

HAD MUCH TO DO WITH SETTLEMENT OF THE NORTHWEST

A. R. Roche Was First Husband of Mrs. H. A. Boomer.

BEFORE CONFEDERATION

Historic Record of the Early Settlement and Development of Assiniboia.

To the majority of readers of The Advertiser, the fact is probably not known that the early settlement of the Canadian Northwest with Europeans, the acquiring of the northwest territory for the Dominion, and the organization of the territorial governments as a part of the Canadian government were largely due to the agitation of A. R. Roche, the first husband of Mrs. H. A. Boomer, a woman of the city. In series of articles signed "Assiniboia," and published in the Montreal Gazette some ten years before Confederation.

The following in regard to Mr. Roche and the agitation he started for the acquisition of the Hudson's Bay territory, appears in "The History of the Northwest," published some years ago in the Montreal Gazette. The crown lands department, wrote for these columns a series of long and very elaborate communications, setting forth the suitability and capability of the Canadian Northwest for European settlement. He described the climatology and physical features of those vast areas and produced a map of the important statement made from the published writings of the Hudson Bay authorities. The Gazette strenuously maintained that these statements were of no importance and promise for Canada not to be overlooked by the Government and Parliament. Mr. Roche's letters attracted much attention and were reproduced in the province of Ontario. The Toronto Globe took up the agitation and did persistent and splendid service. It was due to that and the commencement of the publication of these communications in the Gazette the influence of the Hudson Bay Company was strongly exerted to stop them.

Said it Was Myth. "It was declared to the conductors of this paper that the whole story was a myth and that the country was not fit for European settlement. These representations from such a source might have been successful if not for Roche's statements had not been based on the authority of the Hudson's Bay Company's own officials, chapter and page being quoted for every statement made. It is needless to say that the unworthy attempt of that great corporation was insufficient to stop the agitation, although the same corporation persisted in before a committee of the Imperial Parliament, after the Canadian Government had been moved to send a delegation to England on the subject, of which Mr. Roche was appointed secretary. All that followed is now well known, viz: The acquiring of the northwest territory, the rapid coming of settlement, and the organization of the territorial governments as part of the Canadian Confederation. Space will not permit that we follow this history of facts in detail. Our object is simply to show the beginning from which sprung our great development. This has interest not only to the Dominion of Canada, but the whole British Empire."

Closely Associated. Mrs. Boomer has been closely associated with the history of the Northwest from its beginning, from the time as a girl in her early teens she went to the Red River Settlement from England with her mother, Mrs. Mills, who was appointed to take charge of a school there for the children of the officials of the Hudson Bay Company. Before she returned to England her sister had married the governor of the territory, under the Hudson Bay Company, Judge Johnston.

When Mrs. Boomer a few weeks ago attended the annual meeting of the National Council of Women in Winnipeg she stayed at the Port George Hotel, built on the site of the former home of her sister, Lady Johnston. The exact spot where the "History of the Northwest" suggests that Mrs. Boomer's association with the west, through her husband, Mr. Roche.

WORK STARTED ON BIG PLANT

Work has commenced on Beattie Bros. new foundry buildings at Chelsea Green, and will be rushed so that manufacturing may be commenced in the fall. The plans for the plant were prepared by Architect W. G. Murray, and it will be one of the most modern and extensive of its kind in the province. It is likely that further important additions will be made.

GANG OF YEGGS MAY HAVE BEEN HERE YESTERDAY

The yeggmen who recently robbed the Grand Trunk depot at Hensall and Centralia may have spent a short time in London late yesterday afternoon. A gang of five men was noticed at the depot of the London and Port Stanley Electric Railway, and suspicions were aroused. Soon after a passenger train on its way to Port Stanley, A. Palmer, of Centralia, missed a roll of \$42, and it is supposed his pocket was picked. The five men were seen in such a manner that it was feared that they might attempt to rob the London and Port Stanley ticket office, where several thousand dollars were taken in. The management was communicated with, and the money was placed in a more safe place. In the meantime the gang of five had disappeared, and all efforts to locate them failed. Later in the evening a special Grand Trunk detective arrived in the city, and is working on the case. The gang who robbed the offices at Hensall and Centralia were supposed to have been at Hyde Park a couple of days ago.

