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Vast Distances and Great Possibilities of North Country are Emphasized

Mr. W. S. Dyer, who was accompanied to Fort Norman on an eight thousand mile trip of exploration by W. G. Ogilvie and R. E. Henderson, is the head of the W. S. Dyer Syndicate. This journey to the far-western district of Canada's great North-Western Territory was made to stake out the syndicate's claim of 15 square miles of oil-producing goldings on the Mackenzie River.

Flushed With Success

This intrepid little party of three have returned from their three months' trip of rail and river and lake travel, with no inconsiderable roughing it, flushed with the exhilaration of success. For they bring with them samples of the oil as it is found in fields. It is a high-grade crude oil containing by measurement 35 per cent. of gasoline. A 20 per cent. content is usually considered very good. The oil found also contains 40 per cent. illuminating oil, and the remainder is suitable for lubricating purposes.

The Journey

Leaving Toronto on May 10th this year, Dyer, Henderson and Ogilvie travelled by C.P.R. to Edmonton, hence by way of Peace and Slave Rivers, Great Slave Lake and the Mackenzie River to Fort Norman in a comfortable little 17-foot single cylinder disappearing propeller motor boat, peculiarly adaptable to such waters, and built by the Disappearing Propeller Motor Boat Co. of Toronto. The whole trip was void of any disturbing incident, excepting, perhaps, once when Mister Bruin, a big black bear, poned his inquisitive nose into the Toronto trio's affairs, while on the Mackenzie River, and met sudden death for his curiosity. All three men are crack shots, and from their staunch little launch the venturesome animal was brought down in his tracks. That night, as the result of a single well-aimed bullet, the party had bear meat for supper.

Treacherous Waters

Mr. Dyer describes Great Slave Lake as a huge body of water yielding with Lake Huron in size. It is a treacherous inland sea, in that sudden storms sweep down with scant, if any, warning, and whip its quiet, inviting surface into a tumultuous cauldron of angry, white-bearded billows. Being warned of this, the party made all haste across the 100 miles breadth of Great Slave Lake, which distance they accomplished in 28 hours, arriving at the head of the Mackenzie River, just in time to escape a veritable snorter of a wicked storm.

Another 600 Miles

From this point to Fort Norman is just 600 miles, which was covered in seven days. Mr. Dyer describes the Mackenzie as a noble, fairly sinuous river, running between picturesque banks clothed in beautiful spruce and spruce poplar, with here and there bright sun-lit glades revealing a luxuriant carpeting of grasses of varied coloring and other rich growth. And the whole backed in the perspective, at times, with mountain peaks and high wooded elevations. Hence, the scene presented the travellers was here entrancingly beautiful, and there massive and sublimely majestic. The weather was normal — warm days and cool nights.

Peaky Mosquitoes

The joy of this river trip was to some extent marred by two portages over a distance of twenty miles. "But our greatest hardship was fighting away the pesky mosquitoes," laughed Mr. Dyer. "They held us up for 15 days. They're small, but, oh my! We had to wear masks and use oil of citronella. Besides, the willow bush is very thick in that part of the country, and we had to struggle through it a foot at a time. Then the high winds blew down many trees and we had a hard time getting over these. Our speed was about half a mile an hour."

The Mackenzie River is flanked on each side by the Mackenzie and Franklin Mountains, the latter offering a high altitude of 5,000 feet, just below Fort Norman.

Fur Trading Posts

The few settlements passed by the subjects of this story in the sparsely-settled district of the North West — a country by the bye, of rich promise — are all named "Forts," in each of which are located a few whites, and many times their number of Indians. The buildings are mostly, if not exclusively, of log. The largest of these settlements is Fort Resolution, on Great Slave

MARQUIS OF MILFORD HAVEN.



The King bestowed a unique favor on him by promoting him to admiral of the fleet on the "retired" list. There is no previous record of such an advancement of an officer to the highest rank in the navy after the officer's retirement. The Marquis who was First Sea Lord of the Admiralty in 1914, when the world war began, resigned after the fleet had been mobilized and distributed for its war service under his direction.

Lake, a community of 40 whites and 600 Indians.

At Fort Norman, the objective of Messrs. Dyer, Henderson and Ogilvie are situated the shores of the Hudson Bay Co., Lumsden-Hubbard Co., and the Northern Trading Co. The population consists of 20 whites and 200 Indians.

