

EMPIRE BUILDERS ADDRESS CANADIAN CLUB

Earl Grey Gives His Views on Development of the Country--Lord Strathcona Given a Splendid Reception by Gathering.

(From Thursday's Daily.) What may perhaps be described as one of the most notable luncheons ever given in Canada under the auspices of a Canadian Club was that of yesterday at the Empress hotel...

The largest number ever at a luncheon of the club in this city assembled for the occasion, and the reception rendered the distinguished guests was of the most patriotic and warm-hearted character.

Earl Grey, who was the official guest of the day, Lord Strathcona being none the less a welcome though a haphazard visitor, delivered an inspiring address, the main feature of which was a plea that a strong effort should be made to secure a large sea-faring population in the province to the end that men would be available for the maintenance of the navy...

Others having seats at the place of honor at the head of the table were: Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Hon. F. J. Fulton, Hon. D. M. Eberis, Bishop Ferrin, His Worship Mayor Hall, W. J. Dowler (city clerk), Sir Edward Clouston (governor general of the Bank of Montreal), C. C. Chipman (chief commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Co.)

As the governor, accompanied by Lord Strathcona, entered the dining saloon the entire company rose and greeted them with tremendous cheers, which continued until they had taken seats.

Mr. McPhillips, in a brief speech, introducing the guest of the day, made an impressive reference to the distinguished list of ancestors who had made the name of Grey famous throughout the Empire. His Excellency, he said, came well-equipped to take up the duties of his high office at Ottawa. He had served in the Imperial House of Commons, afterwards as high commissioner on their departure, and with these they waved their adieus as the Quadra, in command of Capt. Newcombe, pulled out of the harbor.

The Quadra will take the party to Seattle, where a short visit will follow, after which they will proceed to Vancouver, and while there will be taken as the guests of W. McNeill, of the Slave Lake Power Company, to Slave Lake. The Governor-General and party will then proceed to his summer camp at Toly Creek, and spend a week or more before going east.

SIX HUNDRED NATIVES PERISH TOWN IN JAVA IS ALMOST DESTROYED

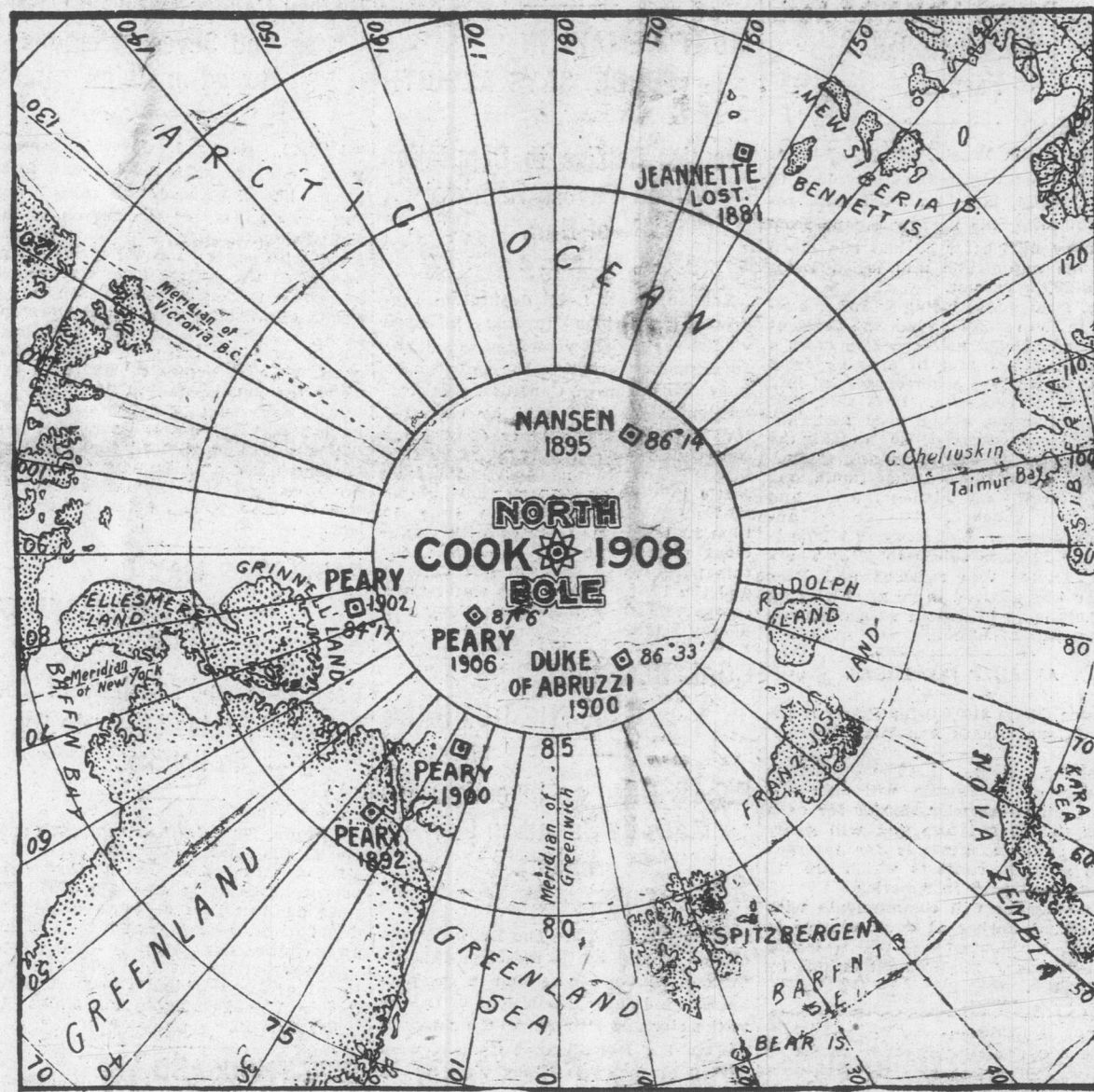
Thousands of Homeless People Are Fleeing to Places of Safety.

