

# ONE OF THE MEN WHO BUILT UP THE EMPIRE

Lieut.-Col. Andrew C. P. Haggard Makes  
Home in Victoria--Old Friend of  
British Columbia.

One of British Columbia's foremost champions and Vancouver Island's most famous literary exponent, Lieut. Col. Andrew C. P. Haggard, D. S. O., deserves the thanks of citizens of Victoria for continuous effort in the city's behalf. Many years before the days of the Tourist Association he was impressing upon people in the old country Victoria's beauty through the medium of the Field and Blackwood's Magazine.

The news that he will probably make Victoria his permanent residence is very gratifying. A city traveller who

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above all others, after careful consideration, gives Victoria a place that cannot be denied. When seen yesterday Col. Haggard stated he had come to British Columbia in search of health after a severe illness. He proposes, to use his own words, to spend the summer in the woods. He will leave shortly for Comox, in which district he will remain until fall. Thereafter he will return here.

Lieut.-Colonel Haggard is one of the men who make the Empire of the Centennial an almost youthful energy he carries his fifty years with the greatest ease. He is one of a family of six brothers who have made their mark in many lines of imperial service. Three have been soldiers, and good ones. They have all afterwards turned their attention to literature, and have enriched British letters with books of sport, travel and fiction. The subject of this sketch was the first to engage in literary work, being followed by his next brother, Rider Haggard, and later by the youngest, Major E. A. Haggard, who has published books principally for boys. The eldest brother, W. H. D. Haggard, C. B., is minister to Buenos Ayres, and has had a very distinguished diplomatic career.

But, after all, it is with Lieut.-Col. A. C. P. Haggard that readers of the Times are chiefly concerned. He has done much for Canada from coast to coast, and has now decided to make British Columbia his home. Fifth son of the late W. M. Rider Haggard he was born in 1854 and received his education at the famous school of Westminster. Entering the army in 1873, when 19 years of age, as subaltern in the King's Own Borderers he remained actively with the service until 1884, and now holds a special commission on the Red Sea littoral as a major in the Royal Scotch Reserve.

Foreign service claimed him almost from the first. He served in India and at Aden for several years, and finally came to a member of the staff in Egypt in 1882. The Egyptian army then claimed his services, and he became a valued member of the number of British officers acting under Sir Evelyn Wood, V. C. In 1884 he saw special service on the Red Sea littoral as a major in the Royal Scotch Reserve.

Mentioned in Naval Dispatches. During the same year he saw his first battle; Tannier, where again personal bravery and ability called for mention in official dispatches. But the investment of Suakin by Osman Digna formed the most unique feature of his military career. At the time of the first battle of the Egyptian army during the whole period, lasting well into 1885, and, with his men, was 155 times under fire. For this service he received the Ottoman decoration of the fourth class. After other services in unimportant expeditions he commanded the Egyptian troops on the frontier, again being mentioned in dispatches. His distinguished conduct during this campaign earned Col. Haggard the coveted Distinguished Service Order, the third class Medjidieh, the medal and several clasps.

As early as 1888 he became interested in Canada, and made a trip over the continent on one of the transcontinental trains. This resulted in a series of articles in Blackwood's that attracted much attention. The good work thus commenced Col. Haggard continued ever since. Numerous articles from his pen dealing with sport and exploration in every part of the Dominion testify to his fondness for Canadian life. British Columbia has received its full share of attention. When the importation of capercaillie was first mooted he strongly supported the idea. Numerous letters appeared in the Field under his signature, and resulted in a large portion of the necessary funds being subscribed in England. Not content with this he also advocated assistance from British sportsmen towards the introduction of old country partridges into the province. Though, up to the present, he has been successful in this direction the project has not been given up, and he hopes yet to be the means of procuring a number of these game birds for acclimatization here.

Fishing has also occupied his attention not only as a sportsman, but as a writer. Cowichan river and other fishermen's Edens near Victoria never had a stronger advocate than Col. Haggard. His

Work on Behalf of the Province particularly Vancouver Island, has been able and continuous and much of the knowledge he will assist in giving British Columbia its proper place in literature should be good news to all having the interests of the province at heart.

