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GLIMPSES INTO EARLY HISTORY THIS DISTRICT

W. E. COLLISON TELLS PIONEERS SOME INTERESTING HISTORICAL EVENTS AT THEIR BANQUET

Rev. W. E. Collison, speaking at the Pioneers' banquet last night, spoke most interestingly of a few of the historic events of the early days of the district around Prince Rupert. He said that he was a native son, having been born only a few miles away. He was acquainted with the site of Prince Rupert long before the city had been founded. Tucks Inlet was a lively place among the natives in the early days. He had often travelled in an Indian dugout to Shawatlans, which was a favorite salmon fishing place for the natives. Kaien Island, on which Prince Rupert is built is named after an Indian word meaning "The Fallen Tree" or "A Windfall." He had always thought there would be a big city here because nearly all big cities were built near the mouth of a large river. No doubt Prince Rupert would become a great and important port. The day would come when they would look back with pride to the day when the city had its beginning.

Mr. Collison said as they looked around every mountain, inlet or island whispered the name of some pioneer. Captain Dixon, after whom Dixon's Entrance was named, had sailed in the Queen Charlotte around the Islands of that name and had also named North Island, Hippa, Reynolds Sound and other places. He had first established that the Queen Charlottes were islands Later Sir Joseph Banks named the great waterway after Dixon.

The development of the coast had really commenced with the coming of the Hudson Bay Company who had located first at the mouth of the Naas but after two years had moved to Port Simpson.

Captain Vancouver came after Dixon to carry on the work of exploring and to take over Nootka Sound from the Spaniards. Coming north he had named Rivers Inlet, Grenville Channel, Stevens Island, Dundas Island and Port Essington, the last mentioned being after Captain Essington, R.N. From there he proceeded up Portland Canal, and stayed for six weeks at a point on Observatory Inlet about twenty miles from Granby where he had established an astronomical observatory in order to correct his instruments and find his position. The Indians there met Captain Vancouver and it became a place of historic interest.

Mr. Collison also paid his respects to the hardy band of missionaries who had made the country safe for settlement.

The Hudson Bay Company had had to maintain law and order and in order to do so it was necessary to build walled forts, indicating that the natives were a fierce and treacherous people. Port Simpson was established in 1834 and trading posts were located at Massett, Skeena Forks (now Hazelton) and other points.

Speaking of conditions in the early days, Mr. Collison said Port Simpson was the centre of trade on the coast and Port Essington was also important. The old steamer Otter called every two or three months trading with the natives as she made the trip. Other communication was in dugout canoes.

The first cannery was built on the Skeena by Colonel Lane at Inverness.

Various interesting anecdotes of early life embellished the address which was listened to with great interest, the speaker concluding by asserting that the pioneer was never a pessimist. When the progress of this district in so short a time was noted there was every reason for being an optimist.

SPORT CHAT

Possibly the most interesting boxing match that has been ever pulled off in Prince Rupert, and that is saying a good deal, will be the ten-round bout scheduled for next Wednesday night in the Exhibition Hall between Battling Dido Gurvich of Prince Rupert and Jimmy McDonald of Vancouver. The middleweight championship of Northern British Columbia is the title the boys will scrap for and there should also be a neat little purse. For Dido Gurvich, however, there will be something even more important. That will be the proof whether or not he is a real boxer which, while he has had a number of battles, has never yet been proven. This Jimmy McDonald man is said to be somewhat of a master of the fistic art and if Dido can successfully stand up against him, then his friends who say he has a future will probably be right. In any case, this is going to be the most important battle so far in the career of the local boy who, if he can weather the storm, should travel further in the game.

What edge McDonald may have in the way of skill, Gurvich will at least make up for in extra weight which, all other things being equal or nearly so, is often a considerable advantage. McDonald will probably weigh in at around 146 or 148 pounds, while Dido will, in all likelihood, scale eight or ten pounds more. Both boys are working out nightly at the Grand Terminal Club and their doings are commanding considerable attention, crowds in excess of two hundred being reported to have watched them some evenings. Besides the main event next Wednesday night, an interesting bill of preliminaries has been arranged. The semi-windup will be a four round event between Benny Wendle of this city and Billy Mulhern, a recent arrival from Nanaimo. Jack Holroyd and Mike Comadina will also do four rounds and the following youngsters will spar three rounds apiece: Tod Morgan vs. Pete Chenoski; Eddie Smith vs. W. Bard; Nina Gurvich vs. E. York.

PIONEERS AT BANQUET TABLE

TWO HUNDRED SAT DOWN UNDER PRESIDENT OF F. W. HART IN BOSTON HALL

INTERESTING SPEECHES

HISTORY OF EARLY DAYS TOLD IN SONG AND STORY AND OLD TIME DANCE ENJOYED

Seldom has there been a more enjoyable event than that last night when the pioneers of the north gathered in Boston Hall to celebrate the eighteenth anniversary of the incorporation of the city by dining together to the number of about two hundred presided over by F. W. Hart, president of the Pioneer's Association. A sumptuous banquet was served and the speeches and music were all excellent.

