the tendency to despondency and discouragement.

**Condition of Settlers**

Commander Jones said he had been trying to sum up conditions here. The resources of the sea were inexhaustible but he was not so impressed with the islands for farming purposes. However, he found all the settlers there happy, healthy, robust and contented. The only tenderfoot he had found was a man from London who had formerly been a plumber. He had built himself a comfortable but rough house and was clearing a little land around it where he had a garden. He had worked as tallyman in the canneries and now had a boat with an engine and was intending to fish for himself next season.

The others were old timers. He was surprised at the variety of food they secured. They had abundance of duck, fish, clams, crabs, venison and other food. They had undoubtedly roughed it but had emerged successfully and were making a good living. The happiest man he found was one with eleven children. This man was determined to make the best of everything and was equally determined not to leave.

**Migratory Life**

The difficulty was that in the Hebrideans he had to deal with a different people. They lived a somewhat migratory life, following the herring from the north of Scotland to the east coast of England, working on the fishing boats and then returning home for a couple of months. The work was seasonal, as it was here, and he thought they might adapt themselves to the conditions on this coast.

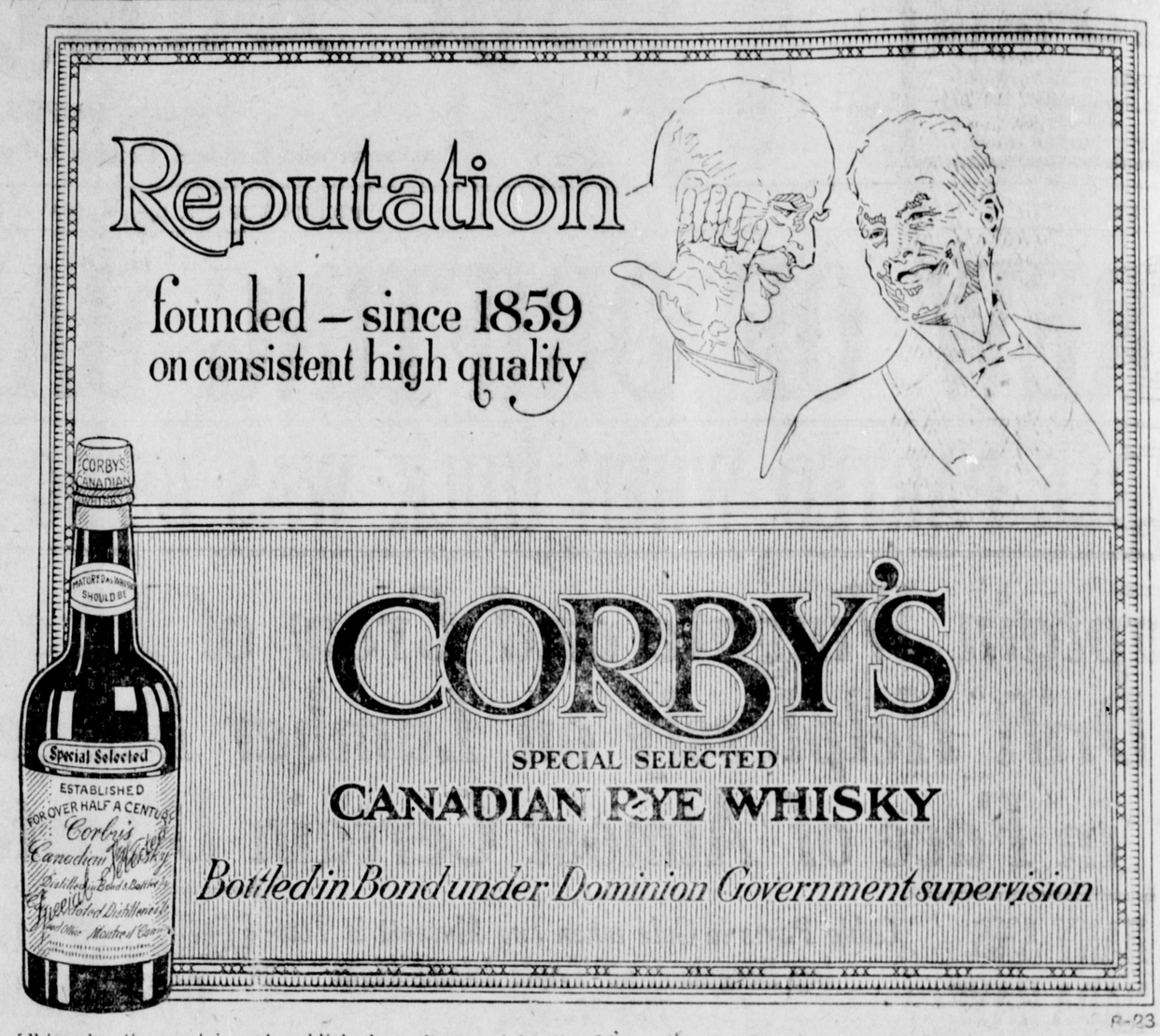
The speaker said he had interviewed cannerymen and those engaged in the halibut fisheries and he was assured by them that any man who was willing to work hard could make good. He feared that the Hebrideans would feel homesick but with sympathy and encouragement they should eventually do well.