ENDED HER LIFE. Winnipeg, July 7.—Mrs. Charles Paul, a Frenchwoman living three miles north of Du Lac, committed suicide by cutting her throat with a knife blade, dull and nicked.

## INSPECTING LANDS.

C. P. R. Has Three Parties in the Field on Vancouver Island.

(From Friday's Daily.)

J. S. Dennis, land commissioner of the C. P. R., is in the city at the present time. He expects to leave Victoria this evening. The visit is his regular monthly one made to the local land office in connection with the E. & N. railway belt.

Mr. Dennis says that for several months there have been three survey parties out exploring the lands of the E. & N. railway continuing the work begun last year. These parties are under the supervision of Surveyor Regan, of the C. P. R. Company. The territory being covered is that north and west of Nanaimo. They have not invaded the Cowichan lake district yet. With reference to the experimental clearing of land in the E. & N. belt Mr. Dennis has nothing to say.

It is understood, however, that nothing definite has been done in this matter yet. It is still a subject for consideration, and while something may be done it cannot be said with certainty that it will. The tract which the company has in contemplation as a trial will possibly be only about three or four thousand acres. When that is carried out and proves a success larger areas may be attempted.

## CURING SALMON BY MILD PROCESS

FISH TREATED FROM  
TWENTY-SIX TRAPS

Catches of all Put One Boat to  
Victoria and Esquimalt  
Establishments.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

While some small number of sock-eyes have been canned, the great bulk which have been coming from Vancouver Island traps this year since the fishing season commenced has been spring salmon. The number of these handled this year establishes a record. Twelve months ago the industry assumed considerable size, but the amount then barreled and shipped is small when compared with that which will be put up during the present season. The principal explanation for this is that the increase in the number of traps and the additional facilities for treating the fish, work for a larger production. There are now 26 traps in operation on the southern coast of Vancouver Island, and all have been taking fish since about the 10th of June. Some have done well and others have not been so fortunate. The most successful so far have been the B. C. Cannery Company, of which Mr. Buckner is manager, and the C. J. Linder Company, of which Mr. Jensen is in charge of the trap work. The banner traps have been those located at Outer Point, belonging to the B. C. Cannery Company, and Point No Point, belonging to Bell Irving Company. The other companies operating are Messrs. Todd & Munroe, Malcolm & Macrae, the Capital City Packing & Canning Company, and the B. C. Packers' Association.

All said a trap man yesterday, have been taking considerable fish. The B. C. Packers' Association has been the only company which has shipped fish to the Fraser, having an establishment at New Westminster in which the salmon can be treated. The catches of other traps have been brought into a station to a station on Findlay, Durham & Brodie's wharf, and to the Empire cannery in Esquimalt. One of the buildings at the latter has been turned into use for the purpose of curing the salmon, and it is here that J. Linderberger, of Astoria, is barreling the salmon for shipment to Germany. The proprietor of the other local concern is Mr. Welsch. Both are preparing the fish according to what is known as the mild cure process, a treatment introduced by the Wallace Bros., of Vancouver, on the northern coast a few years ago, and is now adopted all along the coast wherever the spring salmon are being barreled for the foreign market. It might be stated that nearly all the spring salmon so handled this year has been forwarded to Germany, where the demand appears to be equal to and even beyond all possible supply.

When it is considered that there are now 26 traps on Vancouver Island contributing to this supply, in addition to a number of small institutions in the north, it will be realized that the industry has grown enormously within a year. At each of the local mild curing establishments there are 30 men employed. At the Empire cannery in Esquimalt there are ten whites. Upon the instructions of Charles F. Todd, the manager, laborers are being paid 25 cents an hour. At this rate good wages can be made. The labor at times is not continuous, but at other times men work from ten to fifteen hours a day.

The industry has made ice manufacturing establishments in the city exceedingly busy and has added to the already strong demand in cooper shops.

## IMPRISONMENT AND FINE.

Sentence for Conspiracy to Defraud the United States Government.

