

FORT GEORGE

Last Great Metropolis of North America

Let us recapitulate a few of the conditions in regard to Fort George which are destined to make it a great city.

Fort George is nearly at the geographical centre of British Columbia—it lies actually somewhat to the south of the centre.

Fort George is on the main line of the Grand Trunk Pacific, half way between Edmonton and Prince Rupert.

The situation of Fort George is such that it will be the largest city on the Grand Trunk Pacific between Edmonton and Prince Rupert.

Fort George is on the route that will open up the Peace River country; and the terminus of the railway for which a charter has just been granted at Ottawa—from Edmonton through the Pine River Pass.

Fort George is the terminus or on the line of six other lines of railway building or projected.

Fort George commands the river navigation of Central British Columbia; it is the point where the Nechaco with its tributaries meets the Fraser.

Fort George is headquarters for steamboats navigating one thousand miles of waterways at the present time.

Fort George is the centre and distributing point for Central British Columbia today; and its central geographical location and strategic situation is such that it will continue to be the chief commercial place of Central British Columbia for all time.

Central British Columbia is sufficiently vast in extent to support many cities. It is larger in area and richer in resources than Washington and Oregon combined.

But there is destined to be one pre-eminent place of commerce and manufacture—one metropolis—and it is inevitable that this place will be Fort George.

To Fort George will be tributary all the natural resources of Central British Columbia, and all the lesser cities and towns.

Central British Columbia is sufficiently rich in natural resources to support a population of millions.

That population is already beginning to sweep into this new "Last Great West," and before half the destined population of Central British Columbia is attained, Fort George will be one of the largest cities of Canada.

And because this new West is the last vast and rich undeveloped section on the continent, its growth will be faster than that of any similar section in the past.

Within a few years Fort George will be where Winnipeg and Vancouver are today.

That this is not an empty boast is shown by the fact that the development of the "Inland Empire" of the United States, which is similar to Central British Columbia, but smaller in area and less rich in natural resources, has created in Spokane a metropolis of one hundred thousand people.

A MINNEAPOLIS MAN'S PREDICTION.

[Vancouver Province, Nov. 6, 1909.]

The Minneapolis of the Pacific Northwest, is the admiring appellation which Mr. H. A. Jones, the Cornish street business man, applied to Fort George, the busy little Hudson's Bay post at the junction of the Fraser and Nechaco Rivers, in Central British Columbia. Of course, it is a Minneapolis in the making, but in the eyes of Mr. Jones (who before taking up his residence in Vancouver, lived in the Minnesota city, which is the distributing point for the Dakotas and Minnesota), Fort George in the not very distant future will occupy a similar position to the central and northern parts of this Province that the four city now occupies in its relation to the prairie country adjacent to it.

Mr. Jones, who recently returned from an extended tour through Central British Columbia, and to say that he is enthusiastic about the future of Fort George and the neighboring country is putting it mildly. In three weeks he covered 1,400 miles, and he declares it is a truly wonderful country, with a great future.

"I firmly believe," said Mr. Jones, "that Fort George will in time be the second largest city in British Columbia, Vancouver only excepted. With such a country around it, and with such easy means of communication, I do not see how it can possibly be held back. There are boundless opportunities there, and I am only sorry that I am a little too far advanced in years to make the most of them."

A SEATTLE MAN'S VIEW.

[Extract from interview of George L. Brown, of Seattle in Vancouver World, Nov. 15, 1909.]

"Mr. Brown is very enthusiastic about interior British Columbia, and advises every young man, especially with small means, to go there. "Mr. Brown stated that he knows, of his own knowledge, that there will be a great many people moving into that spring, and that in his opinion Fort George and the country surrounding will be settled up much more rapidly and in much less space of time than ever before in the history of the West."

"Mr. Brown's big interests are at Prince Rupert and around Quesnel, but he does not hesitate to make the unqualified statement that Fort George will be a larger place than Prince Rupert."

