

PRINCE ARTHUR REACHES VICTORIA

Representative of His Majesty Arrives Here on Board the Empress--A Rousing Welcome.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught arrived in Victoria this morning by the R. M. S. Empress of Japan. It had been officially announced that the big steamer would tie up at the outer wharf at a large gathering of citizens. The gateway, however, was kept quiet...

It was quarter-past twelve before the Empress was berthed, and fifteen minutes elapsed ere the gangway was put in position. It was draped with the Canadian flag and carpeted in red. Dr. Milne, Dominion immigration officer, was the first man to board the big white liner, and after a few minutes the signals were given of a clean bill of health...

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The reading of the above was received with great applause from the thousands assembled on the grounds. No sooner had this subsided and the Prince essayed to reply, than the cheers again broke forth even more heartily than before. In replying His Royal Highness said:

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As the Prince descended the gangplank the signal was given by the bands by the lowering of the C. P. R. house flag. Instantly the Royal Standard flew to the mast head at Work Point and a royal salute of 21 guns was fired. Lieutenant Thompson was in command of the battery, and the band struck up the National Anthem, and the guard presented arms in acknowledgment of which His Royal Highness doffed his military cap. After a few moments spent in interchanges of courtesies, the Prince and his party came ashore and entered the hotel in the Victoria Hotel, where they were met by the Mayor and other officials.

At the conclusion of his reply the Prince was accorded a genuine British cheer, in which the entire party joined. The party then re-entered their carriages, and were driven to Government House, where His Royal Highness was the guest of Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, in which he was received as a guest putting up at the Driad Hotel. After lunch His Royal Highness was driven around the city. His particular party being swelled by Capt. Trotter, D. S. O., A. D. C. to His Excellency, Under Secretary of State Joseph Pope, and W. R. Baker, representing the C. P. R. In his address His Royal Highness alluded to the pleasure it afforded him to be on British soil, more particularly in the city of Victoria, called after his esteemed grandmother. He might, however, have mentioned that some twenty years ago his august father laid the foundation stone of the Royal Jubilee hospital in this city, an institution which is a lasting memorial to the province.

The arrival of the Prince one day earlier than he was expected somewhat alters the programme originally mapped out, and after His Royal Highness and party a longer stay in Victoria than was at first anticipated. To-morrow he will have the whole day at his disposal, and this will be taken advantage of to give the Prince an opportunity of enjoying the many beauty spots in and around Victoria. In the evening there will be a state dinner at Government House, for which upwards of fifty invitations have been issued.

The following morning at 10.30 the Prince and party will leave by special train for Duncan, and thence to Cowichan, where a couple of days fishing will be enjoyed. They will be in the competent hands of William Christie, local manager of the C. P. R. Telegraph Company. Fishery Commission-er Babcock, W. F. Burton, C. S. Baxendale, and others will accompany them, there will be every accommodation provided--automobiles to carry the party overland and Indian canoes for the water route. Here it is proposed to divide the party into three sections. No. 1 going up the stream by canoe. No. 2 party, in automobiles, to go up some eight miles to the Indian village Sittum, where five big canoes of the old type will meet them. Here the Prince will enjoy, possibly his first experience in a dug out, and the exhilarating effects of a rush through the rapids. There is excitement enough in this for the most venturesome. The visit will conclude with a 10-mile dash down the turbulent waters of the canyon in the war canoes. The third party will go to the head water, where all will join at Cowichan lake, where some really wood country is promised. Recent reports from the district state that the trout rise readily to the fly, and those who use the troll also give a

very favorable account of the sport to be enjoyed on those ever popular waters. Thursday night will be spent on the private cars which bring the party to Duncan, and which will convey them to Victoria on Friday night in time to catch the Princess Victoria, bound for Vancouver.

Victoria is greatly decorated in honor of her royal visitor. Gay hunting flies from every vantage point, while the shipping in port looks its best in its gala attire.

The weather is simply charming, and no doubt His Royal Highness will be favorably impressed with the climate, such as even that of his dear old England cannot exceed in point of salubrity.

Every precaution is being taken for the safeguarding of Prince Arthur while passing from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Several detective companies are on duty on his movements. Messrs. Chamberlain and Luncy representing the Dominion secret service and a few others, whose identity remains a secret.

THE OVERLAND TRIP. From the Pacific to the Atlantic in a Special Train.

