

HONOR MEMORY OF LATE LEE CHEONG

Chinese Residents En Masse Participate in Quaint Funeral Ceremonies Attendant on Last Rites of Dead Man

Victoria, yesterday afternoon, was the scene of the largest Chinese funeral ever held in Canada, when funeral rites were performed over the remains of the late Lee Cheong, a local millionaire Chinese, who was one of the most honored residents of Victoria.

Never before was more interest evinced in the funeral of any of the numerous Chinese funerals which have taken place here, than was the case yesterday although the funeral itself lacked many of the characteristic features of the Chinese funerals which have been held in this city.

The ceremony, which the climax was reached yesterday, has been in progress for the last four days, ever since the arrival from China of the deceased's son, Lee Shuck Yee, on Sunday last. In the Oriental quarter there has been a great series of feasts, at which the many friends and relatives of the deceased have been entertained at his expense.

The total cost of the funeral as witnessed yesterday amounted to over \$2,000. When it is considered that the amount only represents the cost of the preliminaries which have taken place in America, it can be readily understood that the total cost will be immense when to this figure is added the expense of pompous funerals which are staged in China, when the remains have been forwarded there. Internment will not take place here, the body after having been escorted to the cemetery of the Chinese Benevolent society at Foul Bay, was brought back to the city, where it will remain in the parlour of the home of the deceased until the departure of the steamer for the Orient.

The public services yesterday commenced shortly after the departure of the steamer for the Orient. A large marquee was erected at the corner of Cormorant and Yates streets, and the residence of the deceased, inside of which there was a table spread, on which were placed the remains of the deceased, and Chinese papers and a large number of flowers attractively arranged in large vases.

Large Crowd

At this point where these ceremonies were carried out there was a large crowd, which the special detachment of police, along with the mounted constables, found it difficult to keep back. By 11 o'clock the cortege was formed and the procession ready to proceed on its way both sides of Government street were lined from Cormorant to Yates street, and the crowd occupied half of the road.

There were 35 cabs in the procession, every cab in the city had been engaged. Even these were not enough and when the cortege had reached the corner of Government street and the hos and several taxicabs and automobiles had to be called in. It is estimated that the total length was three-quarters of a mile, and it took sixteen minutes to pass the corner of Government and Fort streets. To be specific, when the vanguard reached the corner of Richardson and Cook streets, the last cab was just crossing Douglas street.

The occasion of this funeral was taken as a sort of holiday on the part of sundry Victoria mothers, who with their families or children, some even in buggy and others in automobiles, their sides, turned out to view the demonstration. Many of them even journeyed the whole way out to the Chinese cemetery at Foul Bay.

The cortege was headed by the two mounted constables, followed by the funeral march band, playing brass drums on the ends of long poles, and every few yards striking a certain number of bells for the purpose of warning away the evil spirits if they should be in that neighborhood. Then there were up to three hundred and fifty small boys carrying large blue globular lanterns, followed by six or eight boys carrying large blue lanterns. The purpose of the various titles which the deceased had conferred upon him by the Chinese government. He has received six titles, and there were six signs and six boys.

The three sons, wife and six daughters then followed in their respective order. All were bound around the head with sackcloth, and wore long mourning robes, the Oriental sign of grief. The Chinese corresponds to black with the Europeans. Some of the members of the family were very young and the girls were dressed in white, and finally entered carrying long poles, which they used to strike the ground as they walked.

Two carriages laden with flowers, and then came the hearse, drawn by the four white horses, symbol of the Order of Chinese Benevolent society, which the deceased was a member. Alongside the hearse marched in double line the pallbearers, and under them the long lines of official mourners, all in dazzling white garments. The pallbearers were sitting in their robes taken when living. Before the hearse were the mournful moanings of the priest, little groups of mourners bowed their heads as a sign of respect to him, who had departed from among them.

Six at a time was the number who came up, and standing in a line with intent and solemn looking expressions on their countenances, they listened to what the priest had to say. He delivered his speech in a sing-song manner, much full of tone, and each time with an exactitude which bespoke a long acquaintance with his official duties on such occasions. He repeated his speech in this way before these little groups for one hour and a half, and during that time some five hundred had come up and bowed in respect to the remains, and took a look at the remains, and bowed to the members of the deceased's family as an expression of sympathy, as they met before the bier and walked.

The bier was placed behind the table above described, and an exceedingly large number of mourners, mostly from all parts of the province, and chiefly from Vancouver and New Westminster.

Reception for Rainbow

Citizens' Committee to be Appointed to Draft Arrangements for Welcome to be Extended to Canada's Ship

Arrangements will be made for a rousing welcome to H.M.C.S. Rainbow when that vessel, first of Canada's fleet, reaches Esquimalt on November 17. His Worship Mayor Morley said yesterday to call for a meeting of citizens to arrange a general committee to draft a programme for the reception, the form of which was yet to be decided.

The Rainbow does not compare in fighting effectiveness with the Niobe, a vessel acquired for the Canadian navy, which was built in Victoria. The arrival of the Rainbow will be an epoch in Canadian history and will be a great source of pride to the city of Victoria, which so long has been the home of the Victoria Harbour.

The Rainbow looked as sleek and span as any warship of his Majesty's fleet. She was a fine specimen of about eighteen years old. Two weeks ago she was in the harbor, looking like a six-inch gun, weighing over seven tons each. One of the B. C. shippers have been asked to furnish a hundred pound projectile through eighteen inches of wrought-iron at a distance of 1,000 yards.

The cruiser is also equipped with eight six-inch guns, four of those being Maxim guns whose rapid fire at close quarters mow men down like lightning. Originally she possessed four 12-inch torpedoes, but these have been removed and only those on the fore side, forward can be used. The other two are probably not in working condition, and are probably not intended for service for the purpose of the Canadian navy.

