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VALUE OF RAIN

When visitors in Vancouver have had to tramp the streets in the rain and have cursed the weather they have not realized that the existence of the city is to a large extent dependent on the rainfall and that without it the wheels of industry would have to stop.

Today there is a rain shortage. The heavens have failed to perform their usual duties and the result is a power and water famine in most of the cities of southern British Columbia and the state of Washington.

Prince Rupert people this fall have been sometimes annoyed at the falling rain, yet if they had that in Vancouver today it would be worth many thousands of dollars, perhaps millions.

TRUE TO FORM

Prince Rupert is running true to form, according to the manager of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage. Most big commercial cities in Europe started as fishing villages and today are large seaports. So Prince Rupert has been a fishing village for a long time but is slowly evolving into a real city and the prospects of being a commercial centre are bright.

But, as we have said before, cities are evolved. It takes time and many a big commercial and political fight to place them on the map and much of the work must be done by the residents themselves. As the people are, such will the city be.

VETERANS AND FLAG

The members of the Canadian Legion who passed the resolution favoring the Union Jack as the National Flag of Canada cannot have studied the flag question very deeply. The Union Jack is the symbol of the Union of England, Scotland and Ireland, but part of Ireland now refuses to use it on their national flag. Canada is not represented on that flag in any way.

The objection to the Canadian flag which has been used is that the coat of arms on the field of the ensign is not truly Canadian in that British Columbia is not represented on it and it has no meaning at all to the average individual.

When a Canadian ship enters a foreign port she wants to let the world know she is a British ship and also that she is a Canadian ship. This can be done by the use of a British ensign with a simple device on it which makes it clear to everyone that this ship is from Canada. The maple leaf would do that better, perhaps, than anything else. It could be easily recognized. It would be artistic and quite different from any other flag.

A sheaf of wheat has been suggested but wheat is the product chiefly of the Canadian prairies and not of either the eastern or western maritime provinces. The maple is generally looked upon as a typical Canadian tree, songs have been sung about it, and it has been used by steamships and others as a Canadian emblem.

What is clear is that there should be some typical, artistic, distinctive, simple emblem and it should be chosen soon and formally adopted by the state.

Building Permits  
For the Month

Building permits for the month of November, amounting in all to \$7441.82, follow:  
Alder Block, Third Avenue, foundation repairs, \$200.  
Father Bunoz, Fifth Avenue, shingle roof, \$500.  
Bryant & Greer, Sixth Street, erect electric sign, \$85.  
J. B. Scott, Third Avenue, repairs to residence, \$100.  
Westenhaver Bros., Second Avenue, foundation repairs, \$100.  
Charles Yeterberg, 10th Avenue East, shingle roof, \$150.

J. G. Frizzell, 7th Street, erect garage, \$100.  
G. Tyson, 1st Avenue, repair verandah, \$20.  
G. A. Hebb, 11th Avenue, erect garage, \$50.  
A. O. Morse, Taylor Street, addition to house, \$300.  
Charles Yeterberg, 8th Avenue East, shingle roof, \$150.  
C. E. Johnson, Comox Avenue, wood shed, \$30.  
Mrs. J. F. Maguire, 4th Avenue East, erect dwelling, \$5000.  
Japanese Mission, 6th Avenue, addition, \$190.  
G. P. Tinker (agent), Fifth Avenue East, shingle roof, \$120.  
J. H. Macey, 2nd Avenue, foundation repairs, \$200.  
F. J. Fuller, Seal Cove Circle, shingle roof, \$146.82.

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- 1x10 No. 1 Spruce Shiplap .....\$25.00
- 1x6 No. 2 Spruce Shiplap .....\$20.00
- 1x10 No. 2 Spruce Shiplap .....\$22.00
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Writes of Beginning of Halibut Industry in British Columbia and Says Canada Began the Business 1890

From time immemorial to the present day, perhaps centuries before the story of Jonah and the whale was first chronicled, fish stories have held a peculiar fascination in their relating, whether fictitious or founded on fact, writes F. L. Stephenson in the Vancouver Sunday Province. A year ago there was one in the Province in a synopsis of an address given by the comptroller of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. of Prince Rupert. Unlike the general run of fish stories, it lacked their romance.