On the return from the fishing grounds on Friday night Prince Arthur and party will proceed direct to the C. P. R. wharf and board the Princess Victoria for Vancouver. The steamer is being put in the best of trim for the accommodation of the distinguished party. On arriving at Vancouver the Prince will be received by a guard of honor of a hundred men of the Sixth Regiment. The Midway and Vernon will also be present. A trip will be made round Stanley park with a stop at the mills of the Pacific Coast Lumber Company, the return to be via English bay and Beachcomber. Dinner will be taken with his suite in his private car, and afterwards at 9 p.m. he will inspect the regiment which is named in honor of his father.

At Vancouver the finest train that ever crossed the continent will be at the disposal of the Prince and his party. It consists of nine cars, including one of the latest types of baggage cars, the sleeping car Andover, dining car Claudeboye, compartment car Canada, and the private cars Cornell and York. The trip estate to be a daylight one. The first stop will be made at Sicamous Junction, where the Prince will spend the night in his sleeping car. Leaving the following morning, the trip through the beautiful country to Banff will be made, with possibly a few stoppages. Calgary will be reached on April 6th, and from there the special train will make side trips will be made, affording His Royal Highness an opportunity of seeing the immense cattle ranges and other attractions of the beef country.

A couple of days will probably be spent there, and then on to Edmonton, where the Prince will get his first glance at the wheat lands which have made Canada famous. One day will be spent there, and then the special train will take the tracks of the C. N. R. for Winnipeg. One day, or possibly two, will be spent in the Prairie City. Another stop will be made at Battleford, and the party will proceed to Ottawa. The following programme from this point is as follows: April 20th, leave Ottawa arrive Niagara Falls 1 p.m. April 21st, leave Niagara Falls at 2 p.m., spend two hours in Hamilton, arrive at Toronto at 6.05 p.m. April 27th, leave Toronto, April 28th, arrive at Halifax at 3 p.m. After remaining in Halifax until May 1st, St. John will be visited, the party arriving at Quebec on the evening of May 3rd. From there it is proposed to go on a fishing trip to the Gattineau district, and the Prince will arrive in Montreal on May 7th, remaining in this city for four days, and will sail for England on the steamship Virginia.

THE FISHING EXPEDITION. Josh Carney, of Nanaimo, Will Accompany the Royal Party.

Today's Nanaimo Herald says: "Kindly be at Duncan and arrange for a day's fishing for Prince Arthur." The other side of the coin is being put up at the Driad Hotel. After lunch His Royal Highness was driven around the city. His particular party being swelled by Capt. Trotter, D. S. O., A. D. C. to His Excellency, Under Secretary of State Joseph Pope, and W. R. Baker, representing the C. P. R. In his address His Royal Highness alluded to the pleasure it afforded him to be on British soil, more particularly in the city of Victoria, called after his esteemed grandmother. He might, however, have mentioned that some twenty years ago his august father laid the foundation stone of the Royal Jubilee hospital in this city, an institution which is a lasting memorial to the province.

Proceedings in the Commons--Negotiations Regarding Fisheries.

Ottawa, March 27--Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the House of Commons yesterday informed Mr. L. Borden that there were no negotiations between the Imperial government and United States government in respect to waterways commission, but there were negotiations in regard to fisheries in waters contiguous to the United States.

THE BODY FOUND. All Doubt Removed With Respect to Fate of James Haslam of Nanaimo.

The body of James Haslam, the logger and mining man of Nanaimo, who set out early in the month in an open boat, has been recovered. He left Nanaimo in an open boat on March 9th for Parkville. The body was found on the shore at Qualicum Monday. It was picked up by the steamer Fern. Capt. Gardiner, the body being found with the boat. The sides of the latter were battered in.

The body has been taken to Cumberland, where a request will be held. The deceased was 45 years of age. He was born in England and leaves a wife and four children.

JAPAN'S ARRIVAL. The Vessel Reached the Outer Wharf at 11 O'Clock Tuesday Morning.

The R. M. S. Empress of Japan completed her 75th homeward voyage this morning, arriving at the outer wharf at 11 o'clock after a pleasant passage from Japan. The ship carried a large number of passengers, and in addition to the members of the Royal party aboard the following in the saloon: Capt. C. Aubert, J. D. Auld, Mr. Drew, Mr. Dunham, Mr. Reginald Dymally, Mr. Reginald Dymally, Miss M. H. Peck, C. F. Foady, Mr. Gould, W. Hehenmann, Mr. Heller, C. W. Hodgson, O. Hoerler, Mr. Laffin, E. Lekebusch, Comdr. F. O. Lewis, R. N., A. L. Halms, J. E. Norton, Bishop W. F. Aldham, Mr. Potter, J. J. Rafferty, Mrs. J. J. Rafferty and child, Capt. R. M. G. Tulloch, Capt. J. Vaughan, Rev. C. Gordon Vaudin, R. N., C. E. de la Vergue, Mrs. C. R. de la Vergue, Mrs. H. W. Wickins and Mr. Woolhard.

