

## Wee-Ya-Tee-Quah-Payo—The Pale-Face Chief



Forty years ago, by the winding banks of the Moose Jaw river in Saskatchewan, Black Bull, chief of a mighty tribe of warriors, sat in front of his tepee. Sprawled on the ground at his feet was a small pale-face boy, whose home was in a nearby settlement. He listened attentively to stories of buffalo hunting and tribal wars. Black Bull liked this little fellow. "Some day, little pale-face, you will belong to my race," said the old Indian chief.

So it came to pass that only a few days ago this little chap, now grown to manhood, stood before the descendants of Black Bull, not far from the creek in which he splashed as a lad. The sun went down in the west like a ball of fire and to the chant of the red-men and the muffled sounds of tom-toms, he was admitted to the council of the Crees, a member of the ancient tribe—an Indian chief.

With all the colorful ceremony of Indian initiation he was given the name of Chief Wee-Ya-Tee-Quah-Payo. Chief John Piapot and Chief Achim Piapot, rugged of face, regal in mien, stood on either side of their pale-face brother. The Indian women and ancient warriors, sitting in a large circle, grunted their approval as the green blanket of office was placed about his shoulders and the huge head-dress of a chief placed upon his head.

The newly created chief was Mr. A. E. Whitmore, president of the Regina Exhibition Association, vice-chairman of the executive and finance committee of the World's Grain Exhibition and Conference to be held at Regina in 1932 and prominent western business man. Chief John Piapot called upon his Indian brothers and the huge crowd attending the ceremony to witness that Chief Wee-Ya-Tee-Quah-Payo (or "Smiling Face") was being thus honored because of his outstanding efforts in the development of the land which once was the home of the Cree and the Sioux and of the buffalo. "Him do much for all," said Chief Piapot in his native language. "Him big chief of Exhibition. Him big chief of Exhibition many moons soon," referring to the World's Grain Exhibition and Conference at Regina next year.

The official interpreter then proceeded to tell how Chief Piapot wanted all to know that the Indians, hundreds of whom are now engaged in the peaceful occupation of agriculture on the prairies, were all getting ready to take part in next year's world-wide event at Regina and how many of them would be sending samples of their grain to be entered in the competitive classes. "The Indians are looking forward to this great exhibition next year," continued the interpreter, "because they will meet their pale-face brothers from many countries at Regina. They are

looking forward with great joy to seeing the son of the Great White Chief (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who it is hoped will officially open the 1932 exhibition and conference) and so they want to honor one of the men who has done so much to get the wonderful exhibition of next year ready."

Then came the turn of the new chief to speak. Without the slightest warning he spoke to the Indians in their own language. For a few seconds only his voice could be heard. The huge crowd in the grandstand sat in their seats hushed. Suddenly the Indians began to rock backward and forward, grunt and clap their hands as they realized that their new chief was indeed worthy of admission to their councils. As a boy he had learned the language of the Indians in his romps with Black Bull, and now, as the new chief, he was able to converse with them to their complete understanding.

Chief Smiling Face thanked his brothers for the honor conferred upon him and told them that next year when from many lands hundreds of pale-face brothers would come to Regina the Crees and the Sioux would be called upon to greet them. And a little later, as the stars twinkled and the glow of the camp fire lit up the tepees, the new chief with the older men on either side of him, sat at his first council.

## SMITHERS IS MAKING PROGRESS IN SPITE OF FINANCIAL DEPRESSION

Payroll of Railway Continues and Crops Are Good This Year in District—Pleasures of Life There

(By H. F. Pullen)

The Smithers district has been better treated by the weather man this year than any place east of Prince Rupert. While some places are rather badly sun-scorched Smithers remains green. Flowers are blooming there and the growth is almost too luxuriant, being similar in that respect to Prince Rupert.

The shutting down of the mines has hit Smithers hard but there is a regular, if somewhat reduced, payroll from the Canadian National Railway and the crops of the district are practically all heavy this year. Milk production is high and the people are not badly off, relatively.

Smithers ranks next to Prince George in commercial importance of all the towns of the central interior. Its population is about a thousand and it seems to have no great unemployment problem to solve such as the larger places find facing them. Just as soon as the mines are again in operation the town will be well away on the path to progress.

Besides being an important railway divisional point, Smithers is the seat of the provincial and other government offices. It also has a brick-making industry which promises to develop with the district.

Incorporated under the Village Act, Smithers is in the happy position of paying its own way and not laying up any burden for posterity. The village commissioners are L. B. Warner, chairman, Frank V. Foster and S. J. Mayer. C. L. Dimock is the clerk. The rate of 12 mills is imposed on the land and 40% of the improvements. In addition, there is a school district rate of 19.38 mills but the citizens consider the rather high rate to be the price for its importance as a trading centre.

