

# BIG EXPEDITION.

**S.S. Neptune Purchased by Mr. F. E. Vassar for \$37,000.**

**Plans All Arranged for a 'Round the World Tour for the Purpose of Obtaining Moving Pictures—Capt. Bob Bartlett Goes in Command of Ship—Trip Expected to Finish in Two and Half Years—Start Will Be Made From St. John's June 5th.**

Scientists have made an invention in the moving picture line by which pictures can be taken from 160 to 180 feet below the surface of the sea, according to Mr. Frank Vassar, who is now in the city and who has promoted a great undertaking and is now ready to start with a party for a round-the-world cruise and is very optimistic as to the ultimate success of his expedition.

## THE NEPTUNE BOUGHT.

When it became known a few days ago that the S. S. Neptune had changed its ownership from Messrs. Job Bros. and Company, Limited, to Mr. Frank E. Vassar, Engineer, of New York, speculation was rife as to the object of the purchase. We have enquired into the matter and obtained the story of the project. The amount paid for the ship was \$37,000, which is considered an excellent price and the new owner is satisfied with his bargain. Negotiations regarding the purchase were going on for some considerable time but only quite recently was the deal settled, the money handed over and the transfer made. The Neptune is one of the largest and most powerful of the wooden sailing fleet. Over 40 years ago she came to the country, but since then has been rebuilt and overhauled in a general way. She is admitted to be one of the most successful crafts that ever engaged in the seal fishery, and on two occasions brought the largest catches of seals from the seal fishery. The Neptune was chartered for six months three years ago by "Lucky Scott" and party on an exploration trip to Baffin's Land. At that time the ship was commented on favourably for her good qualities. She is now awaiting to get a new shaft put in position, replacing the one that was broken at the icefields.

## CAPT. BOB BARTLETT.

One who is well fitted for the work has been selected to take command of the ship in the person of Capt. Bob Bartlett, who is known not only in Newfoundland but all the world over as the intrepid explorer of the Arctic regions. Capt. Bob has had some hair-breadth escapes on his expeditions but, fortunately, has always come through all right.

## CONTEMPLATED TRIP.

Mr. Vassar arrived in the city a week ago and in an interview with a Telegram representative said that the object of his visit was to finalize negotiations for the purchase of the Neptune. He did not represent anybody but himself just now, though a new company, known as the Educational Feature Film Company was being incorporated at New York, com-

prising Daniel A. Levey, President; Frank E. Vassar, Vice-President and General Manager; A. S. Longthal, Treasurer; Messrs. R. L. Pellet, J. King and R. Nichols. Continuing, Mr. Vassar said that it is the intention to make a trip to remote sections of the world for the purpose of making educational movies. The proposed trip will cost, it is estimated by Mr. Vassar, over a million dollars, as no expense will be spared in order to have the desired plans carried out successfully. Queried as to what the nature of the outfit for the ship would likely be, Mr. Vassar replied that the Neptune would take supplies for eighteen months for thirty-one persons. She will not be outfitted here principally owing to the high prices of food stuffs, but will take 650 tons of coal here. She will be provisioned at New York. Her crew, however, will be made up of Newfoundlanders, if possible, as follows:—A Captain, 1st Mate, 2nd Mate, Bosun, Carpenter, four seamen, Chief Engineer, 2nd Engineer, 3rd Engineer, 4 Firemen, 1 Oiler, 2 Trimmers, 1 Cook and 1 Steward. A special endeavour will be made to get some of the crew who were with the "Lucky Scott" Expedition. The Neptune will be ready to sail from St. John's on June 5th, or four weeks hence, for New York where she will be joined by Norman G. Smith, Director and Manager of the Pictures and President of the Technical Photo-Company of New York; E. S. Brooks who will act as camera man with the party; R. L. Pellet, Geological Surveyor; Dr. J. C. Molton, who was with the Scott party a few years ago and who was to the icefields this spring in the Beothic, goes along as surgeon, while the remainder of the party will be made up of Mr. Vassar and a female note female Indian named "Pokeka" who is at present working as broncho rider with 101 ranch in Florida for a moving picture outfit and is paid a large salary. This Indian resembles an Esquimaux and on that account it is thought will be of great assistance while the party are north. Mr. Vassar is no novice in travelling. He has spent periods at mine examining of all sorts in the States, Canada, Japan, China, Philippine Islands and other parts of the world. Last year he was in New Mexico in charge of machine guns at the battle of Torion for General Villa. He will take with him the latest type of modern movie outfit. It cost over \$26,000. He purposes to take all pictures under the sea himself. Further he has an improvement over the ordinary machine for taking land pictures. The lens of his machine which takes the picture, was secured at a cost of \$3,000. With it anything as far as the naked eye is able to see can be caught.

Questioned as to whether there were any alterations to be made to the Neptune, Mr. Vassar said yes. Provision is being made on deck for a room to be used for developing pictures and all pictures will be immediately tested by throwing them on a curtain four hours after being taken. There are also a few slight changes to be made in the ship's staterooms to facilitate the work of the party.

The Neptune will get away from New York in July and will first proceed to North Sydney, to replenish her coal supply and then steam to Fitch in the Far North. Six men will be landed there for scientific observation. After picking up some Esquimaux there the ship will go on to Jones' Sound and then pass to Melville Island. At either one of these places the ship will be left while he (Mr. V.) and Capt. Bartlett will journey by foot to Banks Island where Steffensen the explorer found the White Esquimaux, which is to the north east of the mouth of the River Mackenzie. The object is to study the lives and habits of the White Esquimaux and the other tribes. If the party does not succeed in getting to Banks Land they will rejoin their ship and go down to Admiralty and Pond's Inlet, Cumberland Gulf and Black Lead Island and get Esquimaux at each place and go to New York. They expect to spend 100 days in the North. Next winter the ship will go South for the purpose of getting deep water pictures. Darien Gulf will be studied at a depth up to some 180 feet. The apparatus for this, as already mentioned, will be manipulated by Mr. Vassar, who will take pictures of every sort of fish that resort to these waters. Return to the Arctic will be made next summer to take on board the six men that will be left there. New York will be next called at to renew supplies and report the result of their work. The next place visited in turn will be Hawaiian Islands, Honolulu, Samoa, West Islands and right through to the Island Seas of Japan, then on to Porneo and winding up at Australia. The trip will occupy about two and a half years. Throughout this expedition a main object in view will be to observe native and animal life. Particular attention will be paid to the tribes of Indians, Esquimaux and notably the Cannibals of the Andes.

Messrs. Vassar and Dr. Nolton of this party are the only ones in it who were on the Lucky Scott Expedition. At present Lucky Scott is at Arizona running a gold mine; the Holland brothers have gone to the war; Alec Gillis is an oil promoter in Alberta, Canada; Mr. Pell was killed in New York a year ago while in his automobile being run down by a train, and Mr. Langan is now at the scene of battle in France taking pictures for the Pathé Weekly people.

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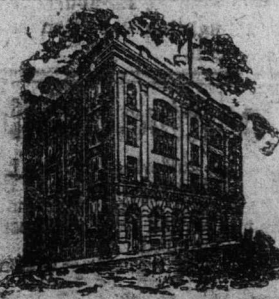
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