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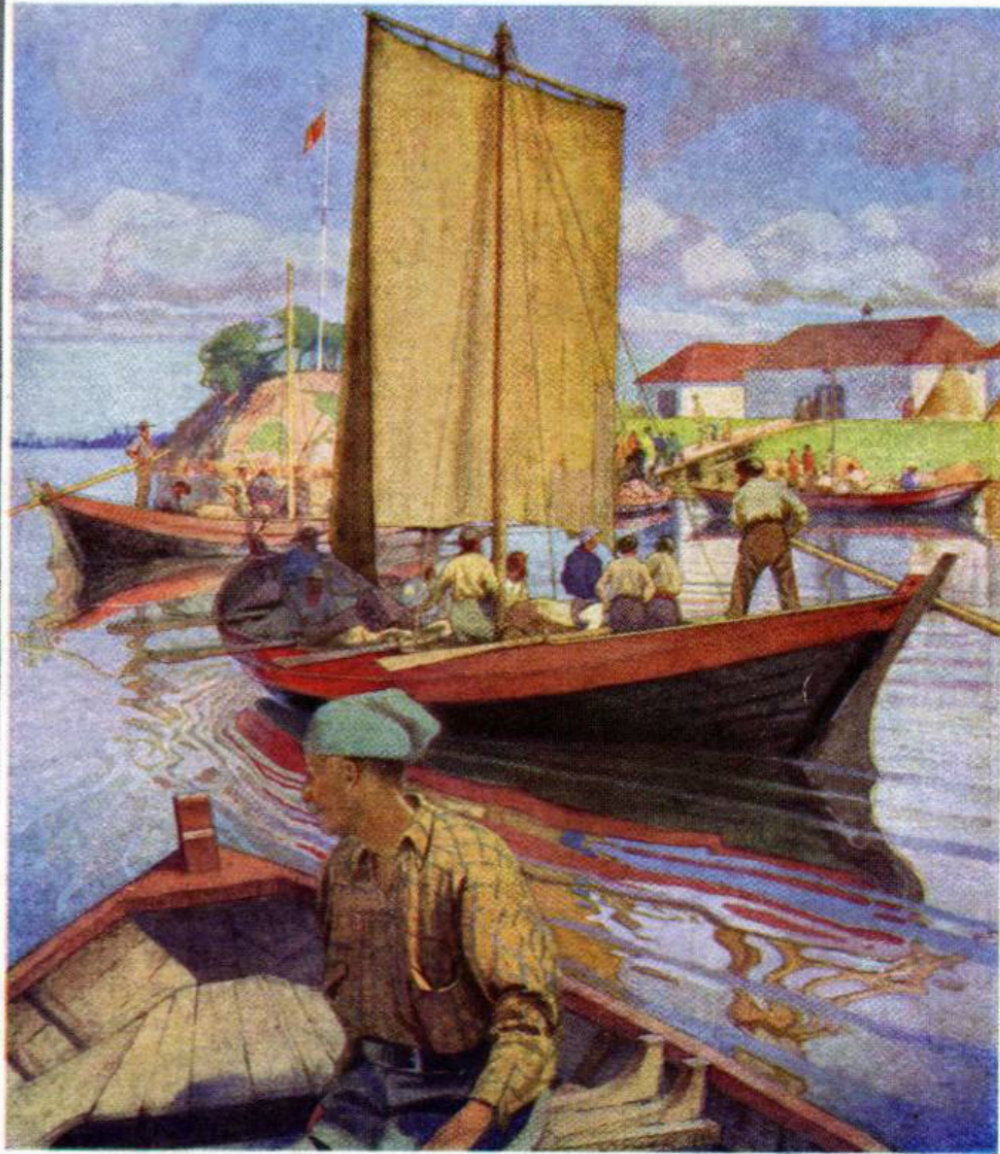


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## Greetings

**H**O each and every member of the staff, from St. John's, Newfoundland, in the east, to Victoria, British Columbia, in the west, from the southern boundary of Canada to Pond's Inlet, Cambridge Bay and Herschel Island within the Arctic Circle, in the cities, in the mountains and on the plains, as well as on the seas, in Great Britain and elsewhere, I send, on behalf of the Governor and Committee of the Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay, sincere and hearty good wishes for a Merry Christmas and for all happiness in the coming year.

