

A Pioneer Of Pioneers

Death of Joseph W. McKay
Resident For Over Fifty
Years.

Established the City of Nanaimo,
Opening the First Coal
Mine.

The surviving pioneers of Victoria, and indeed of the whole of British Columbia as well, will regret to learn of the sad event that marked the noon of Friday, December 22nd, the death of Mr. Joseph W. McKay of this city. Well known from end to end of the province, he had numerous friends everywhere, whose constant sympathy followed him in his long life of the past several months, and who now join with his family and relatives in mourning his loss.

For the greater part of the present year Mr. McKay, whose life was spent in pioneering in the west, had in spite of all its hardships scarcely affected his remarkably bodily strength and mental activity had suffered from an affection of the heart, which crept on with old age, and for some weeks his health has been justly called. With the exception of apparently by the continual sapping of sickness that the grim reaper achieved his victory. The deceased was in his 72nd year, and his funeral is being arranged for tomorrow afternoon.

There are but few of the pioneers of the coast left to recall the days when Mr. McKay came westward from Fort Garry in the employ of the great company, as the Hudson Bay company has been justly called. With the exception of some three or four of the old timers, of them found him here on their arrival, and prominent as many of these stalwarts have been in the making of Canada's westernmost province, it has fallen to the lot of but few of them to be so closely connected with the beginning of her industries or to have performed such important services both of a political and commercial sort as those rendered by Mr. McKay.

Joseph McKay was born away back on the Albany river in 1829. There his father was a clerk in the H. B. Co. service, and so after being educated at the Red River he embarked in the same service, and followed by the long trail westward with Mr. J. R. Grahame of the Hudson Bay company, he crossed the mountains and descended the Columbia river to the then headquarters of the company at Vancouver, Washington. Here he entered the maritime service, but was soon sent with Captain Gordon Park and Lieut. Evans, a son of the great Sir Robert, to traverse the country then in dispute between Great Britain and the United States. Starting from Cowitz, the little party crossed country to the Columbia, and although Mr. McKay was not a soldier, he found that the officers were vastly impressed with the possibilities of that vast region. It was upon this expedition that the international boundary that allowed to come 400 miles too far north.

Coming over to Victoria, which had been founded but a year before, he left marine and entered the trading service, and through his great natural parts and his ability to acquire the most of the Indian dialects, he rapidly rose in the ranks until he became a chief trader.

While acting in this capacity, it is learned from Bancroft's History of British Columbia that in 1846 he was given charge of the Russian side of the Hudson's Bay company, and the supervision, of course, of Sir James Douglas. There the situation was far from peaceful. The rival Russian trading companies often tampered with the natives, and on one or two occasions they succeeded in inciting them to a general massacre of the English. Their animosity was by no means lessened by the fact that, after Simpson, less and less of the coast fur traders were induced to bring their furs down to a Stikine port, and that in spite of Russian threats and Russian warships. Of one of these large purchases a rather good story is told. The Chinamen and the Tugass tribes being at war, the Russian side was ordered to come down to Bella Bella to enlist Mr. McKay's influence in staying the savage feud. While at anchor Mr. McKay was informed that a large fleet, well laden with furs, had surreptitiously come down from the Russian side. The corner was a close one, but the sources of the Hudson's Bay Company's servant were quick to the refreshment, for, remembering the Russian appetite for English rum, fresh bottles were ordered, and of the single gallon in store at that point, little was left when the enemy was stretched hors de combat. But it was done, and the valuable cargo went to London instead of to need repetition—led him to visit the place where Nanaimo now stands, with prospecting about May 1850, and upon his report Mr. John Muir (the father of the patriarchs of Sooke), and his men were brought down from Rupert and the operations of coal mining got under way. Mr. Muir's force was but a small one, but B. knowledge and skill in directing it soon led to the taking out of a couple of thousand tons,

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