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FRUIT MARKET REPORT

The fourth report from Mr. J. C. Metcalfe, provincial market commissioner, to the prairie provinces has just been issued from the provincial department of agriculture, and reads as follows: Calgary, Alta., Sept. 5, 1910. W. B. Scott, Esq., Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir—We have the honor to report as follows: The fruit market is in good condition. Dealers here prefer to handle B. C. fruit when they can obtain a regular supply but up to the present have not been able to do so, and therefore are obliged to import American fruit to meet the requirements of their trade. Supply of fruit handled by shippers at present date is drawn chiefly from B. C., either from direct or indirect sources.

They further report the pack and grade of B. C. much improved over former years, even on the part of individual shippers. There is room for much improvement, particularly in the pack and weight of fruit in packages in comparison with the better American shippers. B. C. shippers have been asked for the local freight rates on fruit to this point. The following are the rates: From Vancouver, apples and pears, per 100 lbs., \$2.20.

From Vancouver, mixed fruits, per 100 lbs., \$2.30. From Vernon, mixed fruits, per 100 lbs., \$2.40. Prices have been well maintained up to the present time, although great quantities of American fruit have been received in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. B. C. fruits were ready for shipment. Jobbing houses here report heavy sales of fruit from B. C. of good condition, nice stock, peaches a little over ripe for distribution to rural points, and advise picking green.

Calgary, August 31.—Manager Morrison Fruit Co. here reports peaches in good condition, and that he had several orders for peaches. He also reports that the fruit was ready for shipment. He further stated he had not received any orders for peaches in two weeks or more, thinks if B. C. growers or shippers had any quantities of the different varieties of fruit for sale, he would advise prices for the same. Morrison Fruit Co. here have had a number of cars into this point of mixed fruit, and have more rolling stock to arrive shortly. Two carloads from the lower Mainland were of mixed fruit, Plunkett and Savage jobbers here, reported 11 carloads of mixed fruit, and on Monday, August 29. Some 200 tons of peaches, 200 tons of apples, and 200 tons of mixed fruit were shipped on that date.

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DESTRUCTION IN WAKE OF FLAMES

Many People Homeless in Fire Swept Section Near New Westminster—Heavy Property Loss

VANCOUVER, Sept. 14.—A visit to the scene of the forest fires in the Surrey district of New Westminster last night revealed the fact that although no loss of life has occurred so far, the damage to farm buildings, homes and timber has been enormous, and unless the rain or some other means intervenes to check the flames, the destruction will be appalling. As it is the country for fifteen miles south of New Westminster, the international boundary line is being crossed, and it is estimated that the extent of the fire, if unchecked, is estimated at eight miles long and nearly three miles wide.

Those who are homeless are suffering from the loss of their homes, and many are being taken to the city. The fire has swept through the forest, and has destroyed many homes and farm buildings. The fire has also destroyed many trees, and has caused a great deal of damage to the timber industry. The fire has also caused a great deal of damage to the agricultural industry, and has caused a great deal of loss to the farmers.

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The ideal remedy for young and old. Nature's gifts do us good if used judiciously. We eat bread from wheat, fruit from trees, and vegetables from the soil. It is the same with "Fruit-a-tives". It is made of the natural juices of apples, oranges, figs and prunes. It is a natural food, and is as good for the body as any other food. It is a natural food, and is as good for the body as any other food.

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BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR EXHIBITION

Accommodation for Displaced Already Exhausted—Stock Entries Unusually Heavy—Week's Programme

If ample entertainment and entry accommodations for them at the building, the fifth anniversary of the event, which will be held from October 1st to 15th, will be a success. The auspices of the British Columbia Agricultural Association, should be pronounced success.

George Sangster, the secretary, has lost no time in his preparations. He is being assisted by a large number of capable and energetic men, who are doing their best to make this year's fair unique by carrying it through with a financial surplus. A strenuous effort is being made to awaken Victorians as a whole to a realization of the part the exhibition should play in the community. That achieved, they believe, more is necessary. The displays, industrial and agricultural, are assured and the entertainment has been arranged. All that is needed now is to induce the people to clearly see the value of the agricultural association's efforts. The big week-end of 1910 is going to be specially strong in its stock. Entries are coming every day, many of them from farms throughout the province. The B. C. Agricultural Association, should be pronounced success.

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AWARDED CERTIFICATES

Result of Examinations Under Coal Mines Act, Recently Held

As a result of the recent examinations held under the Coal Mines Act (the examination consisting of Messrs. Andrew Brydon, Harry Boyce, B. Stockert, George Williams, David Wilson, John and James Shepherd, the following list of successful candidates is made public: First class certificate: Thomas Morley, Merritt; J. McCulloch, Corbin; B. L. Thorne, Hosmer; T. J. Shinton, Nanaimo; A. D. Kinsman, Fernie; J. H. McMillan, Merritt; R. T. Stewart, Fernie; J. Wall, Nanaimo; and J. D. Thomas, Passburg. Second class: Harry E. Mirra, Coal Creek; David Brown, Nanaimo; John C. Hughes, Nanaimo; Robert J. Lee, Grand Forks; Frank Jaynes, Cumberland; and commission for selling will practice, all leave no returns to the shipper. I saw some Whiskey crabs from Mission, B. C., in Plunkett and Savage's warehouse here, came in by express, and have more rolling stock to arrive shortly. Two carloads from the lower Mainland were of mixed fruit, Plunkett and Savage jobbers here, reported 11 carloads of mixed fruit, and on Monday, August 29. Some 200 tons of peaches, 200 tons of apples, and 200 tons of mixed fruit were shipped on that date.

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