

## PIRATES STILL ON THE CANTON RIVER

Lieutenant Roberts, R.N.R., Tells of Conditions in British Colony of Hong Kong—An Interesting Story From the British Colony in China.

A visitor from the Orient, Lieut. Cyril A. G. Roberts, R.N.R., is in Edmonton at present at the King Edward Hotel. Lieut. Roberts is on his way to England on six months leave of absence from Hong Kong, the British Crown Colony on Hong Kong Island where he has been stationed for the last three years.

Coming direct from China, Lieut. Roberts speaks enthusiastically from first hand knowledge, of present conditions on the Asiatic coast, particularly in the British settlement of Hong Kong and in the great neighboring city of Canton with its population of over a million natives.

Hong Kong, about island near the mouth of the Canton River, was ceded to Great Britain in 1841, by the Kowloon on the mainland opposite, ceded in 1861. It forms a British Colony of 29 square miles in area which is the centre of a large trade, in Chinese silk and tea trade being largely through Hong Kong. Recently the island has become the scene of great building activities due to the investment of millions of capital by reformed British ship building companies.

**Piracy at Hong Kong.** "There are plenty of pirates on the Canton River," said Lieut. Roberts, in conversation with The Bulletin Tuesday. "The river was patrolled by British gun boats until two years ago when the Chinese raised a storm of protest against foreign patrol, with the result that the system passed into their hands entirely. Splendid boats have been built and equipped for the patrol, but the difficulty is that they are not operated, lying idle most of the time."

"Only a couple of weeks before I left Hong Kong, a daring piracy took place on the river. The pirates in possession of a steam launch boarded a junk laden with valuable merchandise, under the pretence of being license inspectors. They drove the crew down below, secured them there and towed the junk to Hong Kong where they discharged the cargo close to Wing Dock Street in the very heart of the town. The cargo was disposed of and the pirates were discovered as they were getting away. They were of course, severely punished for their offence and it is expected that from five years to three months each."

**Sports in Happy Valley.** Lieut. Roberts is an enthusiastic sportsman and speaks with pride of the two yacht clubs of Hong Kong which are the Eastern Yacht Club and the Corinthian Yacht Club has a membership of over 200, all Europeans and mostly Britishers. The Hong Kong Club has a membership almost equally large.

Sports of all kinds flourish in Hong Kong. Lieut. Roberts says that there are cricket clubs, golf clubs, all kinds of clubs. Occasionally there are plays and many other things. Last year the Hong Kong cricket club had a match with the Reach All American baseball team. The Americans caused much amusement by throwing their bats away every time they went to make a hit. Their fielding though was remarkable. All the sports are held in a great field called Happy Valley which is the most popular resort of the island.

**First Railway Building.** Lieut. Roberts had never seen coast cities marked by more bustling activity than Hong Kong and Shanghai. "San Francisco and Vancouver have great harbors, but they are never as crowded as that of Shanghai. Hong Kong has now two of the largest ship building companies in the East. The Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company dating back nearly fifty years, builds gunboats for the Chinese navy and steamships and lighters. The Taikeo Dock and Engineering Company, costing considerably more than three million pounds sterling has the largest drydock in the East. The companies interested in it are, Butterfield and Swire, of which John Swire and Company are the London agents, and other British ship building companies. The dock was opened in November, 1906. It is eight hundred feet long and could repair the biggest battleship afloat. There are four shipways and they are capable of taking care of four of Butterfield and Swire's ships at one time, or of the largest ships in the world."

**The Building Yards.** "There are several other small European shipbuilding yards, and beside these there are numerous Chinese ship and launch building works, where small steamers are designed and built entirely by Chinese workmen, including the engines and machinery, without any European supervision whatever. These companies get plenty of work to do as there are several hundred steam launches plying continually in Hong Kong harbor."

"Hong Kong is in many respects an up-to-date city that would do credit to Western civilization, although, of course, the old and new orders of things are found curiously mixed. The population of the city is estimated at about 150,000, while that of the island is considerably over a quarter of a million. There are about 120,000 Chinese in the city. The foreign population is estimated at 15,000, including about seven thousand English people, and several thousand Japanese."

