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CANADIANS ADD TO LITERATURE.

Two notable books have been added to the collection of Canadian literature this year in the form of "Huldowget," the first book of Bruce A. McKelvie, a former editor of the Prince Rupert Daily News and now on the staff of the Vancouver Province, and "Grain" by Robert J. C. Stead.

"Grain," a Romance of the Wheat Country, which has just been published by McClelland & Stewart Limited, Toronto, is a significant contribution to the serious literature of Canada. It far surpasses any previous story by this well known author, and will probably establish him in a category far ahead of that in which he has been found in the past. "Grain" is a fascinating presentation of a familiar type of boy of the Canadian farms, of the current generation; it traces his development, absorbingly, from little boyhood through adolescence, into young manhood in the rural isolation of the prairie grain fields, and reveals sympathetically the reaction of this type of character to the peculiarities and limitations of his environment, on a farm settled by a familiar Ontario pioneer family and developed with a clutter of modern machinery and engines.

The novel, as an artistic achievement, is a remarkable advance not only beyond Mr. Stead's previous work, but beyond any other novels of western Canadian life yet published. The boy is surrounded by a rural community of interesting characters distinctly drawn and charmingly familiar to any one who knows rural life in western or central Canada. They are set out with insight and fine balance and without exaggeration for dramatic effect; and the author has succeeded in making an absorbing and significant story out of the small events of their superficially monotonous daily affairs. It is Mr. Stead's first novel of character study. He displays indisputable genius in his clever invention of revealing incident, in the skill with which he sets character against background, and in the manner in which he develops the significance of apparently trivial matters. There is a true feeling of the Canadian farm in the book; readers with experience of farm life find many passages vivid and poignant.

In craftsmanship "Grain" is notably better than any previous story by Mr. Stead. He has written gracefully, with a perceptible improvement in diction, and with a calculated restraint which is effective. The narrative is constantly relieved by the gentle, flickering humor which has always characterized his writing, but which is here employed with real artistry to keep the sun shining through the bleakest passages, and to provide the reader with constant surface amusement.

STORY OF THE SUPERSTITIONS OF THE INDIANS.

The swaying trees of the North Pacific Coast whisper mysterious stories; the moaning winds that sweep in from the Western Ocean bear weird messages from the world of mist where strange creatures dwell, and the wind-driven spume that carries high up on the bluff headlands tells tales of the black caverns of the deep, where monsters lurk, watching and waiting for those whom the sea demons ensnare.

Such have been the native beliefs for countless centuries. It is in such an atmosphere of mysticism that the story of Huldowget—the evil spirit—has been unfolded. And in its unfolding is portrayed the mighty fight that is continuously being waged; a battle between the forces of the distant past and those of the newer civilisation of the white man—recent arrivals on the rock-ribbed rim of the North American continent.

In such a setting Mr. McKelvie has presented something new and startling in the way of a novel. It is a story of a conflict between the superstitions of the Indians and the convictions of the white men, represented at the isolated mission of Fort Oliver by Dr. Mainwaring, his devoted wife, and Mary Cunningham, a nurse.

A half-breed, educated for the ministry, has recanted to the faith of his mother's people, and possessed of the white man's learning, combined with a knowledge of the lore of the forests and his own native cunning, he seeks dominion over the minds of the aboriginal people. Slowly, but surely, he carries his doctrines into the very citadel of the white man's supremacy, the Mission House, until finally he gains power over the girl.

There follows the hunting of the Huldowget, and the trial by the mouse, barbaric customs—customs having their origin shrouded in the very mists of time.

So graphically has Mr. McKelvie pictured these strange scenes, that the droning of the old squaws, and the measured beating of the cedar-box drums, the measured intonation of the announcer ring in the reader's ears, while he sees rising from the printed page the wild, fanatical form of the necromancer, the frightened, strained faces of the watchers of the mouse, and the bruised and battered visage of John Collishaw who offered himself as a sacrifice that others might live.

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WATERFRONT WHIFFS

Capt. Holmes Freeman proposes Queen Charlotte Islands for raising of buffalo---boat building in Vancouver for service out of Rupert

That the Queen Charlotte Islands would afford a suitable habitat for buffalo is the opinion of Capt. Holmes Freeman, a pioneer navigator of this coast, whose knowledge of its conditions have made him a recognized authority.