Mr. Dyer says his party was very hospitably entertained, and rendered every accommodation and aid needed, by the representatives of these three fur-trading companies. At their destination the prospectors sold their gas boat, and the gasoline remaining brought them \$1.65 a gallon.

Petroleum Rocks

Speaking of the geological formation of the district, Mr. Dyer said: "Highly bituminous shales and limestones measuring close to 1,000 miles in thickness underlie the district for hundreds of square miles. These rocks are capable of generating immense quantities of petroleum. The structure also is favorable since the rocks have been thrown by mountain building forces into a series of folds or anticlines."

"The most important of these anticlines parallel the Mackenzie for 100 miles below Fort Norman. The average distance of the crest from the river is six miles in a north-west direction. The whole area between the river and the range may be considered as the flank of an anticline and a well put down near the river anywhere in this district 'should strike oil. The majority of the larger oil companies have started on this side of the river, including the Imperial Oil, Fort Norman Oil Co. and the North-Western Oil Co."

"The Imperial Oil Co. is very active at Fort Norman and is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in development work. They have established five camps between Fort Norman and the well, and five complete drilling rigs are being taken into the country for them this summer by the transportation companies. They will have two or three wells drilled by the time the winter sets in."

SPEND \$250,000 ON SHIP; DO 50,000 MILE TRIP

Flag of the Adventurers' Club of New York on Little Boat Starting Out

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—The flag of the Adventurers' Club of America, borne before only by the expeditions of Amundsen and Scott, Antarctic explorers, was carried seaward for the third time today. This time the emblem flew from the masthead of the gasoline motor yacht Speejaacks, bound from New York on a 50,000 mile cruise, the first motor boat to attempt the circumnavigation of the globe.

With ten men, all hardened adventurers, and one woman aboard, the Speejaacks, besides making the circuit of the South Seas and skirting the coast of Africa, will spatter its way up rivers of China and India, China, where the "White Devil" has seldom been seen afloat. Some of these rivers are haunted by pirates, but the Speejaacks is prepared. Aboard are two machine guns and an abundance of rifles and other small arms. The boat was built for the trip at a cost of \$250,000. Its owner is Albert Y. Gowen, a Chicago millionaire.

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ENGLISH ESTATES GOING WHOLESALE

Duke of Portland and Other Great Land Owners Now Hard up

WELLBECK ABBEY SOLD Historic and Stately Homes of England Closed—Lands to Smaller Holders

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The wholesale closing down of historic and stately homes of England and the housing of their lordly owners in humble style was prophesied today by the Duke of Portland, owner of nearly 200,000 acres and a half a dozen noble residences. He was addressing his tenants at Wellbeck. This is not the first intimation given, by the Duke that he has found himself among many big landowners whose position has been changed by the war. In April, 1919, he gave notice that a large portion of his Yorkshire estate was to be sold, and in November of that year he announced with pain and regret that there must be a reduction in the labor employed by the Wellbeck estate.

Since the war there have been many evidences of how England is changing hands owing to the large landowners disposing of their family estates, a number of which have been broken up into small holdings. One nobleman after another has placed big estates in the market and several historic castles have gone under the hammer, and many peers have been forced to economize on their estates.

Among the big landowners who have sold valuable properties are the Duke of Sutherland, the Duke of Rutland, the Duke of Westminster, the Duke of Marlborough, the Marquis of Castlegar, Earl Beauchamp, Earl Bradford, Lord Aberdeen, Lord Lovat, Lord Harrington, Lord Harlech, the Countess of Warwick, and Sir Richard Bulkeley. In all, hundreds of thousands of acres worth millions of pounds have changed hands.

The Duke of Devonshire sold Devonshire House in 1919, while Stanstead House was sold recently. The Earl of Denbigh sold a part of his Downing estate in North Wales during 1920. The Earl of Harrington sold some of his estates in Cheshire in the same year. During 1920, 249,685 acres of country properties were sold by one firm of auctioneers alone for \$4,822,514.

The great war, said the Duke of Portland, addressing his tenants at Wellbeck, had altered the outlook of him and most other landowners. For centuries past the landed estates had been handed down from generation to generation in one family and landowners and tenants had lived on terms of mutual trust and affection. He feared, however, he said, that that state of things was passing away, for with the present enormous weight of taxation and the extremely enormous incidence of death duties, the future had become very uncertain for all landed proprietors.

