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HON. FRANK OLIVER'S TRIP TO THE FAR NORTH OF WESTERN CANADA

The special correspondent of the Manitoba Free Press at Fort Resolution, N.W.T., who accompanied Hon. Frank Oliver, minister of the interior, on a portion of his trip between Edmonton and the far north, has the following detailed and interesting account of the minister's journey. Hon. Mr. Oliver returned last night. The account given below was delayed in being received owing to the infrequency of the mail communication with the far northern points.

On the steamer Ste. Marie, Mackenzie River, off Fort Providence, July 15.—This summer a stranger passed through the wild, mysterious north, practically unknown even by name and without friends to greet him, but whenever or wherever he landed, this stranger was almost instinctively transformed into a trusted old friend. When Mr. Oliver emerged through the most northern of the great salt lakes, he was met by a sympathetic natured man left behind him amongst all an indelible mark of true affection. The result of such a visit will become historical amongst the many tribes of Indians, and dispel all fears and distrust amongst them, and perhaps more important still by his able counsel, encourage the Indians to greater energy, now still lacking.

Mr. Oliver appeared to those who have never had an opportunity of meeting him, or listening to his speech, as a somewhat different type of man than might have been expected; there is a strange force in that wiry, human, erect frame which at once attracts attention; his eyes alone, listening almost denote that beneath them lies a greater insight; his speech tells the stranger that standing before him is face to face with a man of great gentleness, dignified, ever ready to listen to others and obtain suggestions, etc., and more still to give others information on various subjects when approached to, regardless of time and personal comfort. Finally there is written on his charge a stamp of determination and was unto those who make unreasonable demands or try to impose upon him. His replies are well considered and weighty and his words would spell "law" with the Indians.

Mr. Oliver, who was accompanied by his private secretary, E. S. Forbes, throughout his long journey, has completely mastered and made himself intimately acquainted with almost every detail concerning the Great North, interviewing missionaries, traders and other white residents, granting parleys with chiefs and members of the various Indian tribes, and meeting gently to their oft-repeated tales of woe, with often unreasonable demands, afterwards delivering judicious remarks to them; giving great attention to the all important subject of educating the Indian children; studying the health question, agricultural and domestic problems; lastly, not forgetting the sick, visiting the afflicted in their tents, leaving behind some gift to relieve their suffering.

Mr. Oliver remarked that this in the manner he spends his vacation. If vacation means hard work, then nothing need be said. This minister is up day and night (time counts for little in the above-mentioned work). Then it must be remembered no Pullman car or dainty saloon is found on modern steamships as yet in the north; no chairs of choice wood; the travelling is either over rough trails and portages, by canoe, scow or steamboat which carries the supplies. Is this a vacation?

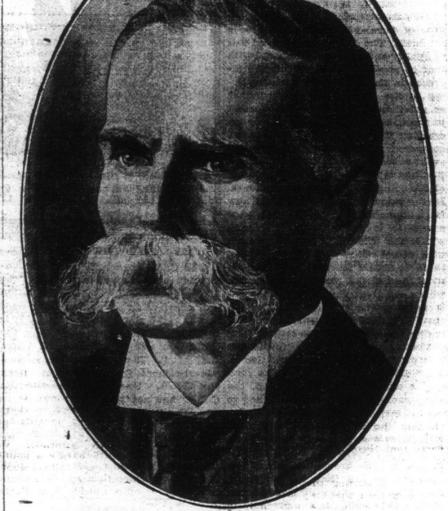
The Journey. Mr. Oliver and staff left Edmonton June 2, spending two days at Athabasca Landing, where this spring most activity has prevailed, some seventy scows along having been constructed. By canoe they descended the Athabasca river. The first stop receiving attention was 120 miles north, at Pease River, where the natural gas jet was examined. Here, now but half tapper. For the last twelve years the flame has been burning from six to eight high. Lower down the oil borings received minute inspection, especially that at Fort McTavish, where the flame has been burning for twenty years. A day was spent at the Grand Rapids. On June 17 Mr. Oliver arrived at the important post, Fort Chipewyan, at Athabasca, visiting the convent, inspecting the children, obtaining information from the missionaries and traders, first views with the Chipewyan, visiting the gardens, which show to advantage potatoes and general vegetables which mature quickly and abundantly; and lastly the N. W. M. police quarters.

