PLENTY OF SPACE, lots of muskeg and long plank roads is the way Prince Rupert appeared to pioneers who lived here prior to incorporation of city. Most of the oldtimers who helped carve city out of forest in 1908 and 1909 remember most the muskeg and the plank roads. All the plank roads have disappeared but the muskeg still discourages home building.

Wide span of west coast covered by Large family since century began

"The doctor is here!"

That could write the history of the Large family on the North Coast for the last half century beginning with Dr. R. W. Large, one of the early medical missionaries until today when R. G. and A. W. Large are practicing physicians and surgeons in Prince Rupert and Gordon in Vancouver.

Wife and mother of this medical family was Miss Isabella Geddes, daughter of Captain Geddes. Mrs. Large still leads an active and busy life in Prince Rupert.

Graduate of Trinity Medical College of Toronto, Dr. R. W. Large was sent out to British Columbia in 1898 by the Methodist Church. His first stop was Steveston on Lulu Island, where he spent two years.

In 1900 he moved to Bella Bella where he spent ten busy years. Under his direction the Bella Bella hospital (now the R. W. Large Memorial Hospital) was built. It was in Bella Bella that Gordon and R. G. Large were born. Besides his medical degree Dr. R. W. Large was ordained minister of the Methodist church.

Appointed to the hospital at historic Port Simpson in 1910 under the provincial and dominion governments, Dr. Large succeeded Dr. W. T. Kergin. With the appointment at Port Simpson went the responsibility of the Port Essington branch Hospital.

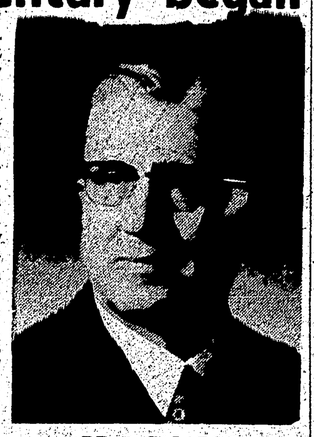
It was at this old Hudson Bay Post that A. W. and Marian Large were born. Marian is Mrs. F. H. Thomas of Prince Rupert.

Prior to her marriage, Marian Large was an honor graduate in philosophy from the University of Toronto and later a Registered Nurse at Toronto Western hospital. In 1948 she came to Prince Rupert and nursed at the Prince Rupert General hospital.

With 12 years of training at the Toronto Conservatory of Music behind her, Mrs. Thomas has also been organist at hte First United Church for the last three years.

The two older Large boys attended the Port Simpson Public School and later high school in South Vancouver with Gordon going to Columbian College in New Westminster. After Dr. R. W. Large's death in 1920 the family moved to Toronto where their schooling was completed.

Mrs. R. W. Large, 509 Herman Street, has devoted her whole life to the church. After her husband's death she served as secretary for Indian work on the Dominion Board of the Women's Missionary Society for 10 years.



DR. R. G. LARGE

She is a Fellow of the Toronto Conservatory of Music.

Dr. R. G. Large, author of "Skeena, River of Destiny," returned to his early North Coast home as assistant to Dr. G. E. Darby at Bella Bella then to Hazelton, on the Skeena.

Later, for five years, Dr. R. G. Large was in charge of the Port Simpson General Hospital and in 1931 established a general practice in Prince Rupert.

Posted to Prince Rupert with the RCAF during the last war, Dr. A. W. Large joined Dr. R. G. Large in practice in Prince Rupert. Dr. Gordon Large, an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist practices in Vancouver.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Glassey made mark in B.C. history

Two pioneers of the north country scheduled to be presented with special framed scrolls during Prince Rupert's B.C. Centennial celebrations are well known. Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Glassey, long time residents of the city. Both Mr. and Mrs. Glassey have lived in British Columbia since 1886.

Retired recently as stipendiary magistrate of the provincial government H. F. Glassey first went north to Hazelton as manager for the Hudson's Bay Company.

It was in Hazelton in 1914 he married Mrs. Glassey who was the first woman pre-emptor in B.C., under a new land act which came into effect in 1906.