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THE FAIR LOBBYISTS SCARED THE MEMBERS

Committee Sat and Heard Appeals, But Objected to Individual Pleas.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—To avoid succumbing to the verbal assaults of Miss St. John Wileman, Mrs. Monk, Mrs. Mackenzie and other fair ladies who are desperately anxious to gain Government grant in order that they might scour the old country for housemaids and nursemaids, the agricultural committee of the Legislature, headed by the minister, Hon. Mr. Duff, beat an ignominious retreat yesterday.

The committee started out bravely enough. Mr. Duff, in particular, steered himself against any sly heart attacks. "I don't think the department can go any further than it has gone," he stoutly declared. "Already the Government is prepared to give any organization, even yours, a bonus of \$5 for every domestic brought into this country."

Miss Wileman challenged that there was any accommodation for girls coming to this country seeking positions as domestics. "I don't think that is fair," observed the minister, aggrieved.

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Mrs. Monk assumed spokesman's responsibilities. "But we want to get maids in parts of England unexplored for them," she complained. "Both the Premier and Mr. Duff entirely misunderstand us. This organization is not one in opposition to the Government. All we want is the same assistance as you gave the British Welcome League and other organizations."

Miss Wileman observed the organization wanted at least \$1,000 to commence the explorations.

Cold Looks, Cold Words. Cold looks and colder words made the deputation despair.

Then Miss Wileman played a telling card. She went up to Mr. T. H. Lennox, the members for North York.

"In the correspondence you promised to support us," she accused, fixing him with her eye. Taking him by the arm she led him to the front, and asked him to address the committee.

Although Mr. Lennox must have seen nothing but a sea of smiles, he gravely declared that if he were minister of agriculture for an hour or so he would grant the ladies their request in some measure.

Then Valentine Stock, of South Perth, spoke up.

"I would welcome any scheme that will make the burden of the farmer's wife lighter to bear," he declared.

Then the ladies commenced an individual attack, and it was at this point that the committee fled.

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Leading druggists everywhere sell Mi-o-na. W. T. Strong sells it in London for 50 cents a large box on the money-back plan.

GAS WRECKS CHURCH DURING PRAYER MEETING

Acetylene Plant Explodes, Ruining a House of Worship Near Lindsay.

Lindsay, Feb. 18.—The explosion of the acetylene gas plant in the Methodist Church at Woodville Wednesday evening almost caused the death of the faithful twelve who gather for the purpose of worshipping at the regular weekly prayer meeting. Fortunately only one woman was seriously hurt.

Mrs. William McKee, who sustained painful burns and bruises. The church is almost in ruins, the interior being badly shattered and wrecked.

It appears that when the gathering assembled something wrong was noticed with the lights and the wife of the caretaker, Mrs. McKee, an elderly lady, went into the room which contained the plant, struck a match to investigate and immediately the explosion followed.

Mrs. McKee was thrown against the wall of the room, which gave way like matchwood, but fortunately she sustained no serious injury.

The church enveloped in a mass of flames, Her hair was burned completely off her head and her clothes were in flames. Men ran to her assistance and as she fainted away she was taken to a doctor's office.

The rest of the inmates were thrown from their chairs and a scramble ensued to get out.

Subsequent to the explosion, in the floor of the auditorium was blown up seats were scattered in debris, the pulpit was thrown into the choir loft, and every window in the church was broken.

The church had just been remodelled, and was clear of debt just last summer. There is insurance.

WHITNEY WILL NOT ABOLISH THE BAR

Tells Temperance Leaders That Government Will Make No More Concessions.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—Contrary to general expectations there was no wholesale surrender from the temperance people up to meet Sir James Whitney and the Provincial Secretary yesterday morning. Other years they came in their hundreds, and the Premier was compelled to address them from the main stairway. Yesterday morning all was different.

Five gentlemen came, quietly to the buildings, quietly walked upstairs, quietly entered Sir James' office, and to cap the climax would not consent to the presence of the press at the interview.

They were President Joseph Gibson, Secretary Ben. Spence, James Vokes and Rev. T. Beveridge.