"P. Burns, pioneer cattleman," writes Capt. Freeman, who was formerly master of the government cruiser Malaspina, and who is now retired in Vancouver, "has been awarded the contract for the slaughtering of 2,000 buffalo in order to thin out Canada's rapidly increasing herds. Several shipments of these animals have also been made to the Mackenzie river and other points north.

"It has often occurred to me that it would be good business for our local government to apply for and request the Ottawa government to send a consignment of 100 or 200 to this coast to be placed on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

"Admitting that these islands do not afford the range of the prairie provinces; still, they would support a small herd very comfortably. The climate conditions are perfect and the thickly timbered districts affording good shelter during the winter months. Food there is in abundance along many of the streams, lakes and shore line of these islands, as has already been proved by the band of wild cattle which recently roamed the northern shores of Graham Island.

"These cattle were imported by the Hudson's Bay Company, many of them becoming very wild. When this company abandoned their station at Massett the cattle were left behind, and I understand their ownership was given to the late Mr. Alexander. When his estate was settled up many of these cattle were killed and the beef shipped to the mainland and Alaska. What few were left were shot by Indians, ranchers, fishermen and others until they are now nearly or entirely extinct. These cattle were always found to be in prime condition, even in the early spring.

The Anglican mission boat, Northern Cross, of which Canon W. F. Rushbrook is the well known and highly popular skipper, has been taken up for the winter at Osland, Smith Island. Canon Rushbrook expects to resume his ministerial cruises with the vessel during February or March.

Capt. Dave Ritchie has his halibut schooner Unome at the dry dock where the vessel will undergo an extensive job of overhauling and remodelling.

P.R.B.H. powerboat Pachena, Capt. Paul Armour, left Wednesday night on a secret mission down the coast having on board our old friend Bill Goldbloom who is already on the trail of those ten thousand or so fur skins that he must get this winter to prevent the Eastern market coming out here in a body to see what is the matter. Bill will probably get the skins for he has never been known to fall down or pass a raise even in strip poker.

D. B. Finn director of the local fisheries experimental station, will leave toward the middle of the month for Ottawa to attend a meeting of the Biological Board of Canada. He will take the opportunity, while away, of spending the Yuletide season at his home in Winnipeg.

Lighthouse tender Newington, Capt. Harry Ormiston, sailed on Wednesday for Egg Island. The vessel will attend to the needs of the various aids to navigation in the 200 or so miles intervening on the way north and will be gone about two weeks, returning in time for Harry to experiment during the Christmas season with the new radio set that he will tell his selected and male friends about.

The machinery and stock from the old Akerberg-Thomson machine shop on the waterfront has now been moved to the dry dock which purchased it.

R.M.P. power tug M.T.3, Capt. Reg. Green, left on Tuesday for Louis Locker's logging camp on Porcher Island from which it delivered a boom of logs to the Georgetown mill.

BOAT FOR ISLANDS

It was learned along the waterfront this week that T. A. Kelley, the well known Queen Charlotte Island logging operator, is building a large motor-boat at Vancouver which will be used in the passenger and freight business between here and the Islands and also towing. The vessel, which is already under construction, will be 75 feet long and powered with a 120 h.p. Fairbanks-Morse full diesel engine. It will meet a need that Prince Rupert people have talked about a long while but which got little further than the talk stage.

R.M.P. power boat Hanaco, Capt. "Handsome" Jim Morrison, made a trip on Thursday to Georgetown mills with supplies, returning the same evening with a lumber-laden scow for the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

C.N.R. motorship freighter Lillehorn, Capt. Dan McKinnon, will arrive in port early next week with a cargo which will include 500 tons of coal for Albert & McCaffery. This will be the

first visit here of the Lillehorn for some time and her second since she was brought out from the Old Country for freight service on this coast. The charter of the B. L. Johnson-Walton Co. on the vessel was taken over in the spring by the Canadian National Coast Steamships.

Stan Taylor says its no use the Liberals putting up a candidate for Prince Rupert in the next provincial election. He will run himself and won't be in the opposition either after he gets elected. Perhaps the old firm is going to produce a second "A. G."

The Waterfront Whiff man knew he had seen that acting caretaker at the Yacht Club floats before and, by a process of head scratching and concentration last week end, recalled the fact that the gentleman was Fred Godwin of G.W.V.A. fame. It was also learned that, contrary to his assertion of last week, he was a rather keen reader of this "penny sheet" and about half an hour after the paper was out last Saturday wanted to start another war with the Whiff man in the role of the enemy.

Shef Thomson is now pretty well recovered from his recent injury and will probably be back on duty next week, much to the joy of officers and members of the Yacht Club.