Portland, Ore., July 7.—S. A. D. Putter was found guilty yesterday of conspiracy to defraud the government of its public lands, and was sentenced by Judge Wolverton to two years in county jail and to a fine of \$7,500.

## IMMIGRATION RETURNS.

Ottawa, July 7.—The immigration returns for the past fiscal year, ending June, will amount to about 175,000.

## RUSHING TO THE BULKLEY VALLEY

LARGE AREA OF LAND  
FOR ACTUAL SETTLERS

Three Hundred and Ninety Families Supplied with Homesteads Up  
Till Yesterday.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Land has been taken up and recorded by the representatives of three hundred and ninety families in the Bulkley valley up to yesterday afternoon. This is outside several large tracts that have been taken up by syndicates, and the ninety-two square miles of coal lands reserved in the valley of the Telqua river and its tributaries.

The area taken up stretches from a point five miles south of Hazelton, for eighteen miles along the telegraph trail to a point practically at the confluence of the Bulkley and Morice rivers. There is yet an ample amount of surveyed land awaiting settlement. An area of 19 square miles has been staked out in range 6 of the Coast district along the Bulkley, and that at present alienated does not cover over one-third of the surveyed sections. The land that has been delimited in quarter sections covers the east half of township 1a, the whole of townships 2a, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9, and a portion of township 5.

Coal having been found in large quantities in the valley of the Telqua, the reserve mentioned above was created. It lies wholly to the west of the Bulkley river, and has practically all been taken up. It is stated that Lieut.-Governor Dumas is largely interested in the deposits, and, if so, there is no danger they will lie idle for any length of time.

It must not be imagined that the Bulkley valley is difficult of access. From Hazelton, the head of navigation, a distance of only sixty miles along the telegraph trail, has to be traversed to reach the mouth of the Telqua. Many people have already left the coast this spring for the new agricultural district. Dozens are in there now. It will be a very short time before the richness of the Bulkley valley becomes as well known as the lower Fraser.

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## STRANGE SUICIDE.

Man in Vancouver Walks Out Into  
Waters of False Creek and Is  
Drowned.

A rather mysterious drowning occurred in False Creek, Vancouver, on Thursday evening. The only witnesses were J. W. Tike and A. Drinkwater, of Surrey, who had been working on a dredge and had pulled into False Creek for the night. They saw the man, who was afterwards identified as W. M. Tiner, walk out along a log which extended into False Creek. When he got to the end he deliberately placed his hat upon it, and then calmly stepped off into the water. Two on-lookers thought he was taking a dive, and a moment later they saw him rise to the surface again. He appeared to splash and struggle in the water for a moment and then turned over towards the shore and disappeared beneath the water again. This time he did not come up, and the two men thinking that something was seriously wrong hurried forward. They succeeded in getting his body and dragging it out to the shore. The man was dead, and his face was clear and his hands were cold. The water was very dark and the night was very cold. The man was wearing a dark suit and a hat. He was about 35 years of age. He had been com-plaining of strange sensations, and probably while temporarily insane committed the act.

All efforts to resuscitate the man were in vain. In the pockets of the man were found evidence that he had worked at Sayward's logging camp at Elk Bay for two days. He was strongly built and about 35 years of age. He had been com-plaining of strange sensations, and probably while temporarily insane committed the act.

GEORGE PARK ENTERTAINMENT.

The London Bioscope Attraction Will Be Introduced on Monday Evening.

The London bioscope entertainment, which promises to be an exceedingly popular feature at the George Park during the pleasant evenings of the present summer, opens on Monday evening, the big proletarian scene being operated by Clifford E. Denham, who was selected to take the bioscope out from London on a tour of the colonies on account of his special ability as an electrical optician. The success of the bioscope when it was three times presented at the Victoria theatre and the Vancouver opera house is well remembered. The pictures are large and clear and the subjects both interesting and amusing. Important events such as the San Francisco fire, the opening of the Russian dome, and the marriage and attempted assassination of the Spanish King will be featured during the season opening on Monday. For the inaugural week, humor and fairy story and adventure will be about equally represented on the picture programme. The duties of police, and next Monday and throughout the week befall: An Arabian Night's Entertainment.

ment, burned at the stake, Initiating Raw Recruits, Hooligan's Troubles, Bridget McKean's Misfortunes, The Angler's Nightmare.