The memo which the delegates presented to Sir James asked for the abolition of the bar, drinking in clubs, the five-fifths clause, and the treating system.

Sir James urged on the deputation the necessity of complete co-operation among themselves. He told them that whenever temperance matters were discussed by the cabinet, the question of the three-fifths clause was given full consideration. He did not regard it as a handicap, but one of the most important things contributing to the ultimate success of the local option cause.

If local option succeeded it would be found how important this three-fifths clause was. The Government was not in a position to entertain sentiment in the matter of temperance legislation, he declared.

FOUR YEARS IN JAIL FOR BEING SAUCY

Montreal, Feb. 18.—Judge Choquet was somewhat dazed in the police court yesterday when informed by a thief that he was "just as bad as a lot of other bad crooks enjoying their liberty."

Arthur Paquette, who had stolen a ring from a sleeping guest at an east end dance hall, was the nervous man.

Repeat what you said," responded the judge, and Paquette did so.

Not so much on account of the theft as to enforce respect for the bench Paquette was thereupon sentenced to four years in the penitentiary.

He had previously served two terms.

JEALOUS, TIES WIFE

Young Parisian Woman a Two Years' Prisoner in Room.

Paris, Feb. 18.—The disappearance of the young wife of a druggist named Parat, was cleared up today when the police broke in and found the woman heavily chained between the bed and the wall, horribly scarred.

In addition to the chain, which was strongly padlocked, around the neck, a cruel contrivance resembling a coat of mail, but strengthened by a belt of copper rings, enveloped the body. Both objects could be removed by the use of keys.

The woman told a pitiful tale of two years' imprisonment and martyrdom. Last November, while still in chains, she gave birth to her fifth child. The husband refused to call a doctor.

Parat, who was arrested, declared that he loved his wife, but was extremely jealous of her.

BULL DEVELOPS RABIES

Bad Work of a Dog on Farm of Isaac Tetrault.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—The epidemic of rabies is assuming serious proportions according to reports to the provincial health department this morning, which will be transmitted to the federal department.

Isaac Tetro, a farmer in West Elgin, had a fine bull and two horses bitten by a dog running wild, the other day. Yesterday the bull developed hydrophobia and had to be destroyed. The two horses are now under treatment, and it is feared they, too, will be shot.

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Regular \$3.50 Fancy Vests for **\$1.95**

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\$5.50 and \$6.50 Curtains, \$3.95

20 pairs at this price, Swiss and Brussels Curtains, 50 inches by 3½ yards long, some white, some ivory; one, two and three pairs of a pattern: \$5.50, \$6.00 and \$6.50. Your choice for, pair **\$3.95**

\$7.00 and \$7.50 Curtains, \$4.75

16 pairs, in Swiss, Brussels and Duchess, 50 inches wide by 3½ yards long, in ecru, white and ivory, one or two pairs only of a pattern; all \$7.00 and \$7.50 curtains. Your choice, pair **\$4.75**

\$8.00 to \$10.00 Curtains, \$5.95

17 pairs Swiss, Brussels and Venice Point, in white, ivory and ecru, 50 and 60 inches wide by 3½ yards long, in one, two and four pair lots: \$8.00, \$9.00 and \$10.00 curtains. Your choice for, pair **\$5.95**

\$11.00 to \$12.00 Curtains, \$7.95

7 pairs Fine Arabian Curtains, one and two pairs of a design: \$11.00 and \$12.00 regular. Your choice for, pair **\$7.95**

\$4.50 and \$5.00 Curtains, \$2.95

49 pairs to choose from at this price, and up to four pairs of a pattern, in Nottingham, Scotch Net, Cable, Brussels and Irish Point; all are \$4.50 and \$5.00 Curtains. Your choice for, pair **\$2.95**

The designs are new and up-to-date and the values are at regular prices (which are quoted), our very best, and if you want a single pair, or two or three pairs to match, you will save dollars by selecting from these. In a few cases there are four pairs alike.

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