The former magistrate came to Prince Rupert in 1915 and was employed by F. G. Dawson and Co. Ltd., wholesale grocers, now known as Malkin's. He was appointed magistrate in 1934.

Upon his appointment as magistrate he spent six years in Atlin B.C. where on top of his duties as magistrate, he was government agent and gold commissioner.

In 1940, Mr. Glassey returned to Prince Rupert and worked for the provincial Government for two years as ration administrator for central and northern B.C. during the Second World War.

Since 1945, Mr. Glassey has continued his present position as a notary public which he assumed in 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Glassey have both been very active in political affairs in Prince Rupert for a good many years.

Mrs. Glassey was born at Hastings Mill, B.C., and Mr. Glassey was the first male born in St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria.

First bread delivered by rowboat

Delivering bread to the store by rowboat is the way A. H. Bailey started in business during the early days in Prince Rupert.

A. H. Bailey arrived in Prince Rupert in 1907 and Mrs. Bailey and their two daughters in the early spring of 1908. Jean, now Mrs. Joseph Beesley says she remembers when her mother and dad made bread in their tent in Vickersville and delivered it to the store in Knoxville by row boat.

During an early sports day held on the first of July, on the Grand Trunk Pacific wharf, the Baileys dispensed goodies from a concession.

In their possession, the two daughters of the first baker in Prince Rupert, have a permit signed by J. H. Bacon, harbor engineer for the Grand Trunk Pacific for the first wooden-roofed building in the growing city. Also the first adult and child's steamship ticket issued for a Grand Trunk Pacific Steamer.

Mr. Bailey now lives at 1882 Hampshire Road, Victoria and his two daughters Miss Moya Bailey and Mrs. Joseph Beesley at 1147 Pandora, Victoria.

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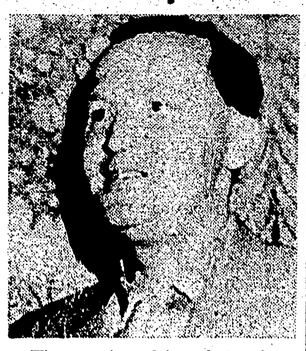
Here since '09 hardwareman thinks Rupert "swell place"

J. G. ANDERSON arrived in Princq Rupert in 1909 and still thinks Prince Rupert is a "swell place to live."

He attended the first school in Prince Rupert, of which a Mr. Hunter was the principal. The school stood where the present Government Liquor store now stands.

Mr. Anderson served his apprenticeship as an electrician in Anyox and was there between 1914 and 1918.

His present place of business was established in 1938, when he and Lee M. Gordon, also of a well known pioneer family, went into partnership. Lee Gordon is the son of the late Alexander Robert Gordon who was one of the early residents of Knoxville.



The partnership of Gordon and Anderson lasted until 1950 when Mr. Anderson became sole owner.

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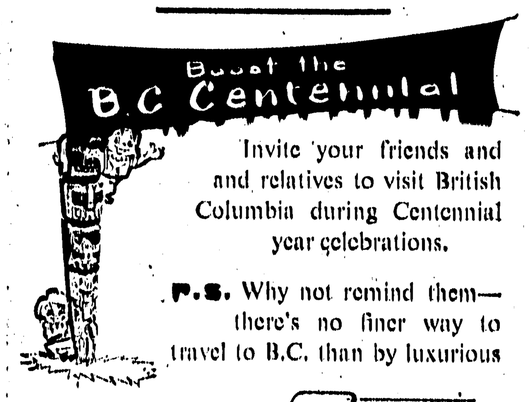

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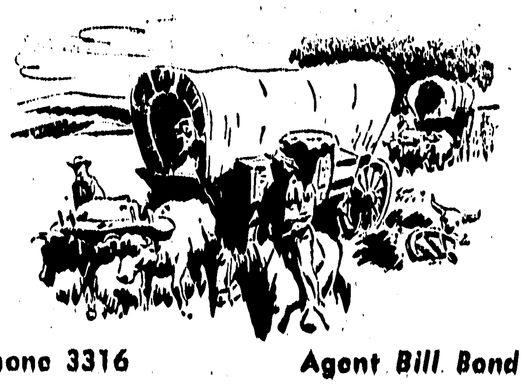

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