*Charles V Sale*

Governor Hudson's Bay Company

On behalf of the Canadian Committee, I wish one and all of the Hudson's Bay Company a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

*George W. Allen*

Chairman Canadian Committee, Hudson's Bay Company.



## Russian Bastion in Alaska

By C. H. FRENCH, Fur Trade Commissioner

**I**N the days of the Russian ownership of Alaska, they erected small bastions or blockhouses here and there throughout the territory over which they operated. The photograph which we have reproduced shows one of these bastions, situated in the harbour of St.



*Russian Bastion*

Michels in the Behring Sea. It is, perhaps, one of the last built by the Russians. It still stands, with two small cannon inside, and faces on the main street of St. Michels, a little township which is the ocean port at the mouth of the great Yukon river. This is an octagonal bastion, twelve feet in diameter and about the same in height.

In those early days, the Russian occupation of Alaska was opposed by the Hudson's Bay Company, but only in a commercial way. In 1847 the Hudson's Bay Company established a post at Fort Yukon and afterwards at Selkirk, Pelly Banks and Dease Lake, and held the Russians to that strip of coast, Southeastern Alaska.

The Company's aggressive policy at that time secured for Canada that interior part of British Columbia in the north known as the Cassiar, as well as the Canadian Yukon and part of the Northwest Territories.

In 1840 the Company leased from the Russians southeastern Alaska and held it until 1867, when the land was sold to the United States.



*Hudson's Bay Company Winnipeg Store (rear) from the Air*





*Indian Encampment, Moose Factory, in Early Eighties*

## *The Eskimos of Eastmain*

By The Late CHIEF FACTOR JAMES L. COTTER

*The manuscript of the following interesting story of the Eskimos of Eastmain in the eighties and seventies was rescued from the bottom of a trunk belonging to Trader H. M. S. Cotter, of Cumberland House, whose father was the author, Chief Factor James L. Cotter. Chief Factor James L. Cotter served at Moose Factory, Rupert's House and other points. He was a gentleman well versed in literary matters and a remarkable photographer in his day and generation, as will be seen from the photographs accompanying this article. These were taken by him about sixty years ago by the wet plate process. The second part of this article will appear in March issue.—Editor.*

**R**OUGHLY stated, Eastmain is the west side of the Labrador peninsula, and at the same time the east shore of Hudson's Bay. Its extent is from Cape Jones on the south to Hudson's Straits on the north, a distance of between five and six hundred miles. A wilder and more desolate region can hardly be imagined; for the rocky shores are



*Late Chief Factor Jas. L. Cotter*

bare and bleak, and the endless hill and valley that go to make up the country back from the sea beach are but a waste of rock and moss and sand. Of verdure, properly speaking there is none. A rank grass, it is true, grows in patches here and there, but never in quantity sufficient to form a feature in the landscape; and the stunted spruce trees which in some few favoured spots stand in little clumps, defying the rude winds and the cold of an Arctic winter, are too sombre in colour and too insignificant in number to enliven or in any degree modify the character of scenery whose sole attraction lies—not in what Nature has done but in what she has left undone—in its desert and solitary aspect, a land so inhospitable and so sterile, whose





*Indians at Rupert's House About 1876*

climate and soil can produce nothing to reward the labours of the agriculturist or even to sustain human life, is likely at first sight to be pronounced uninteresting; but seeing that men can live and thrive where potatoes and wheat cannot, and that a numerous and amazingly hardy race of hunters can and do exist here and are able to feed and clothe themselves without any assistance from civilization, it may fairly be granted that this desolate corner of the earth is not unworthy of attention.