Batavia, Java, Sept. 2.—Six hundred natives drowned, the crops ruined and thousands of homeless persons fleeing northward to escape the devastating waters, is but a part of the record of a terrible flood following a cloudburst which has practically wiped out the town of Bezoel, in southeast Java, and is flooding the whole countryside for miles to-day.

Communication with the stricken section is cut off but before the few wires were torn down by the muddy torrents it was ascertained that enormous damage already had been done and that the flood waters had been and are showing signs of receding.

CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION. Toronto, Ont., Sept. 2.—The Union of Ontario Municipalities yesterday morning passed a unanimous resolution urging the Dominion government to give a liberal grant to the Selkirk Centennial exposition.

THANKSGIVING DAY. Ottawa, Sept. 2.—Monday, October 25th has been fixed on as Thanksgiving Day.



THE POLAR REGIONS. Map Showing North Pole Reached by Cook and High Points Attained by Others.

CANADA WILL DO HER PART AND DO IT WELL

This is Lord Strathcona's Opinion With Respect to the General Defence Scheme of the Empire.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The time of Lord Strathcona while in Victoria has been very fully occupied. When it is considered that the high commissioner is 89 years of age and the amount of business and the many interviews he has to hold are all the more remarkable...

After a delightful visit to Victoria he left with his party this afternoon for Vancouver. The high commissioner gave no unmistakable evidence that he had richly enjoyed his visit. "Victoria," he said, "is such a delightful city I spent a most enjoyable afternoon at the garden party at Government House yesterday. There were so many friends whom I had known before. These included old time residents on the coast, Hudson's Bay officials, and besides there were so many that I knew in the east there. Why you seem to have so many from the east living here now."

The development of the west has struck Lord Strathcona as wonderful. He referred to his visit in 1885 to Vancouver when the last spike was driven in the C. P. R. "Why the development in that city is like the work of fairies," he said. "It was then only a hamlet. It is difficult to believe that such a splendid city can have been built in that time."

"With Victoria it is somewhat different. It is an older city. There has been a wonderful development here also. Your streets, however, are not what they should be."

Lord Strathcona showed at once his intense interest in the affairs of the city by inquiring at once, "Where do you get your water now?" On being informed as to the water situation he expressed the hope that there should be a very adequate supply secured. "That is of great importance. The streets should be put in good shape also. These are matters that a city cannot neglect. They are of the utmost importance."

