Prince Rupert's Silver Jubilee, 1935

Olof Hanson M.P.

Olof Hanson is another of the old timers who has made good in a big way, both in his private business and in public life. Born in Sweden, he became naturalized in Edmonton in 1909 and came to Prince Rupert as a contractor on railway construction. Later he became prominently identified with the timbering and fishing industries. The citizens of the district paid tribute to his worth and abilities by electing him Member of the Canadian House of Commons for Skeena by a large majority in 1930.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From the Prince Rupert Optimist, predecessor of the Daily News

Dr. W. T. Kergin is back in Prince Rupert from a trip to Vancouver where he made arrangements for the sale of stock to finance development work on the Blue Point mine at Stewart.

The Northern Steamship Co. has entered the steamship service business between Prince Rupert and Vancouver with the steamers Petriana and Cetriana. The latter is a passenger vessel.

The fishing steamer Weiding Brothers is in Seattle with a catch of 165,000 pounds of halibut taken on the Queen Charlotte Island banks. When the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway is completed fish caught in the vicinity of the Queen Charlotte Islands will be shipped east from Prince Rupert.

Under the auspices of the local Catholic Church a grand concert will be staged on St. Patrick's Day. The executive in connection with the concert consists of the following: president D. W. Morrissey; secretary, Thomas Trotier; treasurer, Father E. M. Bunoz; J. McNulty, Frank McKinnon and Gillis Couture.

The Prince Rupert Club is trying to secure the hill at the corner of Fifth Street and Second Avenue for a clubhouse site.

Dr. W. T. Kergin is the doyen of pioneer physicians and surgeons of Prince Rupert. He came to Port Simpson in 1905 as a missionary doctor and in 1908 moved to Prince Rupert. Since then he has ministered to the medical and surgical needs of the community ably and well, building up an enviable reputation in his profession. Away back in the early days he served a term as M.P.P. for Skeena in Victoria.

Dong Sing, clerk at the Prince Rupert Hotel, is among the real old timers here. He claims the distinction of having rung the first church bell in Prince Rupert. That was in 1907 when the late Bishop F. H. DuVernet came over from Metlakatla to conduct the first church service ever held on this townsite. The service took place in the G. T. P. dining room where Sing was mess boy.

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Rt. Rev. E. M. Bunoz O. M. I., Roman Catholic Bishop of Northern British Columbia and the Yukon, is the dean of Prince Rupert's clergy, still resident here, having been the first missionary priest of the community. Long since he was elevated to the bishopric. Friend of Catholic and Protestant alike, he is highly esteemed by all and, withal, one of Prince Rupert's most popular old timers.

A Great Soldier

COL. C. W. PECK

Colorful personality, brave soldier and, withal, intensely popular, Col. C. W. Peck, V.C., D.S.O., is numbered among the most distinguished of Prince Rupert's pioneer citizens. In 1903, Col. Peck, with his partner, the late Capt. D. M. Moore, built Cassiar cannery on the Skeena River and four years later went into the sawmilling business at Georgetown. In 1908 he moved his headquarters into the city. Leading one of the first contingents of volunteers for overseas from Prince Rupert in 1914, he soon distinguished himself as a military leader in France. As commanding officer of the Sixteenth Canadian Scottish Regiment, he was awarded the coveted Victoria Cross and the Distinguished Service Order. While overseas, he was elected Member of the House of Commons for Skeena. Removing from Prince Rupert to Sidney, Vancouver Island, after the War, he sat for some time in the Legislature. Later he was a member of the Board of Pensions Commissioners but now lives in retirement in Sidney.

Pioneer of City

PREMIER T. D. PATTULLO

One of Prince Rupert's pioneers who has gone far in affairs of state and public responsibility is Thomas Dufferin Pattullo, Prime Minister of British Columbia. He came here in 1908 from the Yukon, served on the first city council, was mayor in 1913 and was elected Member of the Legislature in 1916. He was called into the cabinet of the late Premier H. C. Brewster when he formed his ministry in 1916, continued as minister of lands through the long regime of the late Premier John Oliver and later Premier J. D. McLean, was chosen Leader of the Opposition in 1928 and became Premier when the Liberal party was returned to power in 1933. Mr. Pattullo, now 62, is still a comparatively young man and many of his friends and admirers believe that the future may hold even greater responsibilities and honors for him.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Stewart, pioneers of this city, have been in residence for the winter at San Diego, Cal. Mr. Stewart has taken quite a fancy to golfing, it is reported.