Hubert Ward, who has been to Vancouver on a business trip, will return to the city on the Cardena tomorrow afternoon.

Work of preparing the site at Seal Cove, where the Bag Bay Lumber Co. will erect its new sawmill next year continues. Jock Harris was busy this week dismantling the old steam boiler which will go to the dry dock for over-haul. The carriage used by the Prince Rupert Spruce Mills Ltd. is also being taken out and will go to Georgetown for repairs. Both pieces of machinery will be used in the new mill.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

DECEMBER 4, 1916.  
Leo Waugh of the Dominion Government Telegraph service is leaving for Vancouver tomorrow. He expects to join the Canadian Engineers for service overseas.

Last evening the city council passed a resolution asking the G.T.P. to provide a shelter for the convenience of the public where the train come in.

The Returned Soldiers' Association last evening elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Jack Bradbury, president; H. O. Crew, vice-president; A. Allett, treasurer; Clifford Brethour, secretary.

City Solicitor Fred Peters has been asked by the city council to make a report as to whether it has the right to investigate the cost of living.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

Prince Rupert  
C. R. McMillan, Charles E. Rand, T. G. Garrett, C. M. Brown and A. Roe, Vancouver; J. Humphreys, Anyox; J. B. Scott, Prince Rupert; K. A. Mackay, Ketchikan; Harry Lother, Tacoma; William J. Cooper, Altoona, Pa. Savoy

R. A. McGregor, Stewart; A. J. Gordon, Skidegate; James Hastie, K. Pohl, J. Karkic and G. E. Kennwing, Queen Charlotte; W. Johnston, C.N.R.; H. B. Collins, Jap Inlet.

Central  
Mrs. G. A. Bowler, city.

Russell M. Smith, local agent of the Union Steamship Co., was elected to membership in the Prince Rupert Board of Trade last night, a unanimous ballot in his favor being cast by the secretary.

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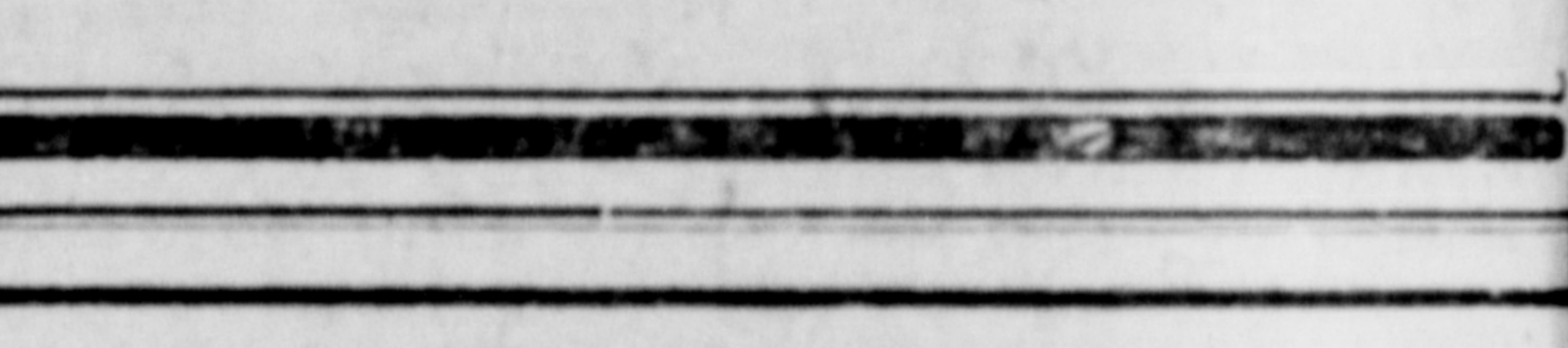
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Parade—Battalion parade, in the Armory, Monday evening, December 6, at 8 p.m. Lecture at 8:30 p.m. Recruits attested Monday evenings at 7:45 p.m.  
Signal section parade for instruction Tuesday at 8 p.m.  
First aid class attend for lecture, Thursday at 8 p.m.  
Band practice in the Armory, Friday, at 8 p.m.  
Musketry—Miniature range practice Friday at 8 p.m.  
Orderly officer for the week ending Saturday, December 11: Captain J. S. Wilson. Orderly Sergeant: Sergeant Squire.  
S. D. JOHNSTON,  
Major and Adjutant,  
Attd. 1st Bn. N.B.C. Regt.

LAND ACT  
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