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Forty-Five Years in the Service of the Public—The Evening Telegram.

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IS THE MOTTO OF CAPT. R. E. GOSSE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. FULL SPEED AHEAD AGAIN. (H. F. SHORTIS.)

Capt. R. E. Gosse, in his early days in Newfoundland had, like so many more of our planters and fishermen, periods of prosperity and adversity, yet, with that dogged determination and natural ability, surmounted all difficulties, and managed to pull through independently. But thirty-seven years ago, Capt. Gosse decided to seek his fortune in a new land. He had read much of the possibilities of British Columbia, its fisheries and other industries. He had lost his all during the great gale on Labrador, his children were growing up, and the prospects at that time were not very encouraging. His mind was made up, and he started for the scene of his present gigantic operations, at the time, with very little in his pocket, after paying for his passage and other expenses.

After his arrival in Vancouver he picked up a job, and with the natural gift of the Newfoundlander, he quickly became a master-builder, taking contracts for the building of churches, wharves, stores, etc. In fact, anything that would pay him. His industry and enterprise brought him in the limelight, and we next find him launching out in the fisheries and canning of salmon, herring and other kinds of fish. His business prospered, because he was conversant with all the details, having spent many years on Labrador, as both fisherman and planter, with a vessel of his own. As time advanced he purchased or erected more canneries, and "ill they flourished and prospered. But last year the first little setback occurred. His large factory at Bella Bella was totally destroyed by fire, and unfortunately the plant was not fully insured. But did Capt. Gosse rest on his oars? Not a bit of it. Not alone is he making preparations for re-building Bella Bella Factory, but he has purchased another of the largest factories, with all its equipment, in British Columbia. This is situated at Numa, 25 miles South of Bella Bella. This plant consists of a very large salmon cannery complete, with over 100 fishing boats and large saw mill and box factory, with thousands of dollars worth of box sawn lumber, and a lot of sawn logs, etc. It was an investment of half a million dollars; and a large general store is run in connection with the plant, like the other canneries owned by Capt. Gosse. He also purchased the entire village, which was formerly owned by the N.B.C. Company, and covered over a mile in space. Not had for a Spaniard's Bay fisherman of the old school.

Capt. Gosse's son, Richard, has gone with three crews—one to start at once to get the Saw Mills in order and running as quickly as possible, also the Box Factory; another crew to get the Can Making plant or factory going, as the first shipment of tin plate has arrived from England; and the third crew to get the cannery, boats and nets ready for operating, and to start fishing on 15th June. Capt. Gosse expects to have 1,500 men employed on his plant this year. The work at the herring business at San Mateo plant was finished about a month ago. They have already shipped a large amount, in fact, the largest amount ever sent to market.

Capt. Gosse has all his plans made out for rebuilding the Bella Bella plant, and he expects to go north about the 15th of April, to superintend the building of it. This will be the fifteenth salmon cannery that he will have built in British Columbia, and when that will be finished, hurrah for his visit to dear old Newfoundland, probably about the middle of June, when he hopes to spend his 72nd birthday in his native place of Spaniard's Bay—but not in the old homestead, as that has been removed some few years ago. He is anxiously looking forward to his visit, having been in Newfoundland only once in 37 years.

Capt. Gosse was delighted to have Sir Michael Cashin with him on the 15th of January past, and it is needless to say that two such men, conversed in the affairs of the country, spent a very happy time together, in

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Promoters Expect Record Air Flight From San Antonio

San Antonio, Texas, March 23. (A.P.)—A new American record and a new world's record for free balloon flights are anticipated by members of the San Antonio Aeronautic Association and by entrants in the National Balloon race which is scheduled to start from Kelly Field on the afternoon of April 23. The American record of approximately 1,400 miles was made in 1910 by Post and Hawley, who landed in the wilds of Canada, north of Quebec. The world's record is 1,596 miles and was made in Europe.

By making San Antonio the starting point, officials believe they have made it possible for new records to be established. It is pointed out that the drift of air currents in previous races has almost invariably carried the balloons toward the mouth of the St. Lawrence river. From Kansas City and St. Louis, both of which have been starting points, the distance is about 1,100 miles and this has been the normal course of the flight. From San Antonio the drift of the air currents also is toward the mouth of the St. Lawrence. Thus, balloons rising here will have a possible flight of approximately 2,400 miles.

The race, besides deciding the free balloon supremacy of the United States, also will serve for choosing the three contestants to represent this country in the International Balloon Race. Ten balloons are expected to be entered, 3 of them being United States Army entries. A cash prize of \$1,000 will be paid to the winner. The second prize is \$800; third, \$600; fourth, \$500; fifth, \$200, and sixth, \$100. A bonus of \$100 will be given to the pilot of each balloon starting in the race; a bonus of \$125 will be given to the pilot who breaks the American record, and an additional bonus of \$125 to the pilot who breaks the world's record.

Each balloon probably will be equipped with a radio receiving set and pilots will keep in touch with broadcasting stations in the country over which they pass as to the weather conditions ahead. Meteorological data from all stations in the United States and Canada will be provided during the race.

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