**Good Schools**  
The school trustees are Dr. Bamford, chairman, J. P. Downey, secretary, and L. B. Warner. They provide high school as well as public school facilities, three rooms for the former and six for the latter.

The churches are Roman Catholic in charge of Rev. Father Godfrey; Anglican, Rev. L. J. Hales; United, Rev. D. Donaldson.

The community and in fact the whole valley is well served by an excellent weekly newspaper, the Interior News, published by L. B. Warner. The paper has a wide circulation and is well edited.

If Smithers becomes a large city it will probably be because of its mines. The well known Duthie mine is now shut down owing to the slump in the price of silver but mining is bound to come back, both in the Hudson Bay Mountain and the Babine Range all of which are tributary to this place. The hills are rich with mineral but mining is expensive and capital will have to be encouraged.

One feature that makes Smithers rank with the up to the moment centres is the establishment of a golf course. At present they have only five holes, but that is a beginning and doubtless more will be added. Citizens are now enjoying their evenings on the links.

**Wonderful Lake Kathlyn**  
Any mention of Smithers is not complete without telling of the wonders of Lake Kathlyn, the beautiful resort at the foot of Hudson Bay Mountain, where the people enjoy swimming and boating and where many summer homes attract people, not only from Smithers, but from as far away as Prince Rupert. At present a number of Prince Rupert people are camped there.

Outstanding among the summer homes is that of Ciof Hanson M.P. It is a fine bungalow amid beautiful grounds. Flowers of all kinds thrive there and the lawns are perfect. It is at this country home that Mr. and Mrs. Hanson do most of their entertaining. It faces the lake and the glacier above.

Mr. Hanson is an amateur farmer as well as gardener. One of his hobbies has been experimenting in apple growing and at last he seems to have succeeded in discovering several varieties that will withstand the rather rigorous winters of the district. Smithers people are usually prosperous and they enjoy life.

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### IMPORTANT INDUSTRY IS BEING DEVELOPED NEAR TOWN OF TELKWA

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market with varying success. Some communities welcomed it as bringing to them cheaper and better fuel than they could obtain elsewhere. Others were less enthusiastic. The coal was harder than the kind they had been using and it was difficult for them to realize that they were getting about a third more heat units for the same money. It was a bituminous coal whereas they had been used to some other kind. It, when tested, was found to contain fourteen thousand British Thermal units whereas many other coals contained not much more than ten thousand. Housewives rejected it because they could not poke it to pieces easily in the grate. They had not learned its virtues as a heat producer.

This year Mr. Dockrill is planning an educative campaign to show people how much better this coal is than most of the others offered to the public. He is laying his plans first to supply the market and just as soon as that is done he will be out to capture the market.

This Telkwa coal is different from any that has been produced in the neighborhood before. It is a different vein. It is located seven miles from Telkwa station with a steady grade all the way down the five hundred-foot drop. A good road has been built so that transportation to rail head is easy.

The mine is driven into the side of the mountain and just now is in fourteen and a half feet of coal of the very best quality. There are so far 600 feet of slopes and level and the working conditions are very easy. The slopes are being timbered for permanent workings and as soon as possible the necessary power will be installed to pump the water from the sump and to haul out the cars. In the meantime horses are used.

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the slope being on so easy a grade as to make this quite feasible.

**Experienced Miner**  
The underground work is in the hands of Asa Robinson, an experienced miner of the district, and Mr. Dockrill's two sons also help with the work.

Owing to the fact that an order for 750 tons has just been received from the Canadian National Railway for its stations and section houses between Prince George and Prince Rupert, a dozen more men are being put to work at the mine this week and this payroll will be felt immediately in Telkwa. Additions to the force will be made as the workings enlarge and the demand for the coal increases.

Mr. Dockrill has been going slowly and systematically with the development of the mine but he feels sure that he people of the whole district will realize its value and use this home product, especially when they come to realize that in buying Telkwa coal they are getting more heat units to the ton than from any other. He considers the securing of the C. N. R. contract a great triumph for his coal.

Miss E. Cramp, Seventh Avenue East, is spending a two-weeks vacation at Ocean Falls.

## BISHOP IS AT JASPER

Rt. Hon. A. F. Winnington-Ingram Likes Mountain Resort

JASPER PARK, Aug. 17.—Rt. Hon. Arthur F. Winnington-Ingram, Bishop of London, who is enjoying a brief visit at Jasper Park Lodge, has shown remarkable activity since his arrival here, despite his 73 years. Saturday His Grace played 18 holes of golf in the morning and in the afternoon, partnered Hugh Morton, former University of Alberta tennis champion, to score a straight set victory over Gordon Foster, Montreal, and Bob Chaoman, member of the University of British Columbia basketball team, Dominion champion.

Sunday morning, His Grace brought further dignity and honor to the little Anglican Church in the town of Jasper where he preached to a large congregation.

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