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ON TOUR OF CANADA

H. E. Brittain, a Prominent
Tariff Reformer, is Visit-
ing in Victoria

H. E. Brittain, director and part owner of the two London Journals, the Sphere and the Tatler, has arrived in the city with Mrs. Brittain. They are touring Canada and will spend the next few days in Victoria, the objective point of their journey, returning via the trans-Canada route.

Mr. Brittain takes keen interest in Canada and affairs Canadian for he has been peculiarly identified with tariff reform and the Chamberlain movement in England, the chief policy of the Empire, must ever exhibit the keenest interest. He was associated with Mr. Pearson in the formation of the Tariff Reform League, which received the hearty endorsement of Joseph Chamberlain. Mr. Brittain states that the league is still active and its members are confident of ultimate success. He is one of the founders of the Anglo-Saxon club, which numbers amongst its members Lord Strathcona, high commissioner of Canada, Sir Gilbert Parker, M. P., and Mr. Hamar Greenwood, M. P., a recent visitor to this city.

On the scenery of Canada and the general air of life and progress Mr. Brittain expatiated. It is his first trip across the continent and for that reason it appealed to him more, though he was somewhat prepared for the general good fellowship and hospitality from his encountering Canadians in London.

The magnitude of the country only came home to him in his transcontinental journey. Needless to state he was impressed with the C. P. R. and its chain of hotels.

Mr. Brittain crossed the Atlantic with Hon. J. H. Turner, agent-general for the province in London. He referred also to fellow visitor to the Dominion from the mother country, His Lordship, the Bishop of London. Mr. Brittain enjoyed the view of that gentleman who is the idol of Londoners generally from the west end to the slums.

COWICHAN RIVER TROUT BITE DESPITE RAIN

Local Disciple of Izaak Walton
Reports Good Catch
on Sunday

The Cowichan river has redeemed British Columbia trout from the charge that they are afraid of getting wet by being caught when it is raining and consequently will not come up to the fly.

On Sunday last, in a perfect down-pour of rain, which continued incessantly throughout the day, O. C. Bass took from the middle reaches of the river as fine a basket of trout as has been seen from this grand fishing stream during the present season. The fish were all taken with a medium sized Zulu fly, and were in prime conditions, solid as marble almost and white as polished silver, four of them about the same size tipping the scales at 12 to 14 pounds. They were caught in the big pools with a single fly on the cast and a light weight, or sinker, at the joining of the line and the cast.

There seemed to be but few fish in the running reaches, all apparently waiting in the pools, but when they move out, which in the ordinary course will be in a basket of trout, they will be still better fishing in the reaches. A Parmachenee Belle early in the day seemed to have some attraction, the big fly, and was taken to it very readily, but they would come only without striking, apparently changing their minds just at the last instant. There were some small fish in the rapid water, but they rose carefully, and if they missed the fly they made no further attempt. The big fellows, however, were in first class fighting trim and contested every inch of the way to land, one of them arguing the point (of the Zulu) for fully 20 minutes in a pool full of snags and big rocks.

LET'S CONTRACT FOR PORT SIMPSON WORK

Col. May Arranges for Construction of Hotel and Wharf

Col. May, who is promoting the Hudson's Bay Pacific Railway, company which it is proposed to build to Port Simpson, offering another trans-Canadian system to the traveling public and opening up a great agricultural area, returned from Port Simpson by the steamer Princess May.

Col. May said he had given contracts for the completion of a hotel and wharf on Work Channel to the north of Simpson peninsula, where the terminus of the line is to be located. Part of the hotel has been constructed, the rustic work being completed to the first story before he left. Messrs. Sumner and McGrover have the contract for the hotel, which is to be of eighteen rooms for use until a larger structure is necessary. It is expected to be completed in three or four weeks.

While at the terminus of the proposed railway, Col. May also let a contract to Mr. Watson to get out the logs and lumber for the building of the company's wharf. Mr. Watson is getting out the logs and expects to have the material assembled shortly and work started on the floating wharf. The water shelves deep from the shore and a floating dock will be the most suitable.

