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ST. GEORGE'S DAY

WHETHER it is a sahib preparing to leave independence-bound India, a cockney pitting brawn against post-war crisis, or a missionary leading a Tanganyika native choir—today, as Englishmen all, they echo "Will of Avon's" "God for George! England and St. George!"

For of all days, St. George's stands apart not only as England's patron saint day, but as the day when Englishmen recall stories of the past, honor the birth and death of William Shakespeare, and recount the saga of the Royal Navy's daring attack on Zeebrugge in 1918.

From days of antiquity, St. George has been more than a patriotic figure in many lands. In Spain, Portugal, Czarist Russia, France—even among Mohammedans of the Middle East—he has been the fearless defender of chivalry, the sword-swinging doom of dragons and tyrants alike.

According to early legend, to some extent substantiated by theological historians, St. George was born of Greek Christian parents at Cappadocia about 270 A.D. At the age of 17 he entered the military service of the Roman Emperor Diocletian and later served at York, then Roman capital of England.

Strong in his faith, he early frowned on Roman persecution of Christians and bluntly rebuked Diocletian. To demands for liberty for fellow-Christians, the emperor's reply was brutal and speedy —St. George was tortured and beheaded at Nicomedia, Asia Minor, April 23, 303.

Reverence for his memory spread through the Middle East, churches were built in his honor, the Hellespont (now the Dardenelles) was renamed St. George's Arm, and the narrow seas between England and Ireland became George's Channel. The crusaders, honoring the saint's heroic defence of his faith, made him their patron. In 1220 the Council of Oxford ordered April 23 set aside as an English national holiday. Edward III made him patron of the Order of the Garter and, in the 15th Century, Frederick of Austria founded the St. George Knighthood.

Gentlemen All

The following extract from Hansard (page 1870) is a fine illustration of the incisive minds, the brilliant wit, the profound judgment of some at least of our legislators:

Mr. Archibald (C.C.F., Skeena, B.C.): Well, Mr. Chairman, I had a friend in the Old Country who had a dog. He used to say, "I'll kick you if you bark, and I'll kick you if you dinna bark." It doesn't matter what you do; that is the Tory attitude.

Mr. Fraser (Prog. Cons., Peterborough West, Ont.): And you sneer all the time.

Mr. Archibald: Don't strain that pip-squeak treble tone or you'll ruin it.

Mr. Cockerham (Prog Cons., York South, Ont.): Why didn't you put on the uniform during the war?

Mr. Archibald: You're a liar; I had it on.

Mr. Cockerham: Yes, in the home service, or something like that; and don't you say that.

Mr. Archibald: Don't you tell me what to say.

The Chairman: Order. May I ask hon. members of the committee to assist the chairman in maintaining order, and proceed with the business of the committee. The hon. member for Skeena has the floor.

If such a performance had been staged in a debating society in the Montreal High School, the judges would have thrown the contestants out. But the persons here involved are not school boys, they are grown men, all of whom have so won the hearts and minds of their home towns that they have been elected to Parliament. — Montreal Daily Star.

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LETTERBOX

MR. ARCHIBALD EXPLAINS

Editor, Daily News:

I wish you would publish this letter in the interests of Canadians of European background who are interested in having relatives brought to this country. There is a great deal of confusion existing in the country at the present time owing to the announcements made by the Immigration Branch of the Department of Mines and Resouces.

First, Europeans whose relatives could be considered as enemy aliens during the last war are still discriminated against to this extent—that as yet only wives and minors are being allowed into Canada. Relatives of Canadians in countries which were allies of ours during the last war are being allowed into Canada, but in two years' time only 800 relatives have managed to arrive.

Members of Parliament on all sides of the House are being literally deluged with appeals which the Immigration Branch simply cannot handle. I wrote to the Department on one case on February 25 of this year and it is now April 16 but I have yet to receive a reply on it.

Any person wishing relatives to come out should apply to the local Immigration Officer for the initial papers, of which five copies are necessary. If they do not obtain the five copies and just file one, they will receive the application back some time within two months asking them to fill out the five copies.