On the question of a university, the high commissioner expressed the hope that a strong university should be established on the coast. He entertains the view that on this coast in Canada there should be developed educational institutions that would make it the Oxford and Cambridge. The coast has ideal conditions for a university he acknowledges. His Lordship showed that he had fully considered the whole question of higher education on the coast and realized the need, he said, he noticed that there was a difference

BOARD OF TRADE MAKES REQUESTS

LORD STRATHCONA RECEIVES DELEGATION

Question of University Site Brought Before Visitor To-day.

(From Thursday's Daily.) A committee representing the Board of Trade, University committee and Development Association waited this morning on Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal and C. C. Chipman, chief commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, and brought to their attention matters which have arisen in connection with the work of these different bodies which have specific reference to the Hudson's Bay Company. The committee consisted of the president of the board, Simon Leiser; His Worship the Mayor, Hon. Chief Justice Hunter, Mr. Justice Martin, His Lordship the Bishop of Columbia, Hon. E. G. Prior and Messrs. F. Norris, T. W. Paterson, John Nelson, C. H. Lugin, J. Jardine, M.P., F. Elworthy, Dr. Watt, Ald. Turner, H. Dallas Helmecken.

President Leiser, on behalf of the Board of Trade, presented the following address: To the Right Honorable Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Baron of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, G.C.M.G., High Commissioner for Canada:

My Lord.—Representing the Board of Trade and the commercial community of this city, we desire to express our gratification in welcoming you once more to the ancient capital of the Hudson's Bay Company on this coast, where for so long it represented the power and the justice of the British Crown.

When in the course of time the governing powers were restored to the Crown, there still remained the principles of justice and fair dealing which have been at all times the motto of the Hudson's Bay Company, and we hope that those to whom in the future may be entrusted the commercial and industrial development of this country will follow in the footsteps of that great commercial company, believing that true success must be founded on character.

Since the governing powers of the company were restored to the Crown and thereupon conferred on the people, we are pleased to note that the Hudson's Bay Company has continued to prosper in its commercial undertakings and to share in the advance of the country, and we are glad to see at your side and to welcome Mr. Chipman, to whom you have entrusted the affairs of your company.

My lord, we are not only indebted to the Hudson's Bay Company, and to the men it brought to this country for the foundations of our commercial prosperity. It is due to their imperial ideas that Canada to-day is one of the most important nations which form the British Empire, and in you we see one of Canada's greatest men and an ornament of the British Crown. In all that you have done, it seems to us that you have been guided by noble principles and imperial ideas, and for this we thank you and honor you. (Concluded on page 4.)

COOK PLANTS FLAG AT THE NORTH POLE

Additional Telegrams Received From the Discoverer—Copenhagen Preparing To Honor Explorer When He Reaches City On Saturday.

(Times Leased Wire.) San Jose, Cal., Sept. 2.—According to Father Richard Gleeson, president of the Santa Clara college, Mrs. F. J. Martz, the wife of a Redlands capitalist, received a telegram from Dr. Frederick Cook, the discoverer of the North Pole, acquainting her with the news of his discovery. The message read: "Have placed the stars and stripes over the North Pole."

"COOK." Mrs. Martz explained that the cablegram had been sent her by Dr. Cook in accordance with an agreement between them to the effect that he would let her know the first news regarding the success or non-success of his expedition. Telegram From Explorer's Wife. New York, Sept. 2.—Mrs. Cook, wife of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, discoverer of the North Pole, to-day sent the following telegram to the United Press, New York City: "Brunswick, Me., Sept. 2, 1909. 'My faith has never wavered and I am glad that my judgment of my husband's ability has been vindicated. 'MRS. (DR.) F. A. COOK.' Preparing Welcome.

Copenhagen, Sept. 2.—All Denmark is to-day preparing to do honor to Dr. Cook, the plucky explorer, who after years of indescribable hardships succeeded in reaching the North Pole. Preparations are now under way for a magnificent reception in honor of Dr. Cook when he arrives here on the Hans Egede. Thousands of people, representing all nations, will greet the American, the most talked of man in the world, when he plants his feet on Danish soil on Saturday. The officials of Copenhagen, including the city council, have chartered a special boat and will go out to sea to meet the Hans Egede.

