EMPIRE DAY IS HONORED

Special Significance This Year on Good Queen's Birthday

Yesterday was Victoria Day but there was no special observance in Prince Rupert. Weather was warm but unsettled with alternate bursts of sunshine and showers. Towards evening it settled down to steady rainfall.

Thirty-eight years after Queen Victoria's death, Canada still keeps Victoria Day as a public holiday in her memory. Empire Day ceremonies and school exercises being held on the last school day preceding May 24.

In recent years many of the ceremonies, military parades and bonfires that at one time marked the celebration of Victoria Day have been forgotten. The advent of the motor-car brought opportunities for enjoying the countryside in its spring attire and generally the day is marked as the first outdoor holiday of the year.

"The Maple Leaf Forever," Alexander Muir's great national hymn finds place on programs from one end of the country to the other. Some may recall it was first sung at Beaverton, Ont., on Victoria Day, 1871.

A Canadian also receives credit for the establishment of Empire Day. It was Mrs. Clementina Fessenden of Hamilton, Ont., whose efforts resulted in the Hamilton School Board in 1893 setting aside one school afternoon of the year as "Flag Day." The observance spread and in 1902 Empire Day was being celebrated in the United Kingdom and other parts of the Empire, the Earl of Meath being responsible for the growth of the movement outside of Canada.

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EMPIRE DAY IS HISTORIC

Observance by King Edward School Pupils At Oddfellows' Hall

Empire Day was observed by the pupils of the King Edward School with an interesting program given at the Oddfellows' Hall on Tuesday afternoon under the sponsorship of Hill Sixty Chapter, Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire.

Miss E. A. Mercer, principal, presided and, in her opening remarks referred to the valuable and continuous support given by the Daughters of the Empire to education. Mrs. J. D. Allan was standard bearer as the children saluted the flag and then sang "Land of Our Birth." Mrs. R. E. Moore, regent of Hill 60 Chapter, expressed her pleasure at being present and in a brief address, told of the origin of Empire Day and the connection the Order of the Daughters of the Empire had with the initiation and the perpetuation of the observance. The principal address was given by H. T. Lock who spoke on patriotism and the Empire. Mr. Lock emphasized that patriotism really began in the home but in the home, as exists in a country, where people are free. He counselled the children to cherish the ideal of freedom to appreciate it and to pass it on.

Dr. H. M. Morrison, inspector of schools, who presented the medallions issued to each child as a memento to the visit of Their Majesties also emphasized the fortunate state of countries such as this where the personality of the individual was sacred and the rights of each jealously guarded by laws of justice. He asked the children to make a point of keeping their medallions safely for fifteen years. By that time they would fully realize what Empire Day and British freedom stood for.

Another interesting item was the presentation of a check by Mrs. R. S. Moore to the school to be used for the purchase of books. In accepting, Miss Mercer thanked the Order for the gift which would be of great help in adding to the library and be an incentive to the children to read more extensively.

Musical Program

Other items in the program included a very smart flag drill given by a group of girls in white and carrying national flags. A dramatization of the "Story of the Union Jack" was well presented with various pupils telling the history of each of the flags that make up the flag of the empire. Musical numbers which added greatly to the enjoyment of all included a group of national airs "Hearts of Oak," "The Harp That Once Through Tara's Halls," "All Though the Night," (with descant arrangement) and "Will Ye no Come Back Again?" with Norma Letnes as soloist. Other numbers of particularly imperial character were: "Brightly, Brightly Dawn of Spring," "The Empire is Our Country" and "To Their Majesties." The program concluded with the National Anthem and three cheers in honor of Empire Day and Their Majesties.

Borden Street School Observes Empire Day

Empire Day was fittingly observed in Borden Street School on Tuesday afternoon, a goodly number of members of Queen Mary Chapter, I. O. D. E., were present. A suitable program of patriotic songs were sung by the pupils, opening with "O' Canada" and including a hymn to their Majesties; song, "The Maple Leaf;" song, "Land of our Birth;" chorus, "Land of Hope and Glory."

The Rev. R. C. H. Durnford spoke on the meaning of Empire Day, stressing the need of unity in the Empire. Starting with the ascension of Queen Victoria to the throne, pointing out what she did for her subjects and her influence in the Empire and leading up to the present day, reminding the present generation that they should appreciate the freedom handed down to them and what it meant to be members of our Empire. The speaker urged courage, loyalty and devotion in fitting themselves to future citizens, also to go school with an objective in later years be taken a leading part in the affairs of the Empire.

Miss S. A. Mills on behalf of the pupils thanked Mr. Durnford for his encouraging address. The gathering then closed with the singing of "God Save The King."

PROTEST IN KENYA

MOMBASSA, Kenya, May 25: (CP)—Natives of India here declined to participate in Empire Day celebrations because of an order of the Kenya government reserving settlement of the Kenya highlands to Europeans.

New Pastors Of United Church

Rev. Charles Andyman to Terrace and Rev. Basil Hartley to Queen Charlotte City

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 25: (CP)—Appointments at the Conference of the United Church of Canada here included Rev. Charles Andyman of Nakusp to Terrace succeeding Rev. Adam Crisp who is transferred to another pastorate, Rev. Basil Hartley to Queen Charlotte replacing Rev. W. J. Selder who is transferred to Ymir in the Kootenays and Rev. S. L. G. Berridge to Hazelton.

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DATED the 16th day of May, A.D. 1939.

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