Besides the above there were 30 intermediate and 301 steerage.

—Capt. Thompson, the pilot who boarded the steamer Tartar on her arrival here, and who has been detained at quarantine ever since, wishes to correct the statement made that he is being held at William Head now, because of a quarrel with the captain of the Tartar. A section of the act, however, was to the effect that if work was not begun before January 1st, 1904, the act became null and void. It was therefore held that the act was null and void. The act was entitled to this \$760,000.

THE GROTO SALOON ROBBED TUESDAY. Clever Thief Escaped With Ninety-Three Dollars Leaving No Clue to Identify.

A daring and cleverly executed robbery was committed early on Tuesday at the Grotto saloon, Trousseau alley. In all about \$93.35 was lifted, the theft being accomplished so quickly and thoroughly that the police have practically no clue as to the identity of the person or persons concerned. The door was not even broken open, and the only indication that anything out of the way had happened was a discarded cheque for \$3, which was found upon the floor just below the drawer from which the money had been removed.

The burglary took place some time between 3 and 3.30 o'clock. As a general rule Fred Ella, who is in charge of the saloon at night, closes at 2 o'clock. On this occasion, however, he was detained for an hour or more. When he came to lock the back door the key was missing. He did not think anything of the circumstance, believing that S. G. Chamberlain, the other saloon man, had the key. The other saloon man, however, had removed it for some reason. Therefore, he contented himself with bolting the door from the inside. This done, he proceeded to the Marine restaurant for a meal before going home.

While there the police entered and notified him that he had neglected to lock up, as the door leading into the back entrance of the Grotto was ajar. Scarcely credited the saloon man, Chamberlain returned hastily and found it to be correct. Entering he sighted the cheque upon the floor, and soon discovered the loss of the sum mentioned. The police were immediately notified, and the detectives are engaged upon the case to-day.

Those interested have been busy trying to arrive at the solution of the problem of how the deed was done so effectively and with so little chance of detection. The conclusion generally agreed upon is that the act must have been deliberately planned during the past fortnight by some person familiar with the interior of the saloon. Mr. Chamberlain states that it is not the custom to place the money in the safe. At the end of every day it is put away in some hiding place, which is changed every two weeks or so. On this occasion it was put away in a cavity just back of one of the drawers. In view of the fact that so short a time elapsed between Mr. Ella's departure and his receiving notification of the open door, it is concluded that the robber knew where the money was put and, what is more to the point, must have been in the apartment, unknown to Mr. Ella, when he left the building.

Such a thing is not at all impossible, as might be supposed, and would explain several things. Upon this hypothesis it is conjectured that the burglar obtained possession of the key of the back door some time during the evening in order to prevent its being locked. He then hid himself away in one of the small adjoining rooms. When Mr. Ella left he came out, took the money, and escaped, leaving the key in the room. The burglar then returned to his corner, where it has since been found. The one weakness in the whole scheme was the failure to secure the door. This neglect was probably due to narrowness of view in the circumstances. Had more care in this matter been exercised the robbery would not have been discovered until this morning.

Those already stated, the police have the case in hand, and will have no stone unturned in the effort to bring to justice the guilty party or parties.

RAILWAY CASE BEFORE THE COURT

REFERENCE MADE IN MIDWAY AND VERNON

Chief Justice is Hearing Evidence as to Whether Act Has Been Compiled With.

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Before Chief Justice Hunter Tuesday morning the reference under the Supreme Court Act in connection with the Midway and Vernon Subsidy Act was opened. The reference was opened by Deputy Attorney-General McLean, K. C. Attorney-General Fulton also attended a part of the time.

The Midway and Vernon Company was represented by E. L. Bodwell, K. C., and Harold Robertson.

The case is one to decide whether work was begun on the road within the time specified by the act. Deputy Attorney-General McLean said the question was whether the Midway and Vernon Railway Aid Act, 1902, was in force in December, 1905. He explained that the company was incorporated in 1901 to build 15 miles of road from Midway to Vernon, as originally incorporated the railway was to be built from Vernon to Midway by the Dominion government. This remained until February 10th, 1904, when this provision was struck out.

The Aid Act provided for the payment of \$5.00 a mile, making \$760,000 of a subsidy. The subsidy was to be paid for each of the work back seven months. In London also it had been found impossible to get information relative to the Shuswap and Okanagan, and this he believed was due to C. P. R. influence.