HOW HE QUIT TOBACCO

This veteran, S. B. Lamphere, was addicted to the excessive use of tobacco for many years. He wanted to quit, but needed something to help him.

He learned of a free book that tells about the tobacco habit and how to conquer it quickly, easily and safely. In a recent letter he writes: "I have no desire for tobacco any more. I feel like a new man."

Anyone desiring a copy of this book on tobacco habit, smoking and chewing, can get it free, postpaid, by writing to Edward J. Woods, 548 P. Station E. New York City. You will be surprised and pleased. Look for quicker nerves, stronger heart, better digestion, improved eyesight, increased vigor, longer life and other advantages if you quit poisoning yourself.—Adv.

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MILITARY PARADE WAS BIG FEATURE ON DOMINION DAY

Celebration Will Long Be Remembered in City.

VETERANS IN LINE TOO

Big Crowd of Citizens Witnessed the Inspection at Victoria Park.

Dominion Day was celebrated yesterday by a combination of events, both civil and military, that will long be remembered by the citizens of London, the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Dominion of Canada was commemorated with appropriate patriotic exercises, and to those who were fortunate enough to witness them the significance of the word "Canada" was brought home in such a thrilling manner that it will not easily be forgotten.

The parade of the military forces of the city including returned soldiers, veterans of the great war, and of previous campaigns, was a most impressive sight. The parade was held at Victoria Park, the patriotic addresses by Mayor Stevenson, Sir George Gibbons, and Canon Tucker, the Canadian Club, and finally the stirring march-past at Kent street and Park avenue, all were of great interest to the thousands of citizens who lined the streets at that time. The route, and the thousands of citizens thronged Victoria Park.

All Were There. London has, indeed, seen longer parades, and military events in which many thousands of men and women have taken part, but never has London seen a parade in which every branch of the service was represented, nor which a better exhibition of military training was given, and old soldiers and young soldiers, men who stood and watched these young Canadians, rank upon rank, march past the reviewing stand, a thrill of pride at the fact that he or she was a Canadian.

The parade moved off from Carling Heights Camp sharply at the appointed hour, 9:30 o'clock, and proceeded by way of Oxford street, Adelaide street, and the route then followed Adelaide street, Queen's avenue and Waterloo street to Dundas, where the returned soldiers and veterans of previous campaigns joined the parade. Continuing the parade moved along Dundas, Richmond, Huron, and Wellington streets, and into Victoria Park.

Parade Unique. The parade was unique in this city. It was a parade of the service, and the various kinds of equipment exhibited were well worth the educational standpoint. Immediately behind Col. Shannon, officer commanding this district, followed the band of the 7th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 10th Regiments overseas companies, forestry companies, construction companies, cyclists platoons and the 1st Hussars Depot. The hussars carried a mounted unit, marched as infantry.

Next came the Canadian Engineers, Canadian Engineers, whose appearance on the streets of London marked the first time in the history of the field company of engineers has been seen in this city. The four sections of the field company included signaller, cyclists, tool carts, field kitchens, general service wagons and water tanks.

After the engineers came a composite unit from the Central Training Depot at Carling Heights, composed of members of the 7th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 10th Regiments overseas companies, forestry companies, construction companies, cyclists platoons and the 1st Hussars Depot. The hussars carried a mounted unit, marched as infantry.

Then followed the new band of No. 1, Special Service Battalion, and the members of that unit, the band of the 7th Regiment and the members of London's regiment, the Army Service Corps details. The display of equipment by the Army Service Corps was more impressive than in London, and included general service wagons, lorries, heavy motor trucks and field kitchens.

The pipe band of the Army Medical Corps came next, leading the members of A. M. C. Training Depot No. 1, who were followed by the members of No. 1 Detachment Canadian Ordnance Corps and the members of the camp staff.