There is a pear tree on the farm of Jacob Zimmerman at Rice Ball, P.E.I., which was planted in 1774. It is 3 1/2 feet in diameter at its base, and is bearing a large crop this season.

ENTHUSIASTIC OVER DEER HUNTING HERE

New Zealand Visitor Tells of Sport on Salt Spring Island

"The finest and most exciting bit of sport I have ever had," is the manner in which Frank J. Quick, of Auckland, New Zealand, characterized the shooting on Salt Spring Island. "I have had considerable experience in deer stalking in New Zealand, where they are pretty plentiful, but this place beats anything I ever saw there."

Quick, who is Mr. Jack Clarke and Will Quick proceeded by steamer from Sidney, bound to Ganges Harbour on Saturday morning. The trip up among the Vancouver Islands was just lovely, with a bright sun overhead and the water like a sheet of glass.

"At the kind invitation of Mr. C. O. Allen we made our headquarters at his ranch, 'Heronshire,' a beautiful property consisting of two hundred acres, with a charming little lake in the centre of the property and which is well stocked with trout, and as for deer one can almost shoot them at his backdoor. It is an ideal hunter's home. On Monday morning, in company with Mr. Charles Gardner, who kindly offered his services for that day to show us a good spot on his property, we started on our climb up the mountains, spreading out for about 100 yards apart and keeping one another in view as much as possible to avoid accident. We were not long in finding our quarry. Then, crack, a crash, and the proud-horned leader of a herd is no more. On our left wing two more shots were heard and two more were brought to earth, making three deer and a couple of brace of blue grouse for the day's bag."

"Tuesday was, if anything, much more exciting. Out of a patch of clover with high bracken and clacken fully twenty deer started to leave the clearing. Out of that bunch we secured eight fine specimens, with the aid of three guns. We also got three brace of grouse. By the time we cleaned up and packed the deer to the homestead evening shades were falling. We were glad to get back hungry and tired to partake of a sizzling dinner of venison and other dainties, which Mrs. Allen had prepared for us. To what end? Well, ample justice. I cannot speak too highly of the hospitality shown by all the settlers on the island with whom we came in contact. Every one seemed pleased to see us, and gave us a willing carte blanche to shoot over any of their estates. Bidding adieu to Mr. and Mrs. Allen, who had treated us right down royally, we caught the steamer on Wednesday midday homeward bound for Victoria, thoroughly pleased with our outing."

DID NOT DISCOVER LAND AS EXPECTED

Mikkelsen and Leffingwell Fail in Main Object of Expedition

(From Tuesday's Daily)
Capt. Elnor Mikkelsen and Ernest DeK Leffingwell did not discover a new continent in the Beaufort sea. They have returned from their quest in the great white silence of the unknown north and reported that soundings made in the Beaufort sea failed to show the existence of the unknown land they went to seek. The failure in the main object of the expedition has not deterred the enthusiasm of the explorers who will spend another year in the Arctic in geographical and ethnological, geological and zoological studies. They will continue the exploration of the Beaufort sea, surveying the coast and making ethnological studies in that vicinity.

The explorers, Capt. Mikkelsen, E. Leffingwell and J. Marks left the Duchess of Bedford, the former sailing schooner in which they left Victoria in May, 1906, for the north, in winter quarters off Banksland this spring and journeyed over the ice from Prince Patrick land to the northwest. They took specially prepared food cases in soldered tins, each containing sufficient provisions for one week, transported their supplies by dog teams. Owing to the return of one of the dogs and the delay in returning Frederick Harrison, another explorer, who recently returned from the north, reported that it was feared the three adventurers had been lost. They returned safely a short time afterward, however, and cabled a report of their work to the American Geographical Society at New York.

The dispatch came from Elnor Mikkelsen and Ernest Leffingwell, the joint commanders of the expedition, and was dated at Dawson, Alaska, September 10. The explorers reported that their sledge trip north of Alaska covered 500 miles of sea ice, and that they crossed the edge of the continental shelf twice. Their soundings, taken fifty miles off the Alaska coast and beyond, were made to a depth of 2,000 feet but found no bottom. Next year, they reported, they will continue the exploration of the Beaufort sea, surveying the coast and making ethnological studies.