In 1904, when witness was in London, he had every satisfaction that the money would be supplied. On the strength of this he advised Mr. Wood to go to work on the road. The contract was made in London also it had been found impossible to get information relative to the Shuswap and Okanagan, and this he believed was due to C. P. R. influence.

Witness said that because the C. P. R. gave these contractors work on the Nicola branch. This contracting company was the usual routine business of the stock. It was to draw the subsidies also.

EXECUTIVE MEETING. Of Fifth Regiment Rifle Association Held to Discuss Summer Plans.

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DAUGHTERS OF PITY. Preparations For Easter--Proceeds From Entertainment Were \$62.

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Miss Sell and Miss Gladys Perry undertook the providing of a sacred concert at the hospital on Palm Sunday. The question of holding a carnival or fair next winter was discussed, and it was decided to take up the details in connection with it at the next meeting of the society.

It was also agreed upon that the walls of the Strathcona ward should be tinted. It is the intention to have this done if possible before Easter. The society was recovered and some other little improvements made before that time.

Mr. McIntosh, Ralph Smalles was also interested. R. Wood & Co., including his sister, his cousins, and other relatives had put \$200,000 into this scheme. It had been estimated that the road would cost less than \$25,000 a mile. It was never the intention of the syndicate to build the road. All that was intended was to interest capital to build.

In January, 1904, the financial arrangements were in progress. Mr. Smalles was in London. The work done was to conform with the law. Money to the extent of \$200,000 had been obtained to go on with work until the contractors came on. If the government had wanted more employed it could have been done.

Ralph Smalles was the next witness. In reply to Mr. Bodwell, he said that he became connected with the company in 1902. In December, 1905, there was back of this scheme J. Cain, A. A. Arthur, F. Allen of New York, A. Beest and Mr. Steele, of Pittsburgh, and Lad- enburgh, Tolman & Co. of New York, were the backers.

Money had been advanced to begin work. The bankers were \$200,000 out experts to examine conditions and upon a favorable report would supply all the funds. Work was begun in July. In September the experts came and reported very favorably on it. In December the statement was made by the finance minister in Montreal and the money stopped abruptly. There had been \$135,000 spent on surveys and actual work.

The Dominion Subsidy Act of 1903 under which aid was to be granted for a line from Midway to Vernon was dependent upon the company satisfying the government that it could build the line. This satisfaction was given in 1905.

The promoters had met with many obstacles which indicated that the C. P. R. had been opposed to the construction of the line. C. E. Lars, a contractor, under the Midway and Vernon, who was financially able to go on with the work, defaulted and went to the C. P. R. putting the work back seven months. In London also it had been found impossible to get information relative to the Shuswap and Okanagan, and this he believed was due to C. P. R. influence.

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SCHOOL WORK OF BRITISH EMPIRE

A UNIQUE EXHIBIT WILL BE SHOWN HERE

There Will Be an Interesting Collection Made at Meeting of Teachers' Association.

A Robinson, superintendent of education, expects within a short time to receive a most interesting collection of exhibits showing the work done by school children in various parts of the empire. These are being sent out by the League of the Empire. For some little time correspondence has been carried on looking to the forwarding of these specimens. It is anticipated that they will arrive before the meeting of the Provincial Teachers' Association, which assembles here in June. These exhibits will be most interesting to the teachers who assemble at that time, giving an idea of the methods in use in the scattered parts of the Empire.

Mr. Robinson does not know just what disposition will be made of these exhibits afterwards. The collection he anticipates will not be a very large one. In return there is being prepared, for the benefit of the League of the Empire, a collection representing the work done in the schools of this province.

A collection of English, Indian and other school work is being held at Caxton hall, Westminster, London. From these will be taken the specimens which are about to be forwarded to British Columbia. The collection has been made in order to afford the pupils in the schools in the colonies opportunities of comparing their own efforts and models with similar ones done in England. Specimens of English exhibits include all classes of handicraft, juvenile drawing, painting and artistic needlework. From abroad a large variety of hand-wrought brass and silver was received from the director of education, Bombay. E. Lars, a contractor, under the Midway and Vernon, who was financially able to go on with the work, defaulted and went to the C. P. R. putting the work back seven months. In London also it had been found impossible to get information relative to the Shuswap and Okanagan, and this he believed was due to C. P. R. influence.

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TWENTY YEARS IMPRISONMENT. New York, March 27--Robt. H. Spriggs, the negro recently convicted of abduction in detaining white women against their will in a resort frequented only by negroes, was to-day sentenced to serve twenty years in the state prison. Sallie Bennett, who assisted Spriggs in conducting the resort, and who pleaded guilty to abduction after Spriggs had been convicted, was sentenced to ten years in the state prison.