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Premier of North Island is Visitor to Prince Rupert and Welcomed by Local Ulstermen

One of Prince Rupert's most distinguished visitors this year was Lieut. Col. the Right Hon. Sir James Craig, premier of North Ireland, who, with Lady Craig and their son and daughter, spent several hours in the city yesterday afternoon en route from the East to Vancouver in the course of a tour of Canada. The party arrived in the city in its special car attached to the regular afternoon passenger train and sailed for the south on the steamer Prince Rupert.

There was a large crowd at the station as the train bearing Sir James and his party steamed in. Mayor Newton and six of the aldermen, as well as a delegation of the local Ulster community extended a welcome to the city before the mayor and aldermen took the party on a sightseeing tour including visits to the dry dock and cold storage plant.

Presentation Made

An informal "at home" was then held in the Commodore Cafe. R. H. Leighton spoke briefly and referred to the important part that Ulster men had played in the development of the district. Archdeacon Colquhoun was the first Indian missionary; George Cunningham established the first cannery on the Skeena River and Capt. Alex. Kane brought the first steamer into the port from the Orient without a pilot. All were Ulstermen. A presentation of Indian souvenirs was made to Sir James and Lady Craig by A. J. Phillipson and Sir James replied briefly. Some fifty persons were in attendance.

After this event, the party returned to its car in the railway yards and there was a delegation at the wharf to farewell Sir James as the steamer Prince Rupert pulled out.

The committee in charge of the welcome to Sir James on behalf of the local Ulster people consisted of R. H. Leighton, William Gilchrist, W. J. Ledlie, Joe Harvey, Rev. J. B. Gibson, Jack Campbell, W. H. Montgomery, J. H. Smith and Alex. Martin.

Welcome to Province

Sir James was officially welcomed to British Columbia on behalf of the provincial government by Hon. T. D. Pattullo who boarded the same train at Burrus Lake and accompanied the party into Prince Rupert. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ledlie went to Terrace to welcome the party on behalf of the local Ulsterites. At Inverness, R. G. Johnston, another Ulster man, boarded the train and presented to Sir James a case of locally canned salmon.

Accompanying the party on its tour of Canada as personal representative of the Canadian National Railways is William Phillips of Montreal, manager of the C.N.R. industrial department, who has his daughter, Miss Beulah Phillips, with him. "Conditions in Ireland are better today than they have been in the last 50 years. North Ireland and south Ireland are working together amicably and in a spirit of brotherhood, for the good of Ireland and for the empire."

Such was the message brought to Irishmen in Canada by Sir James.

"I've had six years of service as prime minister of Ulster, and nine previous years in other public jobs," said Sir James, "and this is my first holiday. I thought I couldn't spend it better than seeing Canada. Ulstermen know Canada from end to end, and even though we are not able in these days to send many agricultural settlers to Canada, it is a land in which we are keenly interested, and of which I feel that I cannot learn enough."

Sir James preferred to say nothing of his impressions of Canada until he had had an opportunity to look around him.

Among People

"I want to get right among the people," was Sir James' way of putting it. "I want to find out at first hand, something of the life of the people who are today engaged in building up this vast, new country of which we are hearing so much."

"It's too bad that we haven't more agricultural settlers to offer you," he added, "but you see, since the census of 1911, our population has not grown a great deal, and we need all the farm workers we have today to till the agricultural lands of our own country."

Canada could be of inestimable help in assisting Ireland to get back on its feet, declared Sir James. He suggested that Irishmen desirous of migrating to Canada should come out as harvesters. They would then have ample opportunity to look over the

country and decide whether they wanted to settle. Those who wished to stay could do so, and the others could go back home. This plan, thought Sir James, would do away with the assisted immigration schemes and would eradicate the possibility of dissatisfaction after arrival.

Ireland's two leading industries—shipbuilding and linen making—were in dire distress, Sir James said. Shipbuilding was rapidly improving, but the linen industry was hard hit. Thousands of workers were idle, due to the high tariff and he suggested that Canada "might do worse" than give Irish linen a preference of from 10 to 20 per cent, thus helping to adjust the financial situation.

Sir James advocated the abolition of the word immigrant.

Harmony in Ireland

Sir James waxed enthusiastic about the conditions in Ireland. "North and south Ireland are happily settled these days," he said. "There is great harmony—better conditions than there have been in the last 50 years. Irishmen are working together for the good of Ireland and the empire, as they have never done before. Premier Cosgrave (of south Ireland) and I are the best of friends, and we can meet at all times for an amicable discussion of the welfare of all our people."

Sir James entered public life as a Unionist member for the east division of County Down in 1906, serving until 1918, when he contested and was returned for Mid-Down, which seat he held until he became prime minister of north Ireland in 1921. He saw service in the South African war, and held important positions with the British ministry of pensions, and with the British admiralty, from 1917 to 1921. He is also an associate of the Institute of Naval Architects.

TERRACE

W. Aird of Pacific was in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. Wm. West and daughter Mary returned at the beginning of the week from Prince Rupert where Mary was a patient in the hospital for several days.

Miss J. Haddock, deaconess of United Church, Prince Rupert, is a guest at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Allan of Knox United Church parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Frost returned on Monday from a trip to Prince Rupert and visited at Remo, en route home.

Mrs. O. T. Sundal entertained the B.D. Bridge Club on Tuesday evening.

Miss Irene Durlam, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. O. T. Sundal, returned to her home in Esk on Wednesday.

Mrs. G. G. Elliott, of Vancouver, Grand President of the Order of Rebekahs, visited the local lodge on Thursday evening in the course of a trip of inspection through the district. After official business was transacted banquet tables were laid in the club rooms and a pleasant social hour spent. Mrs. Elliott was accompanied by Mrs. Abbott of Prince George, another prominent Rebekah.

Mrs. Warbeck and daughter returned to Prince Rupert during the week, after spending the summer months at their home here.

Mrs. T. J. Thornton, of Smithers is a business visitor in town at present.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Arkell returned on Wednesday from Prince Rupert where they were married on Monday by Rev. G. G. Haeker. The bride, formerly Miss Florence Bailey, was very well known locally having been employed in the dining room of Gordon's Hotel for a number of years, and was a very popular

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member of the younger set here. The groom is employed by Kenney Bros. and Co. Mr. and Mrs. Arkell are taking up house-keeping in the western end of town.

School re-opened on Tuesday morning with an entire new staff with the exception of Miss Mallot. Mr. Spragg of Bella Coola is the new principal. Miss Easthope has charge of grades 5 and 6, Miss Mallot, grades 3 and 4, and Miss Peters, grades 1 and 2. So far no high school teacher has been obtained in Mr. Peddie's place but a number of applications are under consideration.

The many friends of Mrs. W. J. Parsons, formerly of Terrace, and now of Elizabeth Colorado, were deeply relieved to receive

word during this last week of her very serious illness, caused by paralysis. While little hope was held out for her recovery, at the time of writing Mr. Parsons said her condition was somewhat improved, although she was still perfectly helpless.

JUMPED THROUGH WINDOW AT SIDNEY DIED AT HOSPITAL

VICTORIA, Sept. 11. — John Beale, 19 years of age, who jumped through a window at Sidney in a vain attempt to escape from scalding steam from a boiler which burst Tuesday, died in the hospital here today as a result of serious burns sustained.

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