The Eastmain coast has from time immemorial been inhabited by numerous bands of Eskimos, who live, as their brethren do in all lands wherever they are found, by the chase. The Eskimos are a widely spread race. Their territory extends along the whole of the northern coast of North America, including Labrador and the east shore of Hudson's Bay. They are found both on the Asiatic and American side of Behring Straits, and on the eastern as well as the western coast of Greenland. Thus their language in its various dialects is spoken through one hundred and forty degrees of longitude, or a range of 3500 miles.



*Eskimo Woman and Child 1872*

The name Eskimo is said to have been given to them by their Indian neighbours on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, by whom they were called *Eskimantik*, which has been translated "raw fish eaters." This may or may not be the case—we never heard the word among the Indians on the Gulf—yet the Cree language, a dialect of which is spoken by the Indians in Labrador and Eastmain, has a word *Uskepoo*, "he eats raw meat," the sound of which, resembling as it does Eskimo, together with the fact that these people do commonly eat uncooked victuals, would lead one to suppose that this derivation was not altogether wrong. On the other hand, the Indians in Eastmain say *Ayuskemao*, "he is an Eskimo," and the best Cree scholars do not, as far as we know, trace any





Mrs. James L. Cotter at Moose Factory, 1889. On right, Old Factory Built in Reign of George the Third

connection between the two words. Certain it is, however, that the term is unknown among the people to whom by foreigners it is applied. The national name in Greenland is *Keralek*; in Labrador, Eastmain, and we believe among the North American tribes generally, *Innu*it. The singular of this word is *Innu*k and means "man," the plural therefore would simply in the first instance mean "people," and by degrees has come to be the accepted designation of this people alone.

Ethnologists tell us that they are of Tartar origin. Probably there is reason for so saying. The Eskimo face is flat and broad with high cheek bones, while the eyes, which are somewhat far apart, though dark are not always black. The hair, however, is of that colour almost invariably, but the complexion is fair and ruddy, at least in a large proportion of the young people. It is true that long years of exposure and dirt—for your Eskimo belongs to the family of the great unwashed—impart a swarthy hue not natural to the race, which would make it difficult to say what the original colour had been and would tend to mislead, if an opinion had to be formed merely by viewing persons of advanced age. But in early life bright rosy complexions are common; and if that be any proof of Tartar blood, we might say *grattez l'Eskimo et vous trouverez le Tartare* with as much truth as when the remark was first made with regard to another people. In any case, he will be found to be many shades less dark than his neighbours of this continent, the North American Indian, with whom he has no affinity either in language, habits, appearance or character. He is of a quite different stock. The sole resemblance between the two races consists in the fact that both are hunters by trade; both live by killing alone, but each has his own way of capturing his game and of disposing of it when caught.



Eskimo Girl, 1872





*Moose Factory, About 1868*

It is a mistake to suppose that the Eskimos are invariably of low stature. We have seen men among them fully six feet in height, and the proportion of those under five feet six inches would not probably be greater than among Europeans. As a rule, they are stoutly built and have a healthy, well fed appearance, very different from the lean unsatisfied look of the Indian.

The Eskimo hunter leads a life of danger and exposure. During summer, if he is not employed killing deer in the interior of the country, his time is spent almost altogether upon the sea in the pursuit of those animals which furnish him with food and with other things not less indispensable to his mode of living. He does not require much; but if he is to live at all, four articles at least he must own, and these are a *kayak* (canoe), paddle, harpoon and knife—a slender outfit, one would think, with which to face the forces of nature, yet sufficient to enable him to feed himself, his family and his dogs, and even to provide the clothing necessary for his household.