Being a hunter and fisherman myself, my eye was immediately attracted by the title of the article, "Halibut Caught Here in 1778." Such an article was sure to arrest the attention of anyone interested in our province and its resources, and certainly was eagerly read by one who believes himself to be the originator of the commercializing of the halibut on the coast. I do not mean that I had anything to do with the financing or launching of the industry, but, to go to the bedrock of its history, I think I may claim to be the originator of the idea and hand to Vancouver city and some of her business men the palm of opening and establishing one of our province's most thriving industries, "the harvest of the deep."

Caught by Cook

We learned from Mr. Nicholls that in 1778 the crew of Captain Cook's vessel caught halibut on this coast. That is most probable, for they are to be caught in any anchorage. I am wondering whether those white men were the same as the first whites seen on these shores by Indians who were halibut fishing at the time, believing them to be supernatural beings and propitiated them with a gift of their fish. But that is another story. Mr. Nicholls told also that halibut was first commercialized about 1887. That is nearer the mark, but it was in the early '90s. Further, he is reported saying that in 1898, that memorable year when the whole world suffered an epidemic of gold fever, "American" (United States) he meant, I suppose) schooners discovered an Eldorado in halibut fishing, being disappointed in their quest of the Eldorado of the Klondike.

Vancouver Has the Palm

Thus to Vancouver belongs the palm, if to any, to the Fader brothers the kudos; while Mr. Anderson and I are something like the Canadians in the cartoon on the Armistice parade and "We Won the War," we can flag-wag and say "we helped." Prince Rupert was not then on the map, and as for those Klondike-bound United States schooners, well, it is the first time I ever heard of New Englanders or any other United States vessels building our fishing industries, and I was on the coast years before we launched the idea, and Vancouver capital and business men developed it. The only connection New England had with the industry was when Fader Bros. failed, the New England Fish Co. carried it on. But at that time I too had headed into the Yukon and for fifteen years never saw the British Columbia coast again.

Fish and Bootleg

As I mentioned before, there were alien boats and crews engaged in poaching our fish and game, which I took steps to stop. These boats would run cargoes of liquor into Alaska and load up with fish as they returned south. So the story of the seekers of the Golden Fleece seems to me a "real fish story." But this was eight or nine years after the halibut fishery was an established fact. I may not be absolutely correct about the financial part and the names I have quoted, but of the basic facts I am perfectly certain, with all due respect to the lecturer from Rupert. I should like to have been present at his address. It must have been well worth hearing, especially from one so closely connected with the industry as Mr. Nicholls is.

Poaching in B. C.

I certainly can not accede to the statement that the United States initiated the halibut fishing. I am not questioning the presence of United States vessels on our coasts which were poaching our fish and probably finding a very lucrative market in their own country. I know they were there, and about 1890 I made strong representations both to our Provincial and Dominion governments on the matter, with the result that the D.G.S. Quadra made periodical trips for the purpose of putting a stop to the increasing exploitation of our fish by aliens. And it was not only fish they carried off, but deer and wild cattle from Queen Charlotte Islands.

District News  
PRINCE GEORGE

Charles A. Pyne, president of the Cariboo Automobile Association, stresses the importance to Central British Columbia of the extension of the Cariboo Highway to the Alberta boundary from its present terminus at Longworth. Such a road, it is said, would considerably aid in the settling up of the district.

Bert Gagne, who for several years worked out of Prince George as a conductor on the Canadian National Railways, has now taken over the duties of general yardmaster at Kamloops.

Charles Gow has been attending the Dominion convention of the Canadian Legion in Regina as a delegate from the Prince George branch.

Not only measles but mumps, chicken pox and scarlet fever are all epidemic here and on one day this week there were no less than 116 absentees from school. The school board has secured the services of Mrs. George Bond to enquire into conditions in the homes of children attending school. Strict quarantine is being enforced.

The marriage took place quietly here on Wednesday of Miss Kathleen May Robertson and James Edgar Allen, Rev. P. Connal officiated.