**Celestial Street Railway.** Hong Kong, says Lieut. Roberts, has a street railway system with over nine miles of track and a two minute service. The system was established five years ago and is paying well, traffic being very heavy. The road was built and is being operated by a private corporation of Chinese capital, known as the Hong Kong Tramway Company. The tramway is operated by Chinese, and the general manager is a Briton and two superintendents are

of the same nation. All others connected with the system are Chinese.

**Magnificent Hotels.** "The Hong Kong has several splendid hotels. The equal of anything I have seen in America," said Lieut. Roberts. "The Hong Kong hotel, built at a cost of over million and a quarter has 400 rooms with the other half of the building now in process of erection. There are five electric elevators in the portion of the building now finished. The King Edward VII hotel is another fine hotel, and from the Peak Hotel, reached by an incline railway, one of the finest views in the world over the island, the hinterland and the ships in the harbor can be obtained. The hill on which the hotel is located is about half a mile high."

The colony and the city are governed by a legislative council, on which are a number of military officials and a certain number of civil members including some Chinese.

"There is big traffic carried on up the Canton River to Canton, still the ancient capital of Rams. This city which has a population of over a million, is about 100 miles inland. Large ships sail up to Canton and on the west river to Wuchow, 400 miles inland. The boats which ply on the river are vessels of from 75 feet in length and of from 14 to 17 feet beam. They are doubledeckers and carry about 300 persons. They are motor driven, Gardner engines of from 75 to 100 horse-power being operated entirely by Chinese."

**Motley River Craft.** "The river at times presents a curious sight. The small motor boats, steam wheelers in which coolies work their passage by operating a sort of tread mill which provides the propelling power, mingle with quaint slipper boats propelled by oars and with modern motor boats. Big Flower boats, which are used for carrying the wealthy Chinese make merry, with a beam of 25 feet and 60 feet in length. On these boats feasts are held and singing girls provide amusement for the Celestial aristocracy. The Flower boats are most luxurious, fully furnished and the fittings are of polished blackwood."

"The principal bar to railway construction in China has been the practice of ancestral worship. The inhabitants of the country worship their ancestors' graves and as the country is all graves it is hard to get land for the railway without getting up a rebellion."

Steps are being taken by the Portuguese to improve the harbor of Macao, the settlement of Portugal, about 44 miles from Hong Kong. The Portuguese have been at Macao since 1557 and have been at loggerheads with China over the boundary dispute, but the difficulties are being settled. Macao, which was once a great silk exporting place, has recently become notorious as a gambling town and a den of vice.

Lieutenant Roberts will remain in Edmonton until the end of the week. He has been in the city for a month to look up a brother who went to the Peace River country some time ago.

## DR. HYDE DENIES CHARGE OF MURDER

Kansas City Physician Takes the Stand in His Own Defence—Says Apoplexy Caused Death.

Kansas City, May 10.—The trial of Dr. B. Hyde, accused of the murder of Col. Thomas H. Swope, began today. Dr. Hyde telling his story to the jury this afternoon. When the doctor adjourned he was still on the stand. Mrs. Hyde preceded her husband in a five hour examination. The physician denied he did kill Colonel Swope and said apoplexy was the cause of death. He asserted that he had never talked to the millionaire about his will and that he had put no germs in the candy eaten by Stella Swope.

**MILITIA ORDERS.** Flags at Masthead and Royal Salute at Noon.

Ottawa, Ont., May 7.—The following militia order has been issued: In honor of His Majesty, the King George V. flags will be hoisted to masthead by all military stations from noon until sunset this day and a royal salute fired at noon at the following stations: Victoria, B.C., Winnipeg, Man., London, Ont., Toronto, Ont., Kingston, Ont., Ottawa, Ont., Quebec, Que., Montreal, Que., St. John, N.B., Halifax, N.S., Charlottetown, P.E.I., Fredericton, N.B. (flag station only), St. Jean, Que. (flag station only).

Upon the following morning and until the funeral of our late lamented King, the date of which will be hereafter notified, flags will be flown at half mast.