Cooking utensils, which among other races would be looked upon as absolute necessities, are here considered luxuries. It is true he would sometimes prefer to have his victuals prepared by fire, but if he is not in possession of a kettle, his poverty on this score in no way interferes with his regular meals—or rather, his irregular meals, for savages never partake of food at set times, but eat when they feel inclined—nor is his digestion in any degree weakened or deranged by the total absence of that process upon which all civilization hangs—its very centre on which it revolves—the preparation of nutriment by heat. His stomach is of the most robust sort, and has learnt to perform its functions upon substances which never saw fire. The *dura ilia messorum* could bear no comparison with the digestive organs of this man. Those ancient reapers would appear the veriest dyspeptics if placed at the board alongside of the hardy Eskimo. The one would starve and die, while the other would be in the best of health.

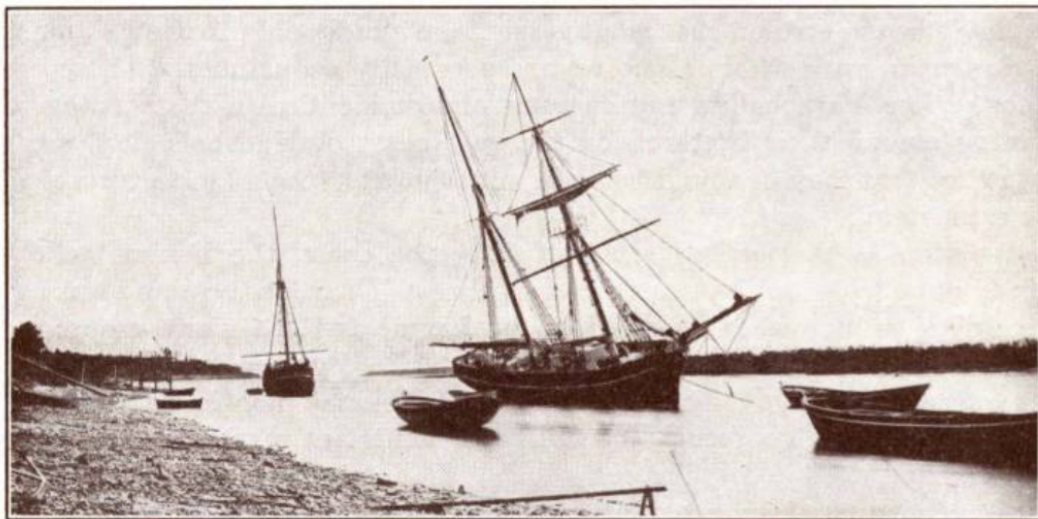


Let it be understood that what is said here alludes only to the Eskimos of Eastmain, with whom alone we are personally acquainted. Those of other regions have habits and customs almost identical with the usages existing among their brethren on the east coast of Hudson's Bay, any difference that may be found being in minor points; the main features are the same in all.

As soon as the ice has set fast along the coast, the Eskimo relies chiefly upon seals for his means of subsistence. The white bear and walrus are prizes to him when they are to be found, and the white grouse is another useful addition to his larder, if plentiful. But neither bears, birds nor walrus are always to be had, and the seal for many months is the staple article of food. To secure it, skill and abundant patience are both required and exhibited. The seal, during the intense cold of winter, does not appear upon the ice, but lives altogether in the water, coming up to breathe and sleep at holes which are kept open by the warmth of his breath alone. These holes have usually a thin film of ice on the top of them and, being liable to become drifted over with snow, are by no means easy to discover. A clever dog is now of great value to the hunter, and no Eskimo possessing one with a good nose for seal holes will readily part with him. The hole found, the hunter proceeds to erect a wall of snow to protect him from the wind, and sits down to listen for the arrival of the seal.