Find Clay Deposits
Among the passengers on the steamer Queen City which arrived from Rivers Inlet and Mayport on Monday evening was T. Monteith, manager of the B. C. Pottery company. He has been at Port Neville looking over some large clay deposits and has brought home several samples of the clay to be experimented with. Should the clay be suitable for fine pottery work it is expected that the company will lease or purchase the deposits.

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TWELVE ENTRIES FOR ROUGH RIDING CONTEST

Good Contest Is Promised—Yesterday Added to the List of Exhibits

The rough riding competition, which will be one of the features of the amusement programme for the provincial exhibition here next week has about a dozen entries and the event should be most keenly contested. With a score of fiery, untamed bronchos to work with, the contestants will have to display some superb horsemanship to land the British Columbia Championship Belt, which was won last year by John Richter. The judges who will make the award in the competition were appointed yesterday. They are: J. Dallan, Victoria, R. W. Niel, Vernon, and ex-Ald. Scott Benjamin, of Seattle.

Four delayed telegraphic entries besides a number of others by mail, received by Secretary Smart of the fair association yesterday for the various classes at the exhibition, and as a result the total of entries has reached a record figure. There are now fifty entries more than last year, which was the previous high mark and nearly every entry is about double in size of those of a year ago.

As expected the entries for the baby show reached an even dozen yesterday. There may be one or two more by mail before the list is finally closed. Quite a number of entries were made for the women's work classes yesterday, the time for receiving entries for these having been extended by the association. Among the stock entries received yesterday were some from Armstrong, B. C., Vancouver, Vernon, and High River, Alberta.

The cups and trophies offered for competition of the fair will be on exhibition this week in the window of Finch and Finch on Government street.

BULKLEY VALLEY HAS GREAT POSSIBILITIES

That Is Opinion of Prospector Who Has Just Returned

A. Kincaid, a land-seeker, who has been spending some time looking over the possibilities of the Bulkley valley with K. McKay, who has acquired the townsite at Aldermere, arrived at Victoria on the steamer Princess May. He said that the Bulkley valley, which is the Skeena river on the steamer Northwest, which is now reported lost, he was obliged to spend nine days on the Bulkley valley. He was unable to make her way against the swift water and was driven back to Measinkish, where she was obliged to land part of her cargo. The Bulkley had to be disposed of at that point. He hired five Indians with a canoe and with his partner went down the stream to Hazelton, the steamer being unable to get up the river. From Hazelton he and McKay proceeded to the Bulkley Valley, leaving the headquarters of the Skeena on August 29. They hired horses and in three or four days made their way sixty miles to their destination.

Mr. Kincaid said he found a large number of people going into the Bulkley Valley. Several herds of cattle in excellent condition brandied and running free on the ranges were seen, and considerable hay, oats, etc., was being grown, the crop seemed a very good one. The land was not the best he had seen. It is easily cleared and investigation shows that from 40 to 50 bushels of wheat of good quality can be taken from each acre. Potatoes, garden truck, etc., also grow well.

The district will in time be a great mining country, according to Mr. Kincaid. He and his partner saw some rich mines and coal with seam eighteen feet in width was seen. There is good coal in the Bulkley valley. He expects there will be a great influx into the Bulkley Valley next spring.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL CALLED

Submission of Bylaw to Provide for Boulevard Will Be Considered

A special meeting of the city council will be called for Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock for the purpose of considering the submission of the ratepayers of a by-law to cover proposed boulevard work.

It is the intention of the mayor at this meeting to ask the council to grant the use of the large room over the reading room at the public library to the Musical Society on trial to ascertain to what extent the room being used for that purpose would interfere with the reading public.

At a recent meeting of the council the society through its president A. C. Flumerfelt requested the use of the library room for its rehearsals and concerts, but the council refused the request on the grounds that readers frequenting the library would be disturbed. Mayor Morley believes that it would be only fair to give the matter a test to see to what extent the society's meetings in the library building would interfere with those frequenting the reading room. Mayor Morley says there has been apparently no public opposition to the proposed step.

