

SCOTTISH BOY REACHES TOP

Glasgow Newspaper Tells Story of Robert Randolph Bruce, New Lieut.-Governor SON OF MINISTER.

The romantic story of a Highland lad's rise from a humble engineer to millionaire, lies behind the recent appointment of Mr. Robert Randolph Bruce, formerly of Elgin and Glasgow, to the position of Lieutenant-Governor of the Canadian Province of British Columbia says the Glasgow Weekly Record.

Robert Bruce was the second son of the Rev. Charles Bruce, who was school-master at St. Andrews, Lhanbryde. His mother

was Miss Maggie Sellar, of Longhill, Lhanbryde, and the school-master was in the habit of recalling how he had chastised the pupil who, later, became his wife.

Bachelor of Science
The Rev. Mr. Bruce ultimately became minister of Glenrines, a Banffshire glen, and it was at the local public school that Randolph, as he was generally called, got his early education. Later he went to Glasgow University and graduated B.Sc.

The early '80's of last century found young Randolph working in a large engineering establishment in Glasgow. Like many of his fellow Scotsmen, he was convinced that worldly success was only to be attained through the engineering profession. However, Bruce was different from his fellow-workers in that he was anxious to get on, unwilling to wait for promotion which could only come to him through the retirement or death of superior officers.

Reaches Canada
This method of promotion became so galling to the young Scotsman that he decided to try his luck in the new world, where he believed that fortune could be acquired by a young, ambitious man in comparatively few years. Accordingly, Bruce arrived in New York in 1887 with the paltry sum of \$10 in his pockets, but he also had something which was of more value than money—an indomitable will to make good in the new country of adoption.

After working at various jobs in and around New York, he drifted north into Canada, and a few years later became attached to the construction department of the Canadian Pacific Railway, working as an engineer on a new railway line through the Crow's Nest Pass.

Bruce had to thank Lord Mount Stephen, who was a native of Glenrines, for his post to the Canadian Pacific Railway.

In the Native Glen
Lord Mount Stephen had returned to visit his relatives in the glen, and they were so numerous that they assembled at the home of the Rev. Mr. Bruce in order to save his Lordship the trouble of individual calls.

During this visit, Randolph's father took the opportunity of interesting Lord Mount Stephen in his engineer son, who thereupon joined the staff of the famous company.

Bruce remained with the Canadian Pacific for a number of years, and when the slump in railway building came in 1897, he decided to take a "shot" at the new mining field, north of Cranbrook, in the Selkirk Mountains of British Columbia.

At this time many glowing tales of wealth had filtered through to the construction camps, and Bruce became convinced that this time he would grasp the "fortune" for which he had been seeking since coming to Canada. He worked in various camps, and finally came to the Columbia Valley, where he secured a job as assistant engineer at the Paradise Mine, then being operated by the late B. C. Hammond.

Doing the Impossible
Bruce worked faithfully and well at his new occupation. His wages were considered good in those days. Living expenses were small, and a considerable portion of his salary was saved, but somehow he was not quite satisfied with conditions. He continued his work at the mine, however, until he had to give up active mining work owing to lead poisoning in his eyes, which he

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had contracted in assaying work. While Bruce was keenly interested in mining operations, he, like many of his countrymen, was at heart an agriculturalist; the land in the Columbia Valley was extremely fertile, but was of little or no use for agricultural purposes, owing to the scarcity of water, so, having to find a new vocation, he became interested in the agricultural development of the valley. He interested Mr. Hammond in his scheme, and the latter decided to give the young man financial assistance in his undertaking.

Options on Land
It was not long before young Bruce had options on large blocks of land in the valley, and he shortly afterwards sold out to the Columbia Valley Irrigated Fruit Land, Limited. The old-timers of the valley laughed at the idea of farming operations in the valley, saying that it was impossible to grow anything on the land. Bruce, however, went his way, and with the aid of others, soon had an extensive irrigation system in the valley. Settlers started to dribble in, and soon the fertility of the soil, and the remarkable range of products grown on the irrigated lands, attracted the interest of people not only in Canada, but in the Old Country, and Bruce's project became not a folly, but a far-sighted vision.

Settlers now began to go into the valley in ever-increasing numbers, attracted by the stories of the remarkable fertility of the soil. Not only were Bruce's convictions justified, but he was beginning to realize on his ambition—a fortune and success in Canada.

Tenacity Succeeded
Material success brought happiness, and with happiness the desire to do what he could to benefit others. He is of those who do not let their right hand know what their left is doing.

Every man, woman and child in the Columbia Valley knows, and is known by, Robert Randolph Bruce, and he is one of the most respected men in the province of British Columbia. His success was not achieved without a struggle, but his inherent faith in the valley, and a determination to succeed, plus Scottish cannyness and tenacity, brought about his success quicker than it would ever have been possible in his native country.

His home is a beautiful one, standing as it does on the shores of picturesque Lake Windermere, reflecting on its surface the snow-capped peaks of the surrounding Selkirk Mountains. It is fitted with every comfort and convenience, and is easily accessible to the outer world via the Canadian Pacific Golden to Cranbrook Line, and the new Banff-Windermere Motor Road.

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ALPINE CLUB PLAN MEETING JASPER PARK

Decision Arrived at to Gather in Tonquin Valley for Annual Event

MONTREAL, March 26.—The Alpine Club of Canada will hold its annual meeting this year in the Tonquin Valley, Jasper National Park, Alberta. The choice of this location was decided upon by a mail vote of the members and the decision was communicated to the Canadian National Railways yesterday by A. O. Wheeler, director of the club. Although definite dates have not been set, it is understood that the club will assemble in Tonquin Valley about the last week in July.

The Alpine Club of Canada, the president of which is Dr. J. W. Hickson of Montreal, is one of the largest and most important bodies of its kind in existence and it includes among its membership alpinists in all parts of the world as well as a very large membership inside the Dominion. It has also contributed to mountaineering exploits outside Canada, a member, Capt. Wheeler, being one of the Bruce

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SUCCESSFUL TEA AND SALE AND CARD PARTY BY ST. ANDREW'S LADIES

A very successful Easter sale and tea, followed by a largely attended whist and cribbage drive in the evening, was held yesterday by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the St. Andrew's Society.

The various committee were as follows:
Home cooking — Mrs. W. D. Christison and Mrs. Howard Steen.
Candy — Mrs. Charles Taylor and Mrs. R. Cameron.
Tea room — Mrs. J. Murray, Mrs. J. S. Irvine and Miss Durran.
Cashier — Mrs. W. Anderson.
Prize drawings — Mrs. George Scott.
Whist and cribbage — Mrs. George Abbott, Mrs. Howard Steen and Mrs. W. D. Christison.
George Abbott was master of ceremonies at the card party and Howard Steen presided at the door. The prize winners were as follows:
Whist — Ladies' first, Mrs. Hills; ladies' consolation, Mrs. A. McNeill; men's first, Neil McDonald; men's consolation, J. McKechnie.
Cribbage — Ladies' first, J. S. Irvine; ladies' consolation, Miss Hassock; men's first, J. Watt; men's consolation, Alex Mackenzie.
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