One of the features of the parade which attracted universal comment was the splendid condition of horses, both draft and riding animals. The animals were in perfect shape, and reflected the greatest credit on Lieut. D. A. Stewart, principal veterinary officer of the district, who is one of the most efficient officers of the staff. Lieut. Stewart's work as veterinary officer of the district has won the greatest commendation from military officers and public alike.

Formed in Square. On their arrival at the park the men were drawn up to form three sides of a hollow square, the main body facing the west and the other sides facing north and south respectively. Then, as the band played patriotic airs, the men were enrolled for the freedom, and democracy of the world, and urging that the children should know what that stood for.

Sir George Gibbons, who made the presentation of the wreath on behalf of the Women's Canadian Club, mentioned the honor which he felt was his on being asked to decorate the monument to those who had fallen in the South African war, and stated that it was a wonderful thing that one of the men, Gen. St. Maurice, who fought against the British then, should now be fighting for the British.

Time for Service. "This is not the time for talking, but the time for service," said Sir George. "This happens to be my birthday, and my heart was filled with emotion when I saw these boys marching in here, as I thought of a day fifty years ago when I was a boy in the same field, in a red coat, I drilled in this field, then surrounded by stumps. I am glad to see so many of the old veterans here today, and I am glad to say that I was one of the first to enlist at the time of the Fenian raid, and the first color-sergeant of No. 7 Company."

Fifty years ago our fathers felt that a union of all the sections of the country would swamp local rivalries and jealousies. Our fathers builded well. Our material prosperity has been marvelous. Everybody loves Canada now. Everybody is proud of Canada now. Great glory has come to our people in the last few months, since their sons, in the ranks of the British, have shown the spirit of true Canadian manhood.

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HIS HEART BADLY AFFECTED

"Fruit-a-lives" Soon Relieved This Dangerous Condition

633 Gerrard Street East, Toronto.

"For two years, I was a victim of Acute Indigestion, and Gas in the Stomach. It afterwards attacked my Heart and I had pains all over my body, so that I could hardly move around. I tried all kinds of medicine, but none of them did me any good. At last, I decided to try 'Fruit-a-lives.' I bought the first box last June, and now I am well, after using only three boxes. I recommend 'Fruit-a-lives' to anyone suffering from indigestion."

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Fifty cents a box, 6 for \$2.50; trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-lives, Limited, Ottawa.

has given the largest proportion of her men of any country in the world, and whatever is necessary to support those who are already at the front will be done."

Turning to the men in khaki, he said: "We wish you Godspeed and a safe return, for Canada is greater and bigger and better because you are here, willing to serve her."

Canon Tucker declared that it was one of the most glorious days in the history of the Dominion of Canada. He said that this country, and recalled the first confederation day when he was a boy at school, Montreal, then a city of 36,000, was now nearly a million, and Toronto, then a place of about 10,000, was now grown to huge proportions, Canada then extended from Sarnia to Gaspé, and the Maritime Provinces were almost a foreign country. The people called them English, Scotch and Irish, but no one would care to call himself a Canadian. "Who would not be proud to call himself a Canadian today?" asked the speaker.

Canada now extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the Government that rules over that vast domain was the freest and best on the face of the globe. Referring to the enfranchisement of Canadian women, he characterized it as the greatest and most beneficial revolution in the history of Canada.

Much was due to the fathers of confederation, Sir John A. Macdonald, Alexander MacKenzie, George Brown, Sir George Cartier, Edward Blake and Sir Charles Tupper, who believed in the future of Canada, and who worked out our constitution. It was not as French or English, but as Canadians. Much was also due to those who went forth, single file, of freedom to lay down their lives in the present war. "They were the name of Canada in flaming letters at St. Julien, Corbette and Vimy Ridge," he added, "and as long as they are spoken, they will be known as benefactors of the human race."

He urged those present to live lives worthy of their fathers who founded this country, and predicted that the day would come when the children of the trees would stand to the memory of those who have gone forth, single file, of freedom to lay down their lives in the present war. "They were the name of Canada in flaming letters at St. Julien, Corbette and Vimy Ridge," he added, "and as long as they are spoken, they will be known as benefactors of the human race."