Minneapolis Charter Rejected
The Minneapolis charter proposed by the Minneapolis voters here for the third time was voted down. The vote was light, about 500 more votes being cast against the measure than for it. The labor vote was in opposition.

NEW TRAILS ARE BEING BUILT IN THE NORTH

Influx of Settlers and Prospectors Renders Them Necessary

The tide of immigration, and the influx of pre-emptors, prospectors for minerals and timber to the upper mainland, and throughout the province generally has resulted in a demand for many miles of new roads. The provincial government is engaged in building these as fast as circumstances and the exigencies of the situations permit.

At the present time a party is busy engaged upon a trail through from Kitlasia canyon to Telqua. The trail when completed will shorten the route from the coast, by Telqua and Bulkley valley nearly hundred miles. At the present time settlers have to go on by the Skeena and around by Hazelton, a long and tedious journey. The new route upon which good progress is being made will prove of great benefit to the district.

The Grand Trunk Pacific, according to information received from the district, has located a one per cent. grade from Kitlasia to Telqua, along the Copper river, and it is stated that the proposed branch between these points will be completed before the main line, which runs around by Hazelton. The rumor has been spread that the railway company might ultimately desert the proposed main line round by Hazelton, but this does not gain general credence. While the grade by the branch line is quite satisfactory it is not at all likely that the railway company will desert the original route which follows the river as they have acquired valuable lands in the Kitlasia valley. In this connection it is stated also that a branch line from near Kitlasia will be constructed to the head of the Kitlasia river, where the railway will first touch salt water. A tie camp where 200 men are at work is ready located there.

At Bulkley a new trail is being opened up to the interior, and while away north of Dyea a trail from the Rainy Hollow district will shortly be opened through to the Allyn district. These trails will be of great benefit to the residents of the Bulkley valley, who have the matter in hand at present. Two companies, one English, the other American, are preparing to operate there.

BACK FROM AN AUTO TOUR IN OLD WORLD

J. A. Sayward's Observations on His Recent Trip to Europe

J. A. Sayward has returned from a prolonged trip to Europe, during which, accompanied by his wife and daughter, he toured England, Scotland, Ireland, France and Switzerland. Mr. Sayward bought a Humber motor car while in England, and used it throughout his tour. He says he was lucky enough to get off without one breakdown. Discussing his trip yesterday he said:

"We had a thoroughly enjoyable time, although the weather was not good most of the time. The roads were generally excellent. I think that there are all round, the English roads are the best. Some of the main French roads are as good as any in England but the less important roads are not nearly so good. The Swiss roads, though good, were not up to the English standard. We saw a great deal of beautiful scenery, but on the whole I think the scenery was the best. We saw a good deal of the Westmoreland as well as through various parts of the English districts. We also visited Edinburgh, Glasgow and the Trossachs, though we could not take our machine through the latter. They are forbidden to go into very narrow and there have been several accidents there. We saw Loch Lomond and other famed beauty spots. It was a very pleasant trip to Europe and I was much impressed with London. I think what struck me most about the city was the way the police handle the enormous traffic and the cleanliness of the more important streets. The telephone system is not what it might be, it is owned by the government and understood—and the hotels in some respects are not up to trans-Atlantic standards, but no one can visit London and come away with the idea that the English are not up-to-date. Trade is very good there just now, and everything seemed most prosperous."

"Paris is a beautiful city with its wonderful streets and boulevards. It has quite a different personality to London, and you cannot compare the two. We toured through France to Switzerland, arriving at Geneva. Thence we went to Interlaken to reach which we had to cross a range of mountains. The road wound up the hills for fifteen miles before we reached the summit, but the machine carried us splendidly. The scenery at Interlaken is magnificent. We and the Jung Frau from a distance, but did not attempt an ascent. We visited Scotland, in August after our Swiss trip in the hope of getting good weather, but in that we were disappointed. We heard that a great many young Scotchmen are coming out to this country."

"We also visited Dublin and went to the exhibition. I was particularly pleased with the Canadian exhibit. It was a very good one and excellently displayed. I am sure that it will do an immense amount of good in drawing attention to our country and its capabilities. Dublin is a fine city, but we had not time to see as much of Ireland as we should have liked. All together we had a most enjoyable and instructive time, although we are glad to be home once more."

