

CANADA'S TRADE WITH GREAT BRITAIN

Special Commissioner of the Imperial Board to Inquire Into Conditions.

MR. RICHARD GRIGG REACHES COAST

Possessed of a Keen Sense of the Importance of His Quest.

"I am impressed as much as a man can be with the limitless resources of Canada, and coupled with this the wonderful appreciation the people here have of the Dominion's advantages and of the boundless faith they have in the inevitably great future that lies before this country."

This was the statement made by Richard Grigg, commissioner appointed by the Imperial board of trade, which is a department of the British government, to visit Canada, to investigate trade relations between Great Britain and this country. Mr. Grigg arrived at Vancouver Sunday morning from Winnipeg, and is at the Hotel Vancouver. He will be there about a week, and will return to Winnipeg, to be present at the meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' association, which takes place on September 17 and the following days. While there he will meet with commercial men and will appoint a correspondent who is to keep the board of trade posted in all matters of interest in connection with British Columbia. He proposes visiting Victoria, where he will spend some days.

Meaning mutual commerce between Great Britain and the colonies may be promoted is a subject which is occupying the attention of Imperial politicians. The present opposition, when it was in power, despatched a commissioner to South Africa immediately after the war, to investigate the trade relations between the Dominion and that country. At present Mr. Grigg, another commercial commissioner, is in Australia.

The commissioner to Canada is thoroughly representative of the business interests of Great Britain. After his appointment, and previous to leaving for this country, Mr. Grigg visited all the principal chambers of commerce, and in each great interest was manifested in his mission, and expressing gratification at his appointment were afterwards forwarded to the Imperial board of trade.

The London chamber of commerce passed the following

Resolution

which was endorsed by the whole chamber: "That the association of the London chamber of commerce desire to express their gratification at the appointment by the Imperial board of trade of Mr. Richard Grigg as commercial commissioner to visit and report upon the possibilities of increased trade between the Dominion of Great Britain and the Dominion of Canada, which it is believed will result in mutual benefit to British and Canadian industry, and to the recommendation of the committee of the chamber that letters be despatched to the Canadian boards of trade and chambers of commerce, and that they should be requested to render to Mr. Grigg all the assistance in their power."

Since coming to Canada Mr. Grigg has visited Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, and Winnipeg, and at Ingersoll attended a meeting of the board of trade, which passed a motion of appreciation at his appointment.

"Nothing could exceed the kindness of my reception," Mr. Grigg remarked in interview. "I presented letters to Earl Grey and the ministers of the government, and the Earl Grey, the minister of the interior, and the minister of the navy, and after several hours of conversation, giving me valuable advice and assistance, and some of the possibilities of Canadian production, and declared that the Dominion was destined to produce the best goods in the world, and that those who were already accomplishing things in this connection should state that Lord Strathcona, the Canadian high commissioner in England, is a man to whom everybody in the state looks up. He is respected and venerated, and his opinion carries great weight. He was particularly interested in this mission, and I spent a long time with him before leaving England."

The difference between the boards of trade in England and Canada was pointed out by Mr. Grigg. He said that in England is a department of the government, of which a minister, Lord George, is the head. What are known as boards of trade here are chambers of commerce there.

Briefly stated, the duties which have been laid upon the commissioner to visit and report upon the possibilities of increased trade between the Dominion of Great Britain and the Dominion of Canada, are the following:

Main Objects of Inquiry

(1) To ascertain and investigate those trade agencies in any branch which have been built with foreign goods, with a view to showing (a) whether British goods are gaining or losing ground in the market; (b) in the latter case the reasons for the success of foreign competition, and for any steps which British traders take in order to effectively meet such competition.

"The second object is to ascertain the names, and addresses, of the responsible and intelligent men in the Dominion, say one each in Ottawa, Halifax, St. John, Hamilton, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, and Vancouver, who are willing to act as correspondents of the intelligence branch of the board of trade, and to report upon the conditions of trade in all matters of interest to British trade."

Mr. Grigg is very desirous that the attainment of this object shall not be hampered by over-confidence. "Mistakes I know I shall make, and I approach my task conscious of the difficulty and with some degree of diffidence. I hope for the assistance of many."

Men of Wide Experience

who conduct business life in this country, are a grateful help, and I am sure that the evidence on all sides of interest in my mission."

The commissioner had no definite knowledge of English manufacturers contemplating the opening of branch factories in Canada, but he believed this might be done in the future, and is conducting his investigation in line with the characteristic and traditionally thorough methods of the department by which he has been sent to Canada. That he is courteous but cautious, may be the brief summing up of an interesting interview.

It might be mentioned that Mr. Grigg is especially fitted to act in this capacity, inasmuch as he has been connected with Canada through a former connection with the Dominion, in which he has many friends. He has also received the following recognition: The Canadian Manufacturers' association expresses its satisfaction at the appointment by the board of trade of a commercial commissioner to visit and report upon the possibilities of increased trade between the Dominion of Canada and Great Britain, and has expressed its pleasure in offering the services of the association for the purpose of assisting Mr. Grigg to secure such information as he desires."

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Mr. Sebag-Montefiore of London Paying a Visit to the West.