After the opening week it is intended to include an illustrated song in the programme, while from the beginning a first class orchestra will be engaged to provide a promenade concert both before and during the moving picture show. A special car service is of course arranged for the tramway company having provided for sufficient rolling stock on the Gorge line to move a crowd of 2,000 people per hour. In addition to the bioscope and the music, nothing could be more attractive on a summer evening than the sylvan beauty of the Gorge, and there is every reason to anticipate that the new departure for the popularization of this favorite outdoor place will prove fully as successful as have similar enterprises in Eastern Canadian cities.

## SEVEN PERISHED.

Woman and Her Six Children Burned to Death in Fire That Destroyed Their Home.

Lafayette, Ind., July 7.—Mrs. Sarah Gobba and her six children were burned to death last night in a fire that destroyed their home here.

Solomon Gobba, the husband and father, was badly burned but will recover.

## APPEAL FAVORED IN WATER CASE

ALD. YATES OBTAINS  
SOLICITOR'S OPINION

He is Inclined to Think it Wise to  
Carry Suit to Higher  
Court.

Judging from the remarks of Ald. Yates on Thursday at the sitting of the city council there is some likelihood the city's water case may be appealed to another court. There has been a general impression that the members of the council would rest satisfied with the judgment of Mr. Justice Duff and would not take the case to the appellate court.

Ald. Yates last night stated in the course of a discussion that he was inclined to the opinion that the city's case was such that it might be expedient to take the appeal. He had at first been rather in favor of dropping the case, but he had obtained information which led him to think that the city's case was such that it might be wise to go on with it. The opinion of eminent counsel given before the trial had been quite strong, and he was very favorably impressed with the city's case.

Under the circumstances Ald. Yates said he was inclined towards an appeal. The question was one requiring consideration, and it might be that the city had good ground for expecting a favorable decision on a further prosecution of the case. The opinion of the solicitor which had been given was very favorable to the city's side. In view of these remarks made by Ald. Yates it is reasonable to suppose that the subject is receiving consideration, if not by the council as a body, by some of the individual members, and that in the end an appeal may be taken in the case.

## ROLLING STOCK FOR WEST.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Is Sending Out Equipment.

Arrangements are being completed by the Grand Trunk Pacific railway for the transportation of 230 cars, engines and steam shovels from Montreal to Portage la Prairie, the point at which the construction of the new transcontinental line commenced, says the Toronto Globe. These cars and locomotives form Grand Trunk Pacific rolling stock, and their movement to the West means the inauguration of advanced construction work.

The cars are of every kind used in railway construction in America. They include flat-cars, box-cars, cabooses, sleeping cars, dining cars, officers' cars, tool cars, vans, and various other kinds of rolling stock adapted to railroad building. Steam shovels, engines and locomotives for men are also among the rolling stock going out, and which bears Grand Trunk Pacific railway lettering and numbers.

When this stock reaches Portage la Prairie it will be placed in service at once, so that the construction necessary to the completion of the road which contractors have graded may be rushed. Gangs of men and officers will work west from Portage la Prairie, putting in switches, telegraph poles, and all the other equipment necessary to the road, and which has not been included in contractors' tenders.

The movement of this rolling stock is a significant fact in connection with the construction of Canada's new transcontinental road, marking as it does the beginning of rolling stock operation on a railway which is to link the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans.

It was also stated by an official of the company who has been in the city for two or three days that by next fall the company expected to have enough rolling stock to complete the road from Portage la Prairie to allow the commencement of train service. This will only mean work trains for a while, but operation for commercial purposes will naturally soon follow.