It is reported that J. B. Armishaw may take over the management of Douglas Lodge on Stuart Lake next season. Mr. Armishaw was a visitor in Prince George at the end of last week.

SMITHERS

Harvey Davies of Houston will take possession of the Hotel Bulkley here tomorrow and on Tuesday next Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Orchard will leave for the State of Washington where they will take up residence, their departure from Smithers being necessitated by the

condition of Mr. Orchard's health. Their departure from Smithers is greatly regretted.

The annual bazaar last Saturday afternoon of the Women's Auxiliary of St. James Anglican Church was a great success, about \$300 being realized.

Mrs. G. H. Mogden, who came to Smithers as a bride in 1919, died in the local hospital on Monday afternoon, her death being due to a hemorrhage of the brain. She was born in London, England, 51 years ago and came here from Medicine Hat, Alta.

After a long illness, the death occurred last Sunday afternoon of Mrs. James Hannah, mother of Mrs. D. A. McRae of Smithers with whom she had resided for the past ten years. She was 81 years of age, having been born in Lanarkshire, Scotland. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon from the United Church.

Mrs. J. A. McLean returned to Smithers on Sunday after a trip to Edmonton where she consulted with eye specialists.

J. J. Beesley, who has been in charge of the provincial department of public works office here for several years, has been transferred to a similar position at Kamloops and will leave at the end of this week to assume his new duties.

Joe Williams, who recently returned from a visit to his old home in Ireland, arrived here on Monday from Prince Rupert and will be employed on this division of the Canadian National Railways.

LUMBERJACK OF INTERIOR AS FIGHTER

Angus McDonald, Formerly of Giscome Looks Like a Champion Heavyweight

PRINCE GEORGE, Nov. 30:—Angus McDonald, the big lumberjack who used to entertain the boys around the sawmills at Longworth, Snowshoe and Giscome with the gloves, is being touted as the coming heavyweight champion by Messrs. Black and Wolf-

GIRLS PLAY CLOSE GAME

Maple Leafs Lead As Result of Victory Over Tollers; Players Club Beats 32

By winning a keenly contested game by a margin of a single point over the Tollers, the Maple Leafs took a decisive lead last night in the Ladies' Basketball League. At half time, the Tollers had an 8 to 5 lead over the Leafs. They failed, however, to keep the lead and the Maple Leafs ran out

winners by a score of 13 to 12. Will Mitchell refereed. In the Intermediate League, the Bankers showed their mettle by winning 37 to 25 from the High School who thus sustained their first defeat of the season. The first half was closely contested, the score at the end of the period being 23 to 20. High School missed the services of its star centre forward, Sonny Stiles, whose health makes it necessary that he not play for a year. Harold Macdonald, was a strong player for the Bankers and was responsible for most of the scoring. Will Mitchell refereed.

The Senior League game was a rough affair which the Players' Club won 43 to 19 from Three Two Taxi. The Dramatists maintained the lead all the way and were ahead 8 to 9 at half time. Lee Dell was referee. A large crowd of fans witnessed the game. Individual scoring was as follows:

Senior  
Three-Two—E. Ratchford, 10; S. Gurvich, 4; D. Gurvich, 5; R. Stalker; E. Smith; H. Menzle; total, 19.  
Players' Club—A. Mitchell, 15; V. Meagher, 13; E. J. Smith, 2; D. Frizzell, 4; H. Plommer; T. Kelsey, 9; total, 43.

Ladies  
Maple Leafs—May Ness, 6; S. Boddie, 2; J. Walters, 1; E. March, 2; L. Lowe, 2; total, 13.  
Tollers—H. Sim; N. Gurvich; F. MacLaren; V. Krikeyevsky; 4; C. Irvine, 6; E. Steen; total, 12.

Intermediate  
High School—D. Morrison, 9; W. Johnson, 11; R. Smurthwaite, 1; K. Nakamoto, 4; R. Irvine, 5; Bacon; total, 25.  
Bankers—H. Macdonald, 19; E. Barlow, 9; J. Scott; F. Burdette; J. Underwood, 6; S. Smith; total, 37.

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