A distinguished visitor to Victoria is Mr. Sebag-Montefiore, of England, who is concluding a tour to America. He is grandson of Sir Joseph Sebag, and a descendant of the late Sir Moses Montefiore, the great Jewish philanthropist.

Mr. Sebag-Montefiore is much impressed with the opportunities of the West and particularly with Victoria and Vancouver island, for which he sees a great future.

He has been shown the various points of interest by Mr. Arthur J. Leary. Yesterday he made a tour of the outlying districts in a motor car tendered by Mr. Flumerfelt.

The Colonist reporter yesterday evening Mr. Sebag-Montefiore said: "I am very greatly enamored by the beauties and attractions of Victoria. It appears to me the city has no rival, a great, pure, a residential point, but also as a commercial and industrial center. The C. P. R. shall have completed its plans for the development of the island, Victoria will, no doubt, in my mind realize very great advantages in a commercial sense."

He has been in the city since Monday and will leave for California points tomorrow.

INDIANS BACK FROM VISIT TO THE KING

Details of the Reception at Vancouver to Chief Joe Capilano and Colleagues.

The Indians were out in force yesterday to welcome back home their respected chief Joe Capilano, who has been spending the summer "abroad," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser of yesterday.

The chief's mission to the court of St. James was in the nature of a political one but the aged warrior is very reticent as to the success his visit achieved. Before leaving the station, the hero of the reception stood up in his carriage and made the following speech to those assembled to greet him:

"Ladies and gentlemen, I am very glad to get back and to see you all. I saw the great white chief—the King. He is a great man and treated us very nicely. I had a fine time and saw the big city. I give you good name, all you white people and Indians. But we are glad to get home. Thank you."

In connection with his visit to London, the following account of an interview between the party and a representative of the London Express of August 14th will be of interest. The chief's allusion to his "wigwams" is peculiarly touching.

The three Indian chiefs who traveled over 4,000 miles to petition the King to preserve their hunting grounds, have succeeded in their object. They are overjoyed at the hearty greeting of His Majesty, and the graciousness of the Queen, to whom they were also.

It was only yesterday morning they were told that the day of days at length had arrived and that the great event towards which they had looked for so many months was at last to come to pass. But they were not surprised, they had heard so much of the kindness of the Great White chief to every section of his subjects that they were sure he would give them a hearing.

Many had told them in Canada that their journey would be for nothing, and that they would be laughed at. But they were not daunted. They simply said an extra prayer, and went aboard the big ship. They might perish, but they had to do their duty to the men, women, and children of the tribes they ruled.

When the news came to them yesterday that they were to go to Buckingham Palace they shook hands with each other, and they did not know one to the other. The victory they had so earnestly striven for was theirs.

Ceremonial Dress

They reverently took out of their boxes their magnificent mantles of many colors, the high fur-trimmed hats, and the other emblems of authority which are only worn at the conclaves of great chiefs. Soon after the two carriages arrived to take them to the palace, and they were met by the high commissioner for their interpreter, Simon Pierre, an official from the office of the high commissioner for Canada, who was to introduce them formally to the King.

As the chiefs drove in at the gates of the great building they were saluted by the sentries, and they saluted back. They were met by attendants, who conducted them through the long stretches of corridors to the throne room.

First marched Chief Joseph Capilano, the leader of the expedition, then Chief Charles Tsilpamit, and close behind Chief Basil Canopot. What happened next is vividly described by Chief Joseph, who speaks a little broken English. He lapsed into Chinook as he became more and more excited.

For his impassiveness has vanished. He is completely swept away by the graciousness of the King. Joseph is a well-built man, with very expressive features, and he laughed and shouted and clapped his hands as he went. The air of making them in his own quaint way.

"The King is great, is good, is kind," began Chief Joseph. "How great I know now, how good I saw when he came across the room to welcome me. He was always so kind to me, but bad man stand still and wait. But the great chief he come over and he speak first. Oh, yes, he speak first!"

He tell us he glad to see us, and we bend low, very low, for he is so great a King. Then he take us with him to the good Queen, who was also waiting for us. She smile and we smile, she is so good. Then I hand her the presents I brought—four baskets made by my little girl Emma, who just twelve years old."

The baskets, which were brightly colored, are made from the roots of the cedar tree, so tightly plaited that they hold water. The art of making them is being rapidly lost by the Indians, but Chief Joseph's daughter is an adept. Specimens of this kind of baskets often sell for \$15 or \$20 each.

The King he so pleased he laugh when he saw the baskets. "Went on the chief," he make me open them and he

show inside. Then I hand the great Queen a picture of myself and my little girl, and she laugh, and she thank me to pretty. When she got out she take up baskets in her very own arms and go away with them."

The petition was then presented to the King, who talked for over a quarter of an hour with the chiefs. Chief Joseph would not, of course, divulge this part of the interview, but we understand that His Majesty gave his word of advice, and that he would bear the word of the Great White Chief, and have looked upon him.

Here Chief Tsilpamit interrupted through the interpreter. He is the "old man" of the party, being more than seventy years of age, and every muscle of his thickly lined face quivered as he strove to conceal his emotion.