## A FLAG INCIDENT.

Lincoln, Neb., July 4.—Miss Anna Tompsett to-day hoisted the Union Jack over her cottage. She came recently from Canada and did not understand the full meaning of the Fourth of July. A large crowd gathered and were threatening to haul down the flag, when the matter was reported to the chief of police, and Miss Tompsett was compelled to haul down the flag.

# ORIENTAL DEPOT OF THE WHOLE DOMINION

Victoria Trade Increased Two Million Dollars Annually by Chinese and Japanese Curios--Progress of Week.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

A few years ago the craze for things Oriental was deemed a passing fad; to-day Japanese and Chinese curios form part of the decoration of every house, while even the imports of strange fruits and vegetables, of dwarfed trees and curious flowers, have reached large dimensions.

Victoria is the entrepot of the Dominion for the whole of this business. Residents hardly seem to realize the reason that so many large Oriental stores, doing only a modest local business, have recently been established. The cause was easily found upon a slight investigation. As an instance it may be stated that the Kaga Maru, on her last voyage, landed 118 cases of Japanese curios at Victoria. It took quite a large shipment for a city of this size but, as the result of inquiry, the fact was elicited that all but twenty were passed along to some other place. The curio trade appears to be a most appreciable item of commerce, but it is important to Victoria. One of the most competent Japanese merchants stated this morning that he handled, as wholesaler, nearly

One Million Dollars

worth of curios during the past twelve months. These goods were exported to all parts of the province, to the prairie and every large city in the East. Of Chinese dealings in this regard very little is known. The absolute secretiveness that characterizes the Mosolian is generally a cul-de-sac for inquirers. Enough is apparent, however, to warrant the statement that at least an equal trade of the character mentioned is carried on by Chinese as by the Japanese. This means that at least \$2,000,000 is added to the trade of Victoria every year by the importation of beautiful and queer objects of art from the Orient. A little known factor in the city's commercial welfare, it goes to show one of the many directions from which trade is attracted to Victoria.

An attempt was made last week to graphically outline the city's commercial progress during the first six months of 1906. Reasons of space prevented one or two lines being mentioned. Fire insurance, it may be said, has taken a veritable boom. The lesson of San Francisco has been taken to heart, and many who previously had no protection against loss by fire are now seeking to it that a conflagration shall not leave them penniless.

Another source of business that showed the city's progress during the period mentioned was the large increase in remunerative financial investments. These covered building and loan associations, mortgage corporations, irrigation and mining companies and industrial concerns of various kinds. A bank manager stated this morning that the money placed in these classes of securities was

Greater by Fifty Per Cent.

than during the same period of 1905.

This week the city is making such a display possible.

## FRUIT LANDS IN SKEENA DISTRICT

RICH AREA REPORTED  
BY C. W. D. CLIFFORD

Many are Going Into the Country  
to Be Opened by Grand Trunk  
Pacific.

C. W. D. Clifford, M. P. P., who is in the city, spent the spring and early summer in the Skeena river section of the province. Mr. Clifford is seeking investments in the territory through which the Grand Trunk Pacific will pass, and has been living for several months at Kitlas Canyon on the Skeena. There in company with a few others he purchased a townsite which was offered for sale, believing that the point would be an important one with the development of the country. A considerable number of settlers have gone up the river this year. These include many strangers Mr. Clifford says. Three steamers are operating on the river, and these have been going with a full complement of passengers. Among them Mr. Clifford says there were few he knew, showing that they are in large part new to the province. Kitlas the member for Skeena says there is a lot of land being taken up. A valley about 40 miles wide of splendid land exists there. This extends about 10 miles above the canyon and 30 miles below it. How far inland it goes he does not know. The land is rich and not too heavily timbered. On both sides of the river there has been a large acreage taken up with the intention of going into fruit growing. Nowhere can better fruits be produced than in that section, Mr. Clifford says. There is nothing experimental about it either as the industry has been put to a practical test. Some years ago an orchard was planted in the form of apples, pears, etc., were produced. Set out in fruit trees there will be an admirable market for the product at the new city of Prince Rupert, and later

toria must be repeated. D. E. Adams, of Winnipeg, has purchased two acres of land and a cottage at Oak Bay through Grant & Conyers, and the B. C. Land & Investment Agency sold 3 lots of the Seaview estate, near Hillside avenue, to F. W. Kearsey, another Eastern homesteader. He has already commenced to build.