CHIEF WATSON HOME FROM THE CONVENTION

Tells of Proceedings and Victoria Was Selected for Next Meeting

The determination of the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs to hold its convention in Victoria next year was to a great extent occasioned by the fact that this city will by that time, it is expected, be in possession of the best type of motor fire fighting apparatus. The intention of the city council to purchase a Merryweather motor chemical engine was announced to the convention by Fire Chief Thomas Watson, who has just returned from the convention of the association held this year at Centralia, Wash., and as the question of motor apparatus was one of the several subjects discussed by the coast fire chiefs at the convention it was decided that Victoria should have the honor of entertaining the delegates next year, when the latest piece of up-to-date fire fighting apparatus could be examined. This and Victoria's well known claims as the beauty spot of the Pacific coast weighed strongly with the delegates.

Chief Watson, who returned on Sunday, reports the convention at Centralia a great success and all the delegates profited much from the discussion held on the various subjects appertaining to the duties of fire chiefs. The session lasted three days, though it was originally intended to have a four days' meeting, but the work was rushed through. Between 40 and 50 delegates were present, representing every important centre on the coast and inland as far as Calgary on this side of the border.

The convention opened on Monday. A reception was tendered to the delegates on Tuesday night. Wednesday evening a dance was given in their honor, and on Thursday evening a theatre party furnished amusement for the visitors. It had been the intention to give the delegates a banquet on Friday evening, but owing to the fact that the session had terminated earlier than expected this function was called off.

The many papers read aroused much discussion, particularly those relating to the motor apparatus. It was a live question, and several of the manufacturers of that class of apparatus in the States were present at the convention to explain the merits of their various products. It was generally conceded that the Merryweather company of England was, up to the present, ahead in this particular class of apparatus, and Victoria and Vancouver which have ordered or will order this type of engine are ahead of the American cities in this respect. Victoria's experience will be watched with interest by the cities south of the line.

There was keen competition among the various cities for the convention next year. Eugene, Ore., made a fight for the honor, but Victoria's claims won over the convention. The session and council of Centralia and several other towns met the convention and discussed the question of fire protection for small towns. Fire Marshal Kellogg and Chief Brinkhurst of Seattle being the principal speakers at these meetings. Fire Chief Watson also took part in the discussion.

A paper on the advisability of installing telephones in fire alarm boxes was contributed by Chief Watson, who had been asked to fully discuss the question. The consensus of opinion was that such a system would not help in the work of fire fighting, and that the mechanical apparatus for such purposes was the best yet devised. Other subjects considered included the advantages of fire boats, the protection of life by the installation of fire escapes and other lifesaving apparatus and standpipes and hydrants.

Chief Campbell of Portland, Chief Lips of Los Angeles and Chief Metz of Walla Walla will attend the International Convention of Fire Chiefs, to be held at Washington on October 8, and have been commissioned by the Pacific Coast association to invite the former body to meet at Seattle in 1909 in conjunction with the latter.

On his way home Chief Watson, who was accompanied by Mrs. Watson, stopped at day the Tacoma and Seattle and examined the fire brigades of those cities. He was accompanied to Victoria by Chief Smart of Calgary, Chief Davidson of Edmonton, W. Harrison, building inspector of Calgary and Chief Parkin of Nanaimo, all of whom attended the convention at Centralia.

Superintendent Hussey of the provincial police, left on Monday for Seattle. At the instance of the attorney general he will visit the Queen Charlotte islands, Port Simpson, Prince Rupert and the North, to size up the situation generally as it affects the administration of justice.

Hon. W. J. Bower, attorney general, has been deluged with applications for new jails and for the assigning of provincial constables to the various districts which are being opened up, and the situation in some instances is not very well known. Chief Hussey will report upon the conditions of affairs and will gain a thorough knowledge of the requirements of the new districts.

The great influx of settlers and the opening up of new communities will naturally necessitate the expansion of the provincial machinery for policing the district, and hence the action of the attorney general in order that he may be thoroughly in touch with the needs of the different districts.

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