"With regard to my own case," he said, "it may be or may not be possible for me and my family to continue to reside at Wellbeck, but I fear that there can be little doubt that those who come after me will not be able to do so."

It was no use blinking the fact, however disagreeable it might be, he declared, that if the present scale of duties was maintained there must be and there inevitably would be, a wholesale closing down of the larger country houses, if not now, at all events when the present generation passed away. It must be exceedingly painful, he asserted, for representative old families to be obliged to part with the major part of their estates, which had been in the possession of their ancestors for many generations.

"Many land proprietors cannot maintain their old family residences in habitable state," he said, "nor can they adequately discharge the duties which they had been so glad to fulfill as owners of land. I scarcely dare contemplate what would be my wife's feelings if it should become necessary to sever the ties that bind us to Wellbeck."

It was not for him to say whether breaking up of the estates would or would not be for the advantage of the country. He did not desire for one moment to complain, nor did he imagine that other landowners would complain of the incidence of heavy taxation, if it were necessary for the welfare of the country.

"It pains me deeply," he concluded, "to think that in the years to come it will most probably be necessary for my family to find a new and smaller home elsewhere."

Another royal estate adjoining Osborne House, in the Isle of Wight, will soon be auctioned. "The king is simply in the position of many other large landowners," an authority explained to the correspondent. "Like many others, he finds economic conditions altered and his advisers have probably suggested realization on detached properties."

News About People and Social Events

ALWAYS give a good deed the credit of a good motive. And give an evil deed the benefit of the doubt. —B. Matthews

Sir George and Lady Perley lunched at Rideau Hall yesterday. Mrs. T. Hallam left this morning to spend her vacation in the Gatineau Hills, Quebec.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McFarlane, of this city have returned after spending the past couple of months in Western Canada.

Miss Muriel Blanchard, Peterboro, and Miss Keitha Gerow, of Toronto, are visiting Miss May Williams, 121 Yeomans street.

Miss Lila Desjardis, of Toronto, formerly of Belleville, is spending her holidays with Miss Maude Kemp, Corbyville, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. George Betts, of Winnipeg, are in the city for the week end and called on their uncle, Mr. W. Chisholm, 37 Forin street.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tucker, Trent Road, left on Thursday for Saskatchewan to visit their daughter, Mrs. Roy Mitchell, for a few months.

Miss Keitha Gerow, Toronto, has returned home after spending her holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gerow, 80 Geddes street.

Miss Elsie Dundas and Miss Anna Lettice of New York State are spending the week at their aunt's, Mrs. L. T. Johns, North Park St. city.

Miss Blanche Cornell and brother, Arthur, have returned to the city after spending a few weeks with friends and relatives in Toronto, Niagara Falls and Buffalo.

Miss Joan Arnoldi, national president of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, has received cordial telegrams from their Excellencies Lord and Lady Byng, thanking the Order in Canada for its message of welcome and its loyal greetings.

His Excellency Mgr. Maria di Pietro, papal delegate in Canada, will spend four days in Quebec at the end of the month, where he will be the guest of His Eminence Cardinal Beign at the cardinal's palace.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Byng of Vimy will be in Toronto from August twenty-seventh till September first, where His Excellency will open the Toronto Exhibition. Their Excellencies will then visit Montreal from the third of September till the seventh and will attend the opening day of the autumn meet of the Blue Bonnets Jockey Club.

Miss M. Fleming, of this city, has been successful in passing the examinations following the summer course conducted by the Department of Education at the University of Toronto during the past summer. Miss Fleming took the course in art, being the only Belleville teacher who was registered in this branch of instruction. She has been on the staff of the public schools of Belleville and has an enviable record of success in the teaching profession. Miss Fleming now holds the certificate in art and is qualified to teach that subject.

Mrs. Wm. Vincent, residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harris, 29 Herchimer street, a short time ago underwent a slight operation. Her husband being home at the time and remained for a while after, then leaving for work at Sackville, N. B., and last Saturday she had the second operation, but it also being a slight one the doctor in attendance and friends thought it not necessary to wire Mr. Vincent to come home and Mrs. Vincent's many friends will be pleased to learn she is improving.