"I had on my coat, my buck-long enough to see the Great White King," he said earnestly. "And tell him the wishes of my people. Now I have seen him, and my heart is glad. I hope the news he hear the glad news he told to the wigwams of my tribes, and I care not how soon death claims me."

The chiefs have been to see all the sights of London, and have been impressed by all they saw under the guidance of Mr. H. H. Allingham, who lived for many years in Vancouver, where he knew the chiefs well. The Zoo pleased them most. Chief Joseph looked laughing as he told of an incident which happened there.

"I had on my big coat, my buck-skin coat," he said, "when suddenly I see a lion look at me. Oh yes, a very fierce lion. And he sniff at my coat, and when I walk along he walk along to, and he get so angry, and he growl. And I laugh at him, and he walk along with me as far as he could go."

It was also at the Zoo that a gentleman went up to the interpreter and told him to ask each of the chiefs for a little tuft of their hair. The chiefs refused. "He make too free and ask too much," was one's comment.

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CAVES WHICH HELD VALENCIA WRECKAGE

Quadra was Instructed to Investigate—Mr. Daykin Tells of the Finds

INDIAN ONLY SAW BOAT AND BODIES

Series of Caves Near Scene of Wreck With Considerable Wreckage in Them

The steamer Quadra which was ordered by Capt. Gaudin, local agent of reported by Indians near the scene of the Valencia wreck returned to port yesterday. The government steamer did not visit the caves in which the boat, life raft, and skeletons were reported found, but brought a report from Mr. W. P. Daykin, lightkeeper at Carmanah, to the department detailing the results of investigation made by his sons, Phil and Tom Daykin. The lightkeeper sent a plan of the caves in which the wreckage, the boat and its ghastly complement, was located by the Indians. Mr. Daykin said he had no doubt that the scene to make investigations and who entered the cave in which the life raft was found, although unable to get into the cave, he saw the wreckage and the remains of the boat, and he is interested to note that he has been connected with the surveying branch of the navy ever since he reached the coast of British Columbia. His abilities as a surveying officer have long been recognized by the hydrographic office, and as he is only 48 years of age it is not improbable that Captain Parry may be one day at the position of hydrographer. The disadvantage of this capable man like Captain Parry, Capt. Rear Admiral W. J. M. Macdonald, and others who might be mentioned are liable to have their useful careers arrested in the prime of life. There can be but one hydrographer and one senior captain are strictly limited. Some means should be found of utilizing more fully the services and experiences of these energetic and capable officers. The well-revered to the general service after spending their lives in surveying ships, the work being so essentially different. We have more than once advocated the separation of the branch should, for promotion purposes be separated from the general service, but opinion is divided as to the practicability of this change.

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EXTENSIVE RAILWAY CONTRACT.

Spokane, Aug. 31.—Contracts for the building of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul from the Bitter Root mountains to the Columbia river have been let to H. C. Henry, of Seattle.

The money to be paid for the St. Joseph river from the Idaho line to a point below Ferrell or St. Joe, Idaho; then goes on to Tekoa, Wash.; passes on to Rosalia; goes along the south side of Rock Island, and then reaches Lind on the Northern Pacific.

From Lind the line will practically follow the survey of the old Northern Pacific cut-off from Lind to Ellensburg. Contracts for a part of the line have been let to Grant Smith & Co. The firm includes E. N. Jones, of Jones & Onserud, railroad contractors, of Spokane.

E. N. Jones said tonight: "We have our survey party at Rosalia, and will start work at once. We shall need a thousand men, whom we will pay \$2.50 a day. Our work is to be done a year from next January."

CAPTAIN PARRY'S PROMOTION.

Former Commander of Egeria Will be Sub-Lieutenant.

Victorians will be interested to learn that Captain John F. Parry, who was such a popular officer at Esquimalt in command of H. M. S. Egeria, has been given command of H. M. S. Merlin, a sloop similar in construction to H. M. S. Egeria, of this station. The Naval and Military Record of August 16 says: Captain John F. Parry will commission the sloop Merlin at Esquimalt on September 4 with a crew from the Madway depot, for surveying service abroad. This is the first ship commanded by this capable officer since he reached the captain's list, and there can be no doubt that his officers and men will enjoy a comfortable commission, despite the arduous work. Captain Parry is a grandson of the late Sir John Franklin, the Arctic explorer, and it is interesting to note that he has been connected with the surveying branch of the navy ever since he reached the coast of British Columbia. His abilities as a surveying officer have long been recognized by the hydrographic office, and as he is only 48 years of age it is not improbable that Captain Parry may be one day at the position of hydrographer. The disadvantage of this capable man like Captain Parry, Capt. Rear Admiral W. J. M. Macdonald, and others who might be mentioned are liable to have their useful careers arrested in the prime of life. There can be but one hydrographer and one senior captain are strictly limited. Some means should be found of utilizing more fully the services and experiences of these energetic and capable officers. The well-revered to the general service after spending their lives in surveying ships, the work being so essentially different. We have more than once advocated the separation of the branch should, for promotion purposes be separated from the general service, but opinion is divided as to the practicability of this change.

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