It should be remarked that this animal usually has several holes, and may be absent for hours, even for days, from the one chosen by the hunter, who in the meantime remains silent and motionless, expecting the return of his prey—the dinner, very likely, of the family—his harpoon laid in front of him, raised a few inches on two small pieces of snow so as to be readily grasped at a moment's notice. The head of this weapon, which has a long sealskin line attached to it, is so arranged that it parts company with the shaft as soon as the seal is struck; not only so, but owing to the position of the point at which the thong is fastened, upon the first resistance, it is pulled across the wound and cannot be withdrawn. The other end of the harpoon line is tied around the hunter's leg. It is usual to place on the film covering the hole a small pyramid of snow so that one angle of it shall stand over the centre of the hole. This serves as a guide for the hunter to strike by, for it must be remembered that he does not see the seal when he harpoons him. In case the latter should come and go without being heard, a slender rod of whalebone or other suitable material is thrust down through the protecting crust, a small part of it only being left visible above the snow. The seal, in rising to breathe, is certain to move this rod and thus betray his presence to his enemy above. As soon as the rod is seen to vibrate, the harpoon is sent down with lightning force. The head, deeply sunk in the flesh, is freed from the shaft, and the wounded animal immediately dives, but is soon arrested by the line fastened around the hunter's leg. Exhausted by loss of blood and obliged to come to the surface to breathe, the luckless seal is quickly pulled up and dispatched by his captor.





*Schooner Otter and Sloop Plover at Moose Factory, 1870*

Walrus are killed in the same way, but in this case, the animal being very much larger and heavier than the seal, the harpoon line is made fast round the body instead of round the leg. Instances, however, have been known where men were pulled down and drowned by these huge creatures. To guard against this, a knife is usually stuck in the snow beside the hunter, so that he may be able to sever the line if the strain is too great. When accidents have occurred in walrus hunting, they have been caused by the tug coming too suddenly, before the knife could be grasped.

The polar bear is killed in various ways. Usually speaking, he is attacked by several men armed with knives tied to the ends of stout staves—spears, in fact—with which he is pierced again and again until he falls exhausted. Sometimes, however, he is killed in single combat. In order to accomplish this, the assailant must be well skilled in the use of the Eskimo whip, for, strange as it may appear, this is the weapon used. A knife is firmly tied to the end of the lash, and when it is stated that the whip may be twenty-five or thirty feet long, not including the handle, it is not difficult to imagine with what terrific force a short pointed instrument at the extremity can be slung by a dextrous and determined hand.

White grouse are either taken in snares made of shreds of whalebone or are shot with the bow and arrow.

Enough has been said to show how the Eskimo makes his living during winter. The whole of their time at this season is spent on the frozen sea, moving about from place to place, the universal snow giving them the means of housing themselves comfortably whenever and wherever they choose to stop.



Lives of great men all remind us of this homely little text: If *you* do the job before *you*, you'll be ready for the next!