I am writing this letter simply to explain the absolute confusion that exists over this matter so that no one can be blamed. The Immigration Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources claims that it has not the staff to handle the terrific number of applications.

Anyone with relatives in Russia or within the boundaries of Russian jurisdiction will just have to wait until the international situation clarifies itself as nothing can be done under the present conditions.

Filing the five copies with the nearest Immigration branch and then waiting for further announcements as to progress in this vital matter is seemingly about all that can be accomplished.
plished under present conditions.

H. G. ARCHIBALD
M. P. for Skeena.

Mrs. G. R. S. Blackaby returned on the Prince Rupert this morning from Vancouver where she attended the provincial conference of the I.O.D.E. as Queen Mary Chapter delegate.

PREVENTING ANOTHER COLLYER INCIDENT—Eighty-two-year-old Ann Quinn, an indigent spinster, is shown being helped from her ramshackle home in Philadelphia, Pa., by city officials prior to her being committed to hospital for proper care. In removing the aged woman from her home which had been declared unfit for human habitation, officials of the city's department of health and sanitation said they didn't want a Collyer incident in the Quaker City. They referred to the two New York recluses, Langley and Homer Collyer, who were found dead in their trash-packed home.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

Prince Rupert

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HEALTHIER PROVINCE

HALIFAX (CP)—Health of Nova Scotians is better today than at any time in history. Government statistics for 1945 show a lower general death rate, while tuberculosis deaths were down, and infant and maternal mortality showed "important decreases."

George Wilson, provincial public works department office here, is in receipt of a telegram from his son, William H. Wilson, in Toronto, announcing his marriage. Mr. Wilson, who is in the R.C.A.F. service, met his bride in England during the war. She was then in uniform.

CIRCULATION IS INCREASING

Board Reports Larger Number of Citizens Making Use of Library

Members of the Prince Rupert Library Board heard with satisfaction at their meeting last evening of the steady increase in the number of borrowers in the library and a corresponding increase in the number of books in circulation. A particularly gratifying feature was the increase in the number of juvenile borrowers.

With a view to giving proper prominence to Canadian literature it is planned to have a section devoted to books written by Canadians. There is still a difficulty in getting books, the book committee reported. Other book agencies will be consulted with a view to obtaining new books more readily.

Receipts in the pay section are increasing and the board is able to reimburse the Civic Centre for the cost of installing the fluorescent lighting system. This has proved to be a great boon as there is adequate lighting for all sections now.

With the object of providing a service to the community the board is planning with the generous support of CFPR, a monthly series of talks when members of the board will discuss in radio talks problems connected with the library, its facilities, new books and periodicals. For instance, it is not generally known that there is a supply of telephone directories of various cities, not only in B.C. but throughout Canada and even some American cities.

The chairman, Mrs. M. M. Roper, extended a hearty welcome to Rev. A. F. MacSween, on his appointment to the board. Other members present were Mrs. A. Flaten, Alderman C. G. Ham, Bruce Stevens, Miss O. Van Cooten, librarian, and J. S. Wilson, secretary.

Mrs. Star Comer returned from a busines trip to Vancouver on the Prince Rupert this morning.

COMES HERE FROM MEXICO

His countenance burnished somewhat by the hot sun of California and Mexico, Olof Hanson, former M.P. for Skeena, stepped off the steamer Prince Rupert this morning to spend the next few weeks directing his timber and real estate enterprises between Prince Rupert and Smithers.

Mr. Hanson returned to Vancouver from a two-months' trip to California and Mexico on Saturday, visited Victoria Sunday and then climbed aboard the boat Prince Rupert night.

"It was a restful tr I can stand a bit of he commented. "I fine."

Mr. Hanson said th dition of his son, Bi badly injured in an Smithers last winter, is recuperating at h home near Vancouve covering his health.

Mr. Hanson will div between Prince Rupe thers while in the d

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