Associated with Mr. and Mrs. Hart at the head table were Mayor and Mrs. McMordie, Mr. and Mrs. Dybhavn, S. M. Newton, Bishop Bunoz, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stork, Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Frizell and Rev. W. E. Collison.

After the banquet the tables were cleared and a dance program was enjoyed which included a grand march of pioneers followed by a circle two step, a step dance by the McLeod children, a sword dance by Cathie Eastman and a sailor's hornpipe by Eleanor Moxley, a song by Peter Kerr and a number of old time dances including a French minuet and quadrille, song by Gillis Couture, "Alouette."

Those providing entertainment at the banquet were Mrs. W. Millar, Mrs. Jarvis McLeod, soloists, Miss Georgina Hunter and Sidney Hunter, a duet; Adelia Thurber, recitation, Misses Bulger and Parkin, violin solo and Harry Astoria, a humorous sketch. The speakers were Bishop Bunoz, Mayor McMordie, Rev. W. E. Collison, Fred Stork, Rev. J. R. Frizell and the President. Music by Eastman's orchestra. Bishop Bunoz asked a blessing and also asked for a minute of silence out of respect for departed pioneers. Music was provided both for the banquet and the dance by Eastman's orchestra. Fred Wesch was master of ceremonies for the dance.

THE SPEECHES

The first speaker of the evening was Bishop Bunoz, who spoke appreciatively of the work of the pioneers and was particularly enthusiastic over the progress that had been made and the outlook for the future.

In speaking to "The City in Which We Live" Mayor McMordie said he had been in the city over 19 years. Back East he found that all they knew of Prince Rupert was "that horrible climate." Yet at Ottawa he found the thermometer 20 below zero and blowing hard while here there was nothing more disagreeable than a little liquid sunshine.

The Mayor said before he came here he had prospected for a year in Northern Ontario and he found the pioneers there much like they were here. The people could not be beaten for kindness of heart and generosity. After being in the east it was a pleasure to come back and meet the pioneers of Prince Rupert.

Colonel McMordie said he could not tell them of his visit to Ottawa but he assured them that they had made no mistake in coming here. He prophesied that within two years they would be shipping twenty million bushels of grain out of this port and within the next ten eyars he felt sure they would feel glad they came to Prince Rupert. He asked all to make it what it was, "the city of destiny."

W. E. Collison told most interestingly of the history of the early days in the Prince Rupert district.

Fred Stork explained that it was 20 years ago that he landed in Prince Rupert. He spoke humorously of landing on the old stern wheeler Caledonia, of setting up in business on Rupert Road next to a bakeshop which was destroyed by a rock from the blasting. John Houston was a character that was unique, a pioneer of pioneers. How he staked a mineral claim and set up his printing press on it was recounted. After dwelling briefly on the early days Mr. Stork turned to Prince Rupert as it was today and mentioned the four grain vessels now in the harbor as an evidence of progress. He suggested that all were justified in looking with confidence to the future.

Rev. J. R. Frizell spoke very humorously as one who was not a pioneer here. All beginnings were interesting. Here he found a place where the people had all the comforts of a city of half a million people. This was possible because of the pioneers who blazed the path. He spoke eloquently on the work of pioneers in the progress of the world.

Following was the committees in charge: F. W. Wesch, chairman, F. W. Hart, P. W. Anderson, H. B. Eastman, Wm. Millar, John Viereck, A. O. Franks and Geo. Johnstone.

Ladies reception committee: Mrs. P. W. Anderson, Mrs. J. O. Reddie, Mrs. J. Viereck, Mrs. Besner, Mr. Akerberg and Mrs. A. J. Galland.

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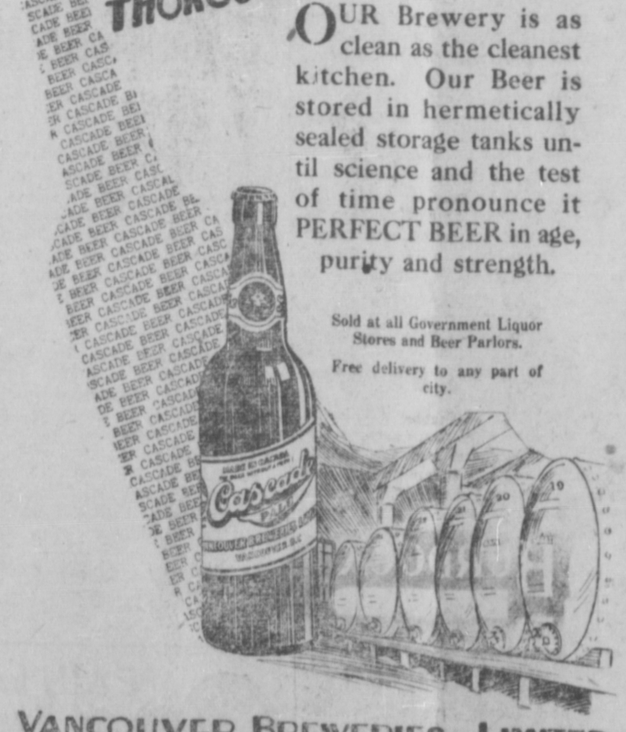

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