The Danish press to-day is giving Cook full credit for his wonderful feat. With one accord they admit that the American has accomplished the achievement for which hundreds of brave men have laid down their lives, and that the stars and stripes flying from the government buildings and business houses, while the residential section is a mass of red, white and blue bunting. The Danish press to-day is giving Cook full credit for his wonderful feat. With one accord they admit that the American has accomplished the achievement for which hundreds of brave men have laid down their lives, and that the stars and stripes flying from the government buildings and business houses, while the residential section is a mass of red, white and blue bunting.

MONTREAL INVESTIGATION. Mayor Payette Gives Evidence Before Judge Cannon.

(Special to the Times.) Montreal, Sept. 2.—Mayor Payette was the principal witness before Judge Cannon at the sitting of the royal commission to-day. During testimony he said: "We always come back to the same cause, bad administration and that's the astronomy system. Not only did the city lose immense sums of money, but the work was always inefficiently done."

AMALGAMATION OF LUMBER MILLS WORKS AT SIDNEY AND VANCOUVER UNITE

New Company Takes Over Existing Interests—Local Men Concerned.

(From Thursday's Daily.) An important deal of great magnitude was completed in this city this morning, when the Sidney Lumber Mills, the property of the Saanich Lumber Company, and the Pacific Coast Lumber Mills of Vancouver passed to the ownership of the Canadian Northern Lumber Company, Limited.

The new move is really an enlargement of the work carried on by the Saanich Lumber Company, of which Messrs. Mike Carlin and J. G. Billings are the principals. The new company, which is capitalized at half a million dollars, will include the two gentlemen named, together with S. C. Jackson and E. J. Lane, both of Seattle, and L. J. O'Brien, of Vancouver.

The Sidney mills have a ten-hour daily capacity of forty thousand feet a day, and as they are now running day and night, are turning out double that amount every twenty-four hours. The Pacific Coast Mills have a capacity of one hundred and fifty thousand every ten hours. These two mills have limits of sixty thousand or seventy thousand acres.

The Pacific Coast Mills were owned by Messrs. Buscombe, Ceperley, Bell, well and Martin of Vancouver, and a very large sum is involved in the transfer, which was put through by W. A. Ward, late of this city.

SURROUNDINGS IDEAL FOR YOUTH

LORD STRATHCONA ON CITY'S CHARMS

"No Place," He says, "Better Situated for Educational Facilities."

(From Thursday's Daily.) "It gives me great pleasure to see the progress which Victoria is making. It is one of the most desirable spots in the world. Indeed, I cannot conceive a more desirable place of residence. "Victoria should be a great centre of education. The surroundings here are ideal for youth. Indeed, I know of no place which is better situated as a vantage ground for the establishment of educational facilities."

In the above words Lord Strathcona in his speech at the Empress hotel yesterday afternoon emphasized once more the unique advantages this city possesses as the seat of learning for the province, and added his opinion to that of another great statesman, Hon. James Bryce, who has already given his unqualified opinion that the seat of the provincial university should be in Victoria, the provincial capital. Coupled with this, Hon. Mr. Bryce, it will be remembered, mentioned certain other conditions which might have specifically referred to Victoria, so closely do they correspond to the conditions obtaining here.

"The balance of advantage," he said, "seems to me to lie with a site in the country, but within easy reach, say about an hour's railway ride, or perhaps less, of a considerable city. The conditions for health are generally better in the country where there is more fresh air and more space for recreation grounds as well as for the erection of buildings with plenty of room around them. It is well for the students to have the opportunity of getting to enjoy Nature, and well also not to have their minds distracted from their studies by the amusements which a great city offers. The professors can, as a rule, live in a more simple and inexpensive way, when they are not expected, or tempted, to emulate the costly habits of a great city. It is, of course, a benefit to the youth of a city to have a university in it; but the benefit is almost equally well secured when it is within easy reach of the city."

"If possible, that city ought to be the capital of the province. For there are advantages in having the seat of learning not far from the seat of government."

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