**Spanish Government Sustained.** Madrid, May 9.—General elections for the Chamber of Deputies were held Sunday. In Bilbao the Republicans attacked the Basque Club and others, were exchanged. At Ovieda troops were called out to suppress a riot. In Madrid the Republicans and six deputies, against three last year. The few returns tonight indicate that the government will have a working majority. At Barcelona the Radicals, of which A. Merroux is the leader, captured five seats.

**Japan Offers Condolences.** Tokyo, May 9.—Both houses of the Imperial Diet, through Count Komura, secretary of foreign affairs, have expressed condolences to the British Embassy on the death of King Edward.

## POTTER SUBMITS HIS FIRST SEWAGE REPORT

New York Sewage Expert Says Big Expenditure Must be Saved on Sewage—River Water is Satisfactory and He considers it the Best Source of Supply.

Alexander Potter, of New York, the water and sewer expert of New York, who has been engaged by the city to report on the sewerage and water improvements for the city of Edmonton, has submitted to the commissioners a preliminary report after a personal examination which he has made extending over the past two weeks.

In connection with the sewerage and drainage the city engineer, Mr. LaTourette had asked him to give his attention to two things principally:

First—To pass upon the plan of work contemplated for immediate construction.

Second—To project a general scheme of sewerage and drainage as well as sewage disposal for the whole city which could be carried out from year to year as the demands of the city warrant.

**The Water Supply.** With reference to the water supply for Edmonton he asked him to make a general examination of the water situation in the following manner:

First—To plan such additions and improvements to the present water plant that will be sufficient to meet all requirements during the next year, such a period as in his judgment is necessary to examine into, plan and carry into execution a permanent water supply for the city.

Second—To examine generally into the available sources of water supply for Edmonton so that the city might be able to make a permanent water supply for the city.

Mr. Potter takes these questions up one after another and handles them fully with the data that he has before him.

**Big Expenditure Unnecessary.** Dealing with the work contemplated by the engineer for immediate construction the expert says:

"Conditions affecting the disposal of sewage have changed since your engineer made his recommendation on the strength of which the city authorized the expenditure of \$200,000 for a long outfall sewer and \$5,000 for land for sewage disposal works, that the construction of this sewer is, in my opinion, unnecessary. In its place, however, you must construct a sewer leading directly from the present treatment works to the city of over \$100,000."

"In my opinion there is available sufficient land near the mouth of the proposed new outfall sewer, for the disposal of the sewage of practically the entire city in a manner that will make the expenditure of \$100,000 for the sewer, a health act. If the experimental plant to be built at Strathcona, meets with the expectation of its designer, R. B. Owens, provincial engineer, it will even a high standard of excellence will be obtained at a moderate cost. The expense of the sewer is a provincial board of health has been secured to the modification of the plan herein referred to which means a saving of the city of over \$100,000."

**The Western Grain Route.** Arrangements Under Way for Shipping Grain Via Mexico.

Calgary, May 8.—J. S. Dennis, second vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and L. P. Strong, managing director of the Alberta Pacific Elevator Co., left for the coast yesterday and local grain men are aggressive and high outcome of the trip.

Recently it was announced that a new company had been formed at the coast with Mr. Strong as vice-president, for the purpose of taking over the line of steamships plying between Mexico and Vancouver, and equipping them with grain carriers. For some time past there had been talk of the shipping of grain to the coast by the new company, but that they will branch out and ship grain to all parts of the world from Vancouver.

At the office of Mr. Dennis this morning the company stated that the present trip is for the purpose of closing up a deal of this nature. If this is done, the grain men in the city, however, look for the present trip of these two men to decide finally whether the shipping of grain to the west will be facilitated by terminal elevators at Vancouver, and the Canadian Pacific.

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**Body of Forger Discovered.** Houghton, Mich., May 8.—A floater, picked up on the shore of Portage Lake tonight, has been identified as the body of Fred Simmer, wanted on the charge of forgery at Hancock. He eluded a boat a month ago when it is believed he committed suicide to avoid the disgrace of prosecution.