Colin Fraser, a veteran trader, escorted Mr. Oliver to Smith's Landing. Here he was the guest of Mr. Hervey, a trader. He inspected the N. W. M. police post recently established. This concluded the first portion of the journey of almost continuous travelling in open canoe for 380 miles, amidst heat and storms and millions of mosquitoes. Bishop Brynatt received Mr. Oliver at Smith's Landing, also Mr. Nagel. The former, whose supplies had not arrived, agreed to be able to pick up Mr. Oliver and party in his private steamer, Ste. Marie. Meanwhile Mr. Oliver kindly accepted Mr. Nagel's offer to take him on his steamer Eva, which was already loaded with supplies. The long portage over the rough trail of road (18 miles in length) to Fort Smith, which is the district headquarters of the Hudson's Bay company with A. Brabant in charge) having been made, a little delay took place, which enabled Mr. Oliver to drive into the open level which are here present on thirty miles.

The Salt Banks. were inspected, not very far distant in the Salt River, where pure salt can be dug by the ton, and only being unlimited. Many cattle and horses are present at Fort Smith, and general farming operations are evident. The

former are required for carrying the vast supplies annually required in the north. Again Mr. Oliver called on the various officials. The Smith cattle, and rapid are long and beautiful. Here the Indian can be found in a locality they never for-

Visiting the Sick. The following little incident may be worthy of note: Hearing that a Slavery woman was lying very sick in a teepee some distance away, notwithstanding the great heat and plague of mosquitoes, he set forth, only to be greeted by the furious dogs, these useful creatures resenting bitterly white people, and only by big sticks often can they be kept away. It was a touching scene to witness Mr. Oliver in his miserable, dirty teepee. He appeared to be of the party at once, the little, semi-naked Indian children running to him, showing no signs of fear. He showed much sympathy in this regard, and in fact, a serious nature. The poor, half-dressed Indian woman seemed to obtain a ray of



HON. FRANK OLIVER Minister of the Interior.

light, brightening up to the best of her ability. Saying goodbye, Mr. Oliver pressed some paper into her hand which would at any rate relieve her from want. This act of mercy has spread throughout the whole tribe of Slavery. Next day was a very busy one. Through Mr. Bouvier, an excellent interpreter, he received in the large hall of the Roman Catholic mission house placed at Mr. Oliver's disposal, and the chief and a large band of Slavery Indians congregated. Mr. Oliver listened with great patience to all they had to say. Their requests for demands were evidently unreasonable, and Mr. Oliver, in no measured terms, made them aware of the fact; showing with firmness that even an Indian must not step out of bounds. Curious to relate, instead of his answer giving offence, rather the reverse happened and these very Indians respect him even more for his frank statements instead of empty promises.

Next Mr. Oliver gave his attention to the wolf question. Bishop Brynatt also has been studying this subject for years. It is a fact that Indian or white men cannot trap or kill a wolf, and the high banks of the Mackenzie are a terrible scourge and it is a very difficult subject to handle. Mr. Oliver, however, has determined on a scheme which will be taken in hand immediately he has arranged details; it is a seriously big undertaking, and again Mr. Oliver inspected the convent buildings and various additions now in hand, he also minutely examined the children's work, expressing himself entirely satisfied with the result. A special dinner was given to Mr. Oliver by the bishop and sister superior. The best was placed before the guest but the choice at their disposal is not unflattering. Mr. Oliver then had some official documents to sign, and immediately examined the children's work, expressing himself entirely satisfied with the result. A special dinner was given to Mr. Oliver by the bishop and sister superior. The best was placed before the guest but the choice at their disposal is not unflattering. Mr. Oliver then had some official documents to sign, and immediately examined the children's work, expressing himself entirely satisfied with the result.

Fort Arctic Red River. The Little Ramaparts are almost at the entrance and the banks here, are principally composed of loose, broken stone, over on the move, and it is a great deal of work to mount, especially as the water at no time is deep, but again Mr. Oliver soon reached the top in an athletic manner. This is a very interesting spot, and the ground the Loucheaux