# SENDOFF IS GIVEN TO MISS E. M. EARL

**Surprise Party for Her on Eve of Her Departure for Vancouver**

The home of Mrs. Joe Jack, Stork block, was stormed last night by a party of friends and taken without opposition, the occasion being a surprise party on Miss E. M. Earl on the eve of her departure for Vancouver. The evening was delightfully spent in dancing and games and delectable refreshments were served. At the conclusion Miss Earl was presented with a suitable gift as a token of the regard in which she had been held.

Miss Earl sailed on the Prince Rupert this morning for the south on a prolonged business trip and will probably reside in Vancouver permanently.



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# SCHOOL REPORTS SATISFACTORY

**Average Attendance of Pupils Keeps High Principals State**

Attendance figures for the month of December for the various schools were submitted to the school board last night by the respective principals as follows:

Borden street school — total, 280; attendance per centage, 94.86.

Booth school—total 377; attendance percentage, 91.48.

High school—total, 131; actually attending, 129.

**Borden Street**

It was reported by Miss S. A. Mills, principal of Borden Street School, that Tom Savoff, the 17-year old Bulgarian youth, was proving a hindrance to the progress of an elementary class in which he was enrolled. Through education in the Old Country, he was well advanced in all subjects except English of which he knew very little and in which he required special tuition. On motion of Trustees Rochester and Casey, it was decided that the youth in question be requested to discontinue attendance in public school until he had learned more of the English language.

Miss Mills also reported on the October exams. in the various divisions of the Borden Street School. Satisfactory progress was being made in all grades but the Entrance Class work was suffering through the fact that the class contained several students who had been promoted on probation and were not making good progress. There was no room for them in the next division lower.

Money raised at a recent school concert, Miss Mills reported, was being devoted to the purchase of supplementary readers. Book-cases, which had not been built according to specification, had been repaired and were now very satisfactory.

**February Beginners**

Miss Mills and D. H. Hartness, principal of Booth School, were questioned as to the number of beginners that were expected in February. Miss Mills stated that six were contemplating entering Borden Street School and Mr. Hartness reported twelve for Booth School. It was felt that these could be handled in the present classes without engaging new teachers.

**High School**

Principal Brady reported 44 boys and 87 girls in attendance at the High School. Three new pupils had been admitted at the first of this term and 10 had left at the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Brady reported the school premises in good condition. The matter of purchasing blinds for the High School was left in the hands of the secretary.

S. E. Parker, chairman of the board, inquired about physical drill work in the High School. Mr. Brady stated that it was intended to resume this when more favorable weather came in the spring. Signalling and first aid classes were also to be instituted. Mr. Brady pointed out that such instruction as this was outside the regular curriculum and was given gratuitously by the teachers. It was given by officers of the militia department in southern schools.

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# WAS WELL KNOWN IN THE PROVINCE

**Arthur Maxwell Wade, Who Died Recetnly in Vancouver, was Naval Officer in Crimean War**

Arthur Maxwell Wade, aged 87, former British naval officer during the Crimean War and resident of this province for half a century, died recently in Vancouver. He was the father of M. C. Wade, formerly of this city and now of Ocean Falls. The late Mr. Wade was widely known and respected throughout British Columbia.

## Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

The charm of the trip through the Rocky Mountains on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway between Prince Rupert and Edmonton is already becoming widely known although the railway has only been in operation for a few months. Eastern travellers speak very highly of the trip.

The hospital board, at its regularly monthly meeting last night, decided to give a complimentary dance to the nurses who are shortly to graduate from the training school.

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