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Good Program

Boys' Band Benefits Substantially As Result of Effort of Junior Chamber

The concert presented under the auspices of the Junior Chamber of Commerce to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the incorporation of the city of Prince Rupert and dedicated in honor of Prince Rupert's pioneers drew an appreciative audience of some five hundred or so persons to the Capitol Theatre yesterday afternoon. An excellent program of instrumental and vocal music was presented with City Commissioner W. J. Alder the principal speaker. Proceeds of some $100 are being turned over to the funds of the Prince Rupert Boys' Band.

The proceedings were opened with brief and appropriate remarks by T. N. LePage, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, who referred to the good work of the Prince Rupert Boys' Band under Bandmaster Robert Greenfield and thanked the band, the Junior Symphony Orchestra and artists contributing to the program as well as the management of the Capitol Theatre for its co-operation. Mr. LePage then introduced P. W. Anderson as chairman.

Mr. Anderson referred appreciatively to the gracious gesture of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in dedicating the concert to the pioneers and then called upon City Commissioner W. J. Alder for an address.

Commissioner's Address

Mr. Alder paid tribute to the public spirit of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and referred to the important place the Chamber was taking in civic affairs.

Looking back to 1910, Mr. Alder recalled the limited and crude steamship service at that time, how there had been no industrial development with no railway service, no dry dock, no cold storage plants, no oil tanks, no government wharf, no biological station, no railway station or yards, no ocean dock, no lumber assembly dock, no elevator while the city had no permanent streets or sidewalks and no proper sewerage or electric light systems. When the port and city of that time was compared with today, the great development that had been made could be better realized. The people of those days, armed with nothing but faith, had undertaken a great task in city building. They were not aware of the possibilities of fishing, timber and mineral industries such as now existed. Declaring that Prince Rupert was bound to become a great commercial and business centre, Mr. Alder predicted greater development in the next ten years than there had been in the last twenty-five. Today Oriental trade for the port was looming.

The city commissioner referred to the desirability of home and gardening improvement and mentioned development of park land in McClymont Park west of the Hays Creek bridge on McBride Street.

Musical Program

Contributions of the Prince Rupert Boys' Band to the program included the march "Sinfonia" (Hays), selections from "The Bohemian Girl" (Balfe) and serenade "Organ Echoes" (Hayes), all of which were rendered splendidly, the band showing steadily increasing improvement. The Junior Symphony Orchestra, under direction of A. C. Cameron, played the selection "Danube Waves" (Ivanovici), a medley "Sounds From Ireland" (Bendix) and the march "Victory" (Ascher) in fine style. Vocal solos by Mrs. A. J. Webber, Mrs. J. H. McLeod and Dr. R. G. Large were highly appreciated, encores being demanded in each case. Mrs. Webber's first number was "When Honey Sings an Old Time Song" (Carey), offering "In the Garden of My Heart" as her encore. Mrs. McLeod sang "The Kerry Dances" (Moore) and "Love Sent a Gift of Roses" for her encore. Dr. Large's first selection was "Going Home" (Dvorak) and his encore "Pale Moon" (Cadman). A male quartet consisting of J. E. Devey, J. A. Teng, S. J. Hunter and Judge W. E. Fisher was in good voice in "Can't You Head Me Moanin,' Lord?" (James). Robert Greenfield was skilful in his rendition of "Bride of the Waves" (Clark) as a cornet solo. Accompanists were Mrs. J. S. Black, Mrs. E. J. Smith, Mrs. C. E. Cullin and H. N. Brocklesby.

The program opened with the singing of "O Canada" and closed with "God Save the King."

Fred Wesch spoke briefly, expressing appreciation on behalf of the Prince Rupert Boys' Band Association of the effort made on its behalf by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He also mentioned that not only the pioneers but all citizens would be welcomed at the Pioneers' Association banquet and dance tonight.

"Doc" Orme's First Stand

Here is an interesting picture of pioneer days. It shows "Doc" Orme, pioneer druggist, and his first stand, a tent on Centre Street, in August 1913. He was 23 years of age at that time. Popular personality and one whose services have always been in great demand, Cyril H. Orme has served in practically every public office in Prince Rupert—as mayor, alderman, school trustee, president of the board of trade, etc. Withal, he is one of the city's most successful business men.

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