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PRINCE RUPERT'S PATRIOTIC TWENTY-FOURTH.

In spite of noble efforts on the part of the imperially inclined, Prince Rupert citizens have decided not to make any special attempt to mark the 24th of May, Empire Day, or Victoria Day, whichever you may prefer to term it. In the multitude of councillors there is wisdom, and was pognant, whether it be really one day or not, is quite a power in the land. Prince Rupert has acted quite sensibly in quietly turning down all attempts at organizing a special celebration within the city's limits to mark the occasion of the 24th. A very much healthier and happier day will be spent by the citizens in taking advantage of the many excellent opportunities offered them for getting away for a while from the townsite which has been the scene of their joys and sorrows, struggles and successes for many a month past.

Imperialist opinion notwithstanding, Prince Rupert is not going to be accused of disloyalty to the imperial idea or even to the memory of the great and good Queen by preferring to go forth into the fresh and free, over wave and up mountain-side, or along the gleaming ribbon of the steel, as her manner of celebrating the 24th, instead of having a dusty gathering in the city's center for the glory of a company of athletes to the parking of many thrashed bag and small. There is something quite appreciably more imperial in the idea of spreading abroad by land and sea on Empire Day than in congregation together for one narrow purpose. In their manner of observing Empire Day Prince Rupert citizens may consider themselves just as patriotic as they are sensible.

Domination Day is not far distant, and on that occasion it is highly probable that there will be sports in plenty for the young athletes of the city, with a very much greater chance of success for the program than would have been the case had matters been scrambled into shape for tomorrow. The men will be in better training; there will probably be more financial support concentrated on the single day than if subscriptions had been solicited for Empire Day with Domination Day looming in front, and there is very good reason to believe that there will be a much bigger crowd of visitors to impress with the very excellent abilities of our Prince Rupert athletes.

CONSERVATIONISM FROM WITHIN.

When the late Dominion government created the Civil Service Commission and placed the "inside" service at Ottawa under its control Mr. Borden commended that departure and spoke in an admirably high minded manner about the desirability of doing away with the patronage evil in politics, declaring himself in favor of extending the control of the commission to the entire civil service.

Mr. Borden unconditionally desires to be honest and conscientious, and if left to himself he would doubtless measure up to expectations, but the trouble is he is surrounded by a nest of hungry, thirsting wolves, and they evidently overpower his better judgment. If he would but cast aside the heifers of his party and exert his own personal wholesome influence he would not only be doing the country a splendid public service, but in the end he would immeasurably strengthen his party by recognizing efficiency only in preference to permitting the continuance of the spoils system merely to gratify the selfishness of a lot of shysters who are, in nine cases out of ten, utterly devoid of fitness for public positions and who would never get a look in if merit alone counted for anything, and if the only necessary qualification were not that of playing the dirtiest kind of political trickery.—The Evening Empire.

DETAILS OF THE DISASTER
AT SEATTLE FERRY WHARF

WRECKED ESCAPE OF MANY PASSENGERS PRECIPITATED INTO WATER BY COLLAPSE OF PIER AND SLIP—LARGE OF HUMAN BEINGS HURLED INTO DITCH.

Seattle, May 20.—Mrs. Phyllis, in length 18 years, feet wide and once E. Leonard of 500 Ballard was well filled with the last of the pier and Carl Brader, son of the pier, were thrown and 54 others were injured at the Coleman dock at 54-56 p.m. yesterday morning when the afterside end of the gangway from which they were boarding the steamer Flier for Tacoma collapsed.

More than sixty persons fell into the waters of Elliott Bay, twenty feet below. In the midst of a scene of panic, indescribable, a few cool, efficient persons undertook the work of rescue, and rendered great service in pulling out the struggling men, women and children. Many were in the last stages of exhaustion, both from their physical struggles and from having swallowed quantities of the polluted salt water.

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NEW ACTOR GIVES A NOVEL
INTERPRETATION OF 'HAMLET'

IAN MACLAREN WAKES THE MELANCHOLY DANE A FIERY SPIRITED YOUTH AN INTERPRETATION DIFFERENT FROM THE TRADITIONAL HAMLETS OF ACTORS OF PAST AGES.

There is a new Hamlet on the American stage—a Scotch actor, Ian MacLaren, who recently came over to support George Arliss in "Dorothy." Mr. MacLaren loves the Shakespeare and he, with kindred spirit, organized a commemorative performance of Hamlet and gave it at Wallack's Theatre, New York, recently.

As Ophelia, he had Miss Viola Knott, daughter of the famous Hamilton actress, Rosalie Knott, and the Canadian girl is said to have given a very creditable performance in the difficult part.

The critic of the Dramatic Mirror writes as follows regarding the new and novel interpretation of Hamlet's character by Mr. MacLaren: "Another actor has cast his lot into the Shakespearean ring, and it is a piece of headgear worthy of critical attention, because although it is built on a familiar framework, it has several new plumes. Tradition has decreed that Hamlet must be an introspective, philosophical hero, and consequently he has become a sort of monument to soliloquy and inaction. In all recent incarnations Hamlet has worn an old head on his young shoulders, and his demeanor has taken on the temperament of a middle aged scholar.

For that reason, Ian MacLaren, who is nothing if not original, has thrown down the gauntlet, because his Hamlet from intention and design is an ardent youth. Purposely he eliminates the even balance and the calm thoughtfulness to which we are accustomed, in order to replace it with fire and spirit. As a result, he creates a more emotionally sympathetic character, who really touches the heart. A stickler for tradition may hesitate to accept this version, but certainly Hamlet was a young man, and Mr. MacLaren has not settled upon the interpretation without a logical cause. The only point that admits argument is the reconciliation of such spirit with Hamlet's activity. This difficult matter the actor accomplished with absolute success by many little items of varied shading which cannot be set down at length. He gave the impression that Hamlet was burning with desire for revenge, but that the Prince felt at the same time his own inability to cope with the odds against him. His most illuminating example of this occurred at the close of his scene of instruction to the players. After Ophelia's death he appeared more quiet, more self possessed, as if he were nerving himself up to the task before him. He became the acquiescent instrument of an external power that urged him to strike.

Mr. MacLaren's originality also appeared in various bits of stage business. He made the exchange of rapiers an intention, not an accident. He used only one picture in the scene with the Queen, imagining the other in the air. In reading certain emotional passages he hastened torrentially through the lines, emphasizing only the climatic points, and dropping the rest into an almost unintelligible shadow.

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