

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.

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

above all others, after careful consideration, gives Victoria a cachet that means much. When seen yesterday Col. Haggard stated he had come to British Columbia in search of health after a severe illness.

Lieut.-Colonel Haggard is one of the men who make the Empire of the British in every motion displaying an almost youthful energy he carries his fifty years with the greatest ease.

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Foreign service claimed him almost from the first. He served in India and at Aden for several years, and finally came to the Egyptian army in 1882.

During the same year he saw his first battle; Tama, where again personal bravery and ability called for mention in official dispatches.

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Work thus commenced Col. Haggard has 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.

Work on Behalf of the Province particularly Vancouver Island, has been able and continuous and much of the knowledge that will assist British Columbia is the result of his hard work on its behalf.

In Eastern Canada he has made several exploratory journeys of great importance. With E. T. D. Chambers, the well known sportsman of Quebec, he explored all the rivers leading into Lake St. John. His trips up the north of Duck Lake, and a title Lake St. John, his trips up the Athabasca covered hundreds of miles and brought forth the first accurate

knowledge of these streams. He also covered the Lac des Aigles district and much of that surrounding Lake Nepigon.

British Columbia was the locale of his most recent tour. Before coming to Victoria this time he went up the Columbia river from Golden. While there he investigated the properties of the Columbia River Lumber Co., with Mike Carlin, the manager, and gathered much material in respect of logging and lumbering for use in forthcoming novels.

Grizzly bear are very numerous in the northern Columbia valley he visited. A party of two hunters from England saw 28 during eleven days, but only succeeded in killing four.

The great impression conveyed by the last trip across Canada, from Maine where he spent last winter hunting, was the wonderful increase in population all over the prairie. He found that in places where, on previous occasions, he travelled for hundreds of miles without seeing a sign of human habitation, to-day it is impossible to lose sight of a house.

This he found particularly apparent at the coast. Of Victoria he has many good words to say, and as he has been here on many occasions since 1890, and between whiles travelled extensively, his remarks are most interesting.

As the harbor itself is reached there is some disappointment, however, although the recent improvements such as the sewerage much increase its appearance. But let one stay here for a year or two and get acquainted with the beauties of the city not apparent from the water front and it becomes hard to leave.

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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.

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The area taken up stretches from a point five miles south of Moricetown, 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.

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ment, burned at the stake, including 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.

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

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 that the city's water case may be appealed to another court.

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.

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 239 cars, engines and steam shovels from Montreal to Portage la Prairie, the point at which the construction of the new transcontinental railway commenced.

These 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.

C. W. D. Clifford, M. 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 Kitislas Canyon on the Skeena.

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 150 Turks and 700 mounted Arab regulars, with considerable loss to the raiders.

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.

Man Who Reorganized Japanese Army Passed Away in Berlin.

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.

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.

An attempt was made last week to graze the city's water case by the 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.

Greater by Fifty Per Cent. than during the same period of 1905. This week the city is making such a display possible.

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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.

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 burial background, the dado and dividing lines being of special fir, beautifully stained and polished. The folding doors and window casings will be most artistic. Two new mantels with tiled grates installed. Australian mahogany, or red gum, will be laid for a new floor, which will be one of the finest specimens of the class of workmanship in the province.

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