A large representation was present on behalf of the Women's Canadian Club, and included Mrs. Donald McLean, Mrs. A. C. Edwards, Miss F. McCall, Mrs. A. C. Cooper, Miss L. Rudd, Mrs. Bapt. Miss G. Bapt.

Following the addresses, the men were lined up and withdrawn from the park to perform the march-past, proceeding west along Central Avenue and south along Park Avenue. The saluting base was at Kent street and Park Avenue, and the first march was along in column of platoons formation, Col. Shannon and his staff received the salute. The parade then moved east on Queen's Avenue to Richmond street, north along Richmond street, and returned to camp by way of Piccadilly, Wellington and Oxford streets.

GRANDMOTHER, THE PIONEER PHYSICIAN

In the good old pioneer days of this country, when drug stores were few, grandmother's root and herb remedies were what were always depended upon to bring relief for family ailments, and some of grandmother's root and herb remedies are now found upon the shelves of the modern drug stores, and among the best and most widely used prepared medicines.

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JULY CLEARINGS AND WEDNESDAY MORNING SALES

July is the month that leads us into the midseason clearings, which will stimulate the Wednesday morning sales. This season we are departing from the rule of keeping open all day Wednesday when a public holiday comes in the week, for the reason that we have proven by comparison that more business is being done in the morning with the weekly half-holiday sales than was done on corresponding days other years for the full day. These weekly Wednesday morning sales are carefully prepared for weeks ahead. Special reductions are planned and held for these sales, besides many special purchases which are sold on Wednesday morning only.

On Sale Tomorrow, 8:30 to 1 o'clock

TWO CAKES PALMOLIVE SOAP FREE.

With each purchase of one bottle of Palmolive shampoo or one jar of Palmolive Face Cream two cakes of Palmolive Soap (full size) will be given free Wednesday morning only (no coupons needed). Sale price 49c

SALE OF HOUSE DRESSES, 89c.

One table of House Dresses, in good quality percale, three-quarter set-in sleeves, V or square neck, broken and odd lines, all sizes from 34 to 44. Special 89c each

Children's Sleepers, 39c.

Children's Cotton Sleepers, white cambric with pink and blue stripes and all white bar muslins; ages 1, 2 and 3 years. Special 39c

LADIES' VESTS (SECONDS), 29c.

Clearance of manufacturer's seconds in Ladies' Cream Vests, high neck, long sleeves; sizes 34 to 38; 7½ dozens only. Special 29c each

JULY COTTON SALE—WEDNESDAY SPECIALS.

600 yards Factory Cotton, 40 inches wide, exceptionally low price. Spec 1 15c yard

English Bleached Longcloth, 300 yards only reliable English Longcloth, 36 inches wide. Special 13c yard or 8 yards for \$1.00

English Striped Flannelette, 1,000 yards, blues, tans and pinks, soft finish and good colors. Special 13c yard or 8 yards for \$1.00

LACES AND MEDALLION TRIMMINGS LESS THAN HALF PRICE.

Embroidery insertion, colored flannelette embroidery and val lace insertion. Special 1c yard

Black, White and Colored Laces, Special 5c yard

White and Cream Medallions, Special 5c each

Black Lace, Black Medallions and two short lengths Battenburg banding. Special 19c yard

Six pieces Figured Ninon for sleeves, blouses and dresses, 40 inches wide. Special 98c yard

GLOVES MOSTLY HALF PRICE.

16-Button Length, Long White Silk Gloves, fine quality, double tipped; to clear at half price; sizes 6, 6½, 7½ and 8. Special 62c pair

16-Button Length Black Silk, sizes 6½, 7½ and 8. Half price 62c pair

12-Button Length Black Silk Glove, 5½ only. Half price 62c pair

Four pairs only Long Mode Silk Gloves, size 6. Sale price 62c pair

Nine pairs only Long Cream Silk Gloves, size 7½ only. Sale price 62c pair