**II Injured When Boat Blew Up.** New York, May 8.—Eleven men were badly injured Saturday afternoon when the boat, St. Charles, blew up at Cambridge, N.Y. The boat, which was a new boat and had just been passed by government inspectors.

**46 Bodies From Mine Disaster.** Palos, Ala., May 8.—Over forty bodies have been removed from the Palos and Coke Company mine No. 3. Fire has stopped the work of rescue.

## Should Investigate Pigeon Lake.

After a three-day trip to Pigeon Lake and vicinity, I am fully convinced that it is a project worthy of investigation and consideration, as a water source of Edmonton's water supply.

At the time of our visit it was a most attractive and apparently pure body of water. The percentage of sand or gravelly shores is much greater than I anticipated.

It is just such a body of water that might easily cause its sponsors honestly to urge its adoption upon the city. But it would be folly and in violation, improper to commit the city to its adoption until data concerning it covering a series of years is available. The rainfall, evaporation and daily run-off should be observed for a number of years. The physical and chemical qualities of the water must also be determined. It is stated that for a certain period each year, or in some years, the water is so dirty as to be unfit to drink. The water is also very shallow. The owner of one of the saw mills on the lake informed me that the lake is covered with green vegetable growth and over the surface of the water, the lake, but to a considerable depth. The city must have first hand information in all these conditions, the investigation covering a series of years, before a proper location for a plant can be decided.

Deciding on a proper location for a plant on the river is also fraught with many uncertainties and therefore, in my opinion, the present plan for the city to build a water works should be supplemented by sufficient machinery to meet the demands of the city for a period of at least five years. In the meantime conditions might change so that a permanent water supply for the city might be secured.

**THE TORONTO Y.M.C.A. RAISED OVER \$185,000**

Association in Nine Days of Twelve Day Campaign for Subscriptions Reached \$185,000. Amount Originally Aimed at—All Y.M.C.A. Records Broken by Campaign.

Toronto, Ont., May 9.—All Y. M. C. A. campaign records were shattered by the showing in the subscription campaign which ended tonight after nine days work with \$185,000.01.

The organization received \$50,000 more than the amount originally aimed at, \$50,000 of the surplus will be also applied to the Y. M. C. A. fund and the remainder to the Young Women's Christian Association.

The campaign was organized by the Toronto Y. M. C. A. and the Young Women's Christian Association, which will amalgamate. It was decided tonight to use the three remaining of the original campaign, the present time arising from this very weakness of the opposition.

Individual life prosperity, through the over confidence it is likely to promote, more often leads to disastrous results than any other cause of adversity. The same may be said to be true of the government, too great strength not infrequently is its most dangerous weakness.

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## GOVERNMENT NOW STRONGER THAN EVER

Session Showed That Success Has Not Weakened Fibre of Government—Opposition Hopelessly Broken Up.

Special Correspondence. Ottawa, May 4.—The second session of the fourth parliament under the Laurier administration, which was brought to a close today, marks a situation in relation to the position of the government that is as satisfactory as it is unique; that this government at the end of the fourteenth session of the national legislature finds itself in a stronger position before the country than it has ever been, even at the time of taking office.

Under the system of responsible government as it prevails in Great Britain and her colonies the majority of the government, generally speaking, is short, for the reason that unfavorable public opinion on any question finds almost immediate expression in the defeat of the government.

In Great Britain it is seldom that any government lasts more than two parliaments. In Canada, since Confederation, there is generally a longer term of office, notably in the case of the last period of Conservative administration, which ran for eighteen years, the greater part of that time under the leadership of Sir John A. Macdonald; and the last Liberal government of Ontario, which lasted nearly thirty years, chiefly under the leadership of Sir Oliver Mowat.

With the exceptions noted, the present Liberal government at the end of its fourteenth session of parliament holds the record, but the length of its term is not so remarkable as is the absolutely commanding position in which the government finds itself after having been endorsed by the people at four general elections.

The close of this session shows the government with a majority of fifty-one on an actual party vote in a house of 121 members and its following both in the house and in the country, absolutely unshaken.

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