His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Byng will spend the month of October in Quebec, taking up their residence at the Governor-General's quarters of the Citadel, where certain necessary alterations may be made previous to their arrival. Among the entertainments to take place on the occasion of the vice-regal visit will likely be a ball in the Citadel, a garden party at Spencerwood, given by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Fitzpatrick, and a civic reception by the City of Quebec. Their Excellencies will also visit several local educational and charitable institutions, and Lord Byng will be presented with the honorary degree of Doctor at Law at Laval University. Previous to their coming to Quebec there are no arrangements made, but it is understood that they may spend some time in Montreal or Toronto.

INDIAN MUTINY VETERAN PASSES

Thomas Rush Died in Hotel Dieu in Kingston Aged 86

WAS OLDEST VETERAN

Served 23 Years in British Army—Resident of Kingston Since 1879.

KINGSTON, Aug. 20.—There passed away at the Hotel Dieu Hospital yesterday Thomas Rush, one of the oldest veterans of the Indian Mutiny. Deceased was 86 years old this month, and despite his years he had been quite active until very recently. He was born in Ireland and came from there to Kingston in 1879, and since that time he had worked around the city, going some years ago to the Home for the Aged, where he was one of its most useful members. He was a Roman Catholic in religion and, when able, attended St. Mary's Cathedral.

The late Mr. Rush entered the Imperial service in 1855-56, during the days of the Crimean War. He was one of the number that was reserved for the mutiny in India when trouble had been foreseen, and he went there with the Imperial forces and saw service. After the Indian Mutiny he remained in the army until he had served twenty-three years with credit, being discharged in England early in 1879, after having served with the 36th Regiment, in the 43rd Brigade.

Mr. Rush is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, Indian Mutiny veteran in Canada, and about the last in Kingston. During his time in the city Mr. Rush made many friends. A short time ago he was taken from the Home for the Aged to the Hotel Dieu Hospital, where he passed away.

The funeral arrangements are being made under the direction of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association. Mr. Rush will be given a military funeral from St. S. Corbett's undertaking parlors to St. Mary's Cathedral, and thence to St. Mary's cemetery.

WEDDINGS

MITCHELL — CHISHOLM

St. James Cathedral was the scene of a very quiet wedding on Saturday evening, August 20th, when Winnifred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Chisholm, of Foxboro, Ontario, was united in marriage to Aubrey Colclough Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Mitchell, 17 Munro Park Avenue, the Rev. F. J. Moore officiating. The bridegroom was supported by his brother, Mr. Guy V. Mitchell, while Mrs. G. V. Mitchell acted as matron of honor. The bride wore a French model frock of blue tulle and tulle, a black satin hat and sable fur. Immediately after the ceremony, the bride and groom left on a motor trip through the Catehik Mountains. Among the wedding gifts was a cabinet of sterling silver from the staff of the Toronto Harbor Commission.

FIVE ELECTIONS, STRAWS, TO TEACH LOYD GEORGE

By-Elections in Old Country Will Be Fought Out on Anti-Waste Campaign

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Five by-elections to fill vacancies in the House of Commons are pending, and arrangements for some of these are still incomplete.

In the Westminster Abbey constituency, left vacant by the death of W. L. Burdett-Coutts, the polls will be opened on Thursday. The candidates are: Col. Applin, Anti-waste; Brig.-Gen. Nicholson, Independent-Conservative-Anti-waste; Arnold Lupton, Independent-Liberal-Anti-waste.

In West Lewisham, left vacant by the death of Sir Edward Coates, Sir Philip Dawson has entered as the Independent-Conservative and Anti-waste candidate; F. W. Rafferty, as the Independent-Liberal, and Commander Windham, on the straight Anti-waste ticket. A Laborite is also expected to be nominated.

Polling takes place on Wednesday in Caerphilly constituency, where the death of A. Onions left a vacancy. The candidates are W. Rees, Coalition-Liberal; Morgan Jones, Labor, and Robert Stewart, Communist.

Two candidates have already been nominated for the seat in West Houghton, left vacant by the death of W. Tyson Wilson, Labor member. They are Thomas Greenall, Wm. Jones, Labor, and James Tonge, Coalition-Liberal.

Alan Hutchings, Conservative, has been nominated for the Louth seat, left vacant by the death of T. Winttingham.

Crop Reports

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