Indians encamp, whilst round the corner are sand and mud banks. Here the large tribe of bright Eskimos are seen, all bent on one object, trading. They are sharp at this and equal to any white man. Mr. Oliver had interviews with the chiefs of both Indians and Eskimos, visited the mission and also a young C.M.S. missionary in the Eskimo camp. Tomorrow morning he must be at Fort Macpherson. Bishop Brynatt, when he once takes anything in hand, sees it through, but alas! What was to be done? There was no cordwood for the steamer Ste. Marie. By the merest chance, which has perhaps never before happened, the tiny steamship Ariel, with Leon Gaudet, had recently arrived from Fort Smith, with supplies for the Eskimos. As this little mite consumes but a trifle of wood, steam was soon got up. Mr. Oliver and his secretary entered their canoe, which was made secure to the side of the little craft. Previous to this Mr. Oliver shook hands with His Lordship Bishop Brynatt, congratulating Brother O'Connell on his admirable management of the boat, and he never remembered a vessel handled with such order and quietude as was the present case. Then the guest proceeded up the Peel river some 10 miles. Mr. Oliver arrived safely and well on July 2 at 8 a.m., being met there by his escort of N.W.M.P. and others. They started the same evening over a dangerous portage of many days duration to Dawson. Thus some 1,300 miles of the first stage of his journey were successfully undergone without signs of exhaustion or fatigue.

Petroleum Beds. Probably all the world has heard by this time that vast petroleum beds have been discovered in the Athabasca and Fort McMurray districts, sufficient to supply the whole world for many a year if necessary. The Free Press representative, knowing that the Minister of the Interior had himself carefully examined the various borings, asked him if he would kindly give his private views concerning this important matter, to which Mr. Oliver replied: "Yes, I made a special effort to see for myself what work has actually been done at the various borings, and I must say that I am much disappointed with what I actually saw. In my mind, but one boring, viz., one mile from Fort McKay, appears to have been seriously tackled or drilled to any depth. This is now blocked up, and the other borings are of no value, as they are but superficial marks." Mr. Oliver further said it was impossible to say at present whether oil to any extent was beneath the surface. For more exploratory work would be necessary before any person could possibly know what the conditions really were.

Kingman. Bulletin News Service. A horse went to Bardo on Tuesday, the 29th, and from there proceeded to Edmonton to transact business. J. Slind, from Idaho, is here on a visit with his nephew, John Slind, and other acquaintances. Charles Kortsman and family have moved here from Ellerslie. Mr. Kortsman is going to work on the O.V.P. On Tuesday evening there was a basket social at John Slind's place, quite a number of people assembled and helped to make it a success. The proceeds went for the benefit of the church. Mr. Haugan has accepted a position as clerk in A. Hort & Son's store. The following people from Bawli were in Kingman visiting friends: John Hanson and family and Ed Spolite and family. Dr. Emmott of Edmonton, is moving to Kingman in the near future. Oscar Hught, of Camrose, arrived here on Sunday last and he will be our future blacksmith. His father, John, accompanied him here and returned on Monday. Jos. Paulson, of Bawli, and O. B. Olson, of Camrose, drove out here on Sunday. It was Mr. Paulson's first trip here and he says he is well pleased with the lay-out of the town. Threshing is quite general in this district. They report that the crops are not of the best, but they have seen worse. Thomas Rogness, our postmaster, is on the sick list this week. Mr. Skotrold and N. N. Romny passed through on Wednesday en route to Bardo. Harry Hort is leaving in the near future for Bardo, where he will attend school and help his brother, Thomas, in the store after school closes. Mrs. E. Thompson and daughter, Mabel, spent Sunday in Kingman. White Leoborn pullets—L. P. Turner, 2, P. Turner.

Over 300 birds were shown and the poultry exhibit was pronounced by the judges the best in the province. Arrived for Selling Papers. Toronto, Ont., Sept. 27.—Six men giving their addresses as New York, and coming by the New York Times, were arrested this morning charged with selling betting information contrary to the enactment of the New York Times. They were held in the New York Times, and a spring session of the daily racing record were fined \$100. The men will appear in police court tomorrow.

Winnipeg Friend Will Be Lashed. Winnipeg, Sept. 28.—Nikola Worynuk was this morning sentenced to four months and ten lashes by Magistrate Daily having been found guilty of an indecent assault upon a little tot three years of age. The prisoner is a married man, his wife being a young and rather pretty woman. She had the sentence translated to her and spent the afternoon sitting on the station, steps crying and moaning as though her heart would break.

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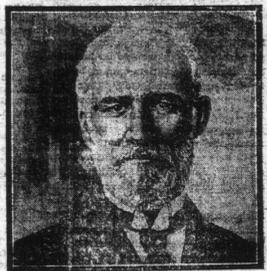
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