Pemberton & Son also sold 3 lots on Victoria Crescent for a good figure; two acres at Shoal bay, on which a house will soon be built, and a house and lot in James Bay.

Another recent arrival from Regina, W. H. Gee, has purchased through Grant & Conyers four lots just off Oak Bay avenue, on which he will erect a handsome residence. Moore & Whittington have just commenced building a \$3,000 house for G. Homer, on Carr street. Mr. Homer lately came from the Northwest. J. Colbert's handsome bungalow and 3 lots at Beacon Hill Park have been sold to Percy Criddle through Grant & Conyers, who also disposed of a cottage, including furniture, to a party from the north.

This week marked the sale of the last 1-5 acre block in the Fairfield estate by the B. C. Land & Investment Agency that also sold part of the McTavish estate on Ontario street and a lot in the Hayward estate, near the fountain.

Alexander McDonald, the Winnipeg millionaire, has not yet decided whether to build this summer or not on the Fuller property, purchased through Grant & Conyers. It is possible that the residence, which will take a long while to erect, cannot be finished in time; if so, a start will be made early next spring.

Extensive improvements will be commenced in a few days on the premises of the Union Club. Thomas Catterall has been awarded the contract, which will altogether reach the vicinity of \$4,000. The dining room will be enlarged, and four new windows put in. When completed the dining room will be a most imposing apartment. The walls will be paneled with a burlap background, the dado and dividing lines being of special fir, beautifully stained and polished. The folding doors and window casings will be of mahogany, which will complete the improvements contemplated for the present.

The permanent exhibit in connection with the Development and Tourist Association attracted a large number of visitors who came from Seattle, Tacoma and Port Angeles on Wednesday. Many encomiums were passed not only on the wide range of "made in Victoria" products, but also the enterprise of the city in making such a display possible.

Modernization will also be carried out in the basement. The wood floors will be ripped out and concrete put in to replace them. A contract has also been let for a line of new plumbing, which will complete the improvements contemplated for the present.

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Speaking of the climate in the north with reference to Prince Rupert Mr. Clifford admits that during the winter months there is a heavy precipitation. He spent several years at Port Simpson, which is close to the site for the terminal city. The winters are wet, but there is very little snow. The weather is so open that skating can seldom be indulged in.

The summers are ideal, however. There are at least three months in the year when the conditions are absolutely perfect. It is difficult to imagine any climate more enjoyable than that of the summer months in that district. Forty miles from the coast the conditions change. The coast range of mountains intervenes, and beyond them the precipitation is nothing like as heavy as on the coast. There are, through the interior fertile valleys, which will become valuable as farming land, and Mr. Clifford thinks that a grand district is to be opened by this railway.

The member for Skeena expects to leave again for the north about Monday.

## INVADERS REPULSED.

Turkish Force Lost Many Killed in Attempt to Seize Persian Territory.

Constantinople, July 6.—The Turkish attempt to seize further territory on the Persian frontier has been prevented by the governor of Puskar, who repulsed the invading force of 1,500 Turkish and 700 mounted Arab regulars, with considerable loss to the raiders. The council of ministers has instructed the Turkish commander, Sekki Pasha, to withdraw his troops from their most advanced position, and to await further cause for a rupture with Persia.

## GERMAN GENERAL DEAD.

Man Who Reorganized Japanese Army Passed Away in Berlin.

Berlin, July 6.—Major-General Meckel, formerly professor of military tactics in Japan, died to-day. He went to Japan in 1885, stayed there three years, reorganized the Japanese army and wrote a noted book on tactics. Field Marshal Oyama, after the battle of Mukden, telegraphed to General Meckel ascribing the former's success to Meckel's instructions. The Emperor of Japan conferred the Grand Cross of the order of the Sacred Treasure on the general after the battle.