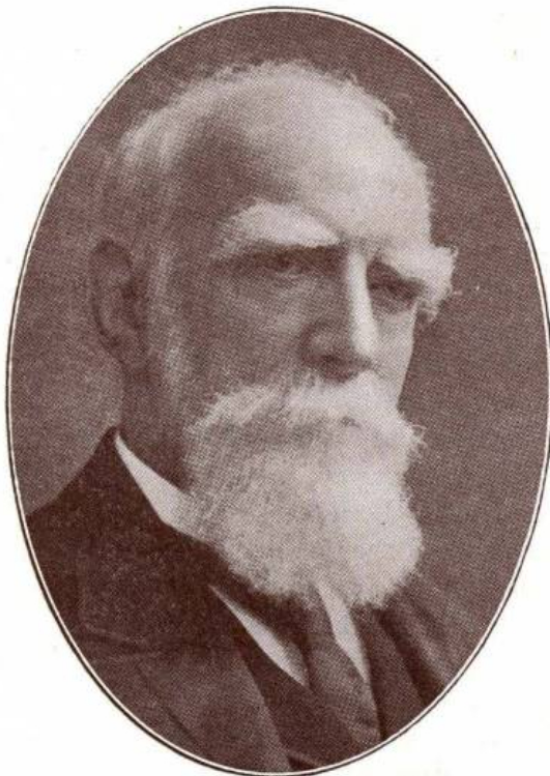
## Famous Forres

By DR. R. G. MACBETH

**T**HE little town of Forres, in Scotland, is small in area and in population so far as surveyor and census-taker reckon. But the world learned long ago that we cannot estimate the influence of a human life or a community by using a mechanical measuring line. Influence is an intangible thing that flows beyond artificial boundaries and irrigates the earth till it brings forth a universal harvest of good. Thus Forres, set amidst many historical recollections, became recently the centre of new attention when it was the meeting place of Premier Ramsay MacDonald of Great

Britain and Ambassador Dawes from the United States. A war-weary world has, since that meeting, been filled with a new and more confident hope for peace. Upon the little village in Scotland, with its quaint cottages and simple hearted, God-fearing people, the eyes of the nations of the earth have been turned with strained expectation, because what the two great English speaking countries agree upon will, under God, in that regard settle the destiny of mankind.

This is recent history; but years ago Canada became conscious of Forres and its immense influence on the life of this Dominion. For out of that village there came a lad, born there in 1820, who left home in



*Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal*

his teens, lured by a passion for adventure in the great open spaces of the northwest of British America. The name of the lad was Donald Alexander Smith, who was to move steadily upwards till he became Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, High Commissioner for Canada in London, connected with scores of great enterprises and in a remarkable degree, a world figure. Probably no man who ever came to our shores influenced the trend of Canadian progress more than this Forres lad who left his humble home without worldly means, but with the better equipment of a clear brain and a dauntless will.

Having mentioned the two points of his career, his boyhood in Forres and his occupancy of the office of High Commissioner in London, one may



recall a characteristic story. In London, he was constantly being appealed to by men who said they required help and who claimed to have known him in early life. Regardless of the emptiness of their claims, he helped them.

One day a man appeared and told the secretary that when Donald Smith was leaving Forres this man had taken him and his baggage in his conveyance to the point of departure for the Northwest. The man received a donation without comment, but when he came back a week later with the same story, the secretary told Lord Strathcona that he should not give any more in such a case. However, Lord Strathcona told the secretary to give the man another five pounds if he was in distress, but to tell him that the story was not true, "because," said the High Commissioner, "when I left Forres I put my things in a wheelbarrow and pushed it myself."

We do not know whether the man ever came back or not, but the incident is of value to set us thinking that it was a long way from the wheelbarrow trail to the House of Lords.

When young Smith landed on this side of the Atlantic, it was to take service with the Hudson's Bay Company in Labrador. There he became noted for faithful service to the Company, for prowess in following the dog-teams in the fur trade, and, during his leisure hours, for dividing his time between reading and perfecting of his famous garden, which people in that somewhat impossible climate came to see as a special treat. Suffering one time from trouble with his eyes, he went by dog train to consult a doctor in Montreal, but when he was told that he was absent from his post without leave, he turned around without hesitation and went back, with an endurance that outdid even his Indian guides. It was characteristic of the man.

Faithfulness and ability and devotion to the interests of the Company sent him steadily upwards in various parts of the Company's domain. To such a degree had his influence and power and sound judgment become known that his entrance into active public life became inevitable.

And so in 1869, when Louis Riel withstood with armed force the entrance of Canadian authority into the West, the government at Ottawa selected this same Donald A. Smith to face the rebel who had captured Fort Garry and was flying a hybrid ensign of insurgency from the old flagpole where the Union Jack had always been conspicuous.


There are few incidents in our history that, for sheer courage and tact, can compare with this one in which Mr. Smith began to undermine the power of Riel. There were some six hundred armed rebels at hand under command of this megalomaniac. But Mr. Smith refused to read his commission from Her Majesty's government in Canada until the rebel ensign was taken down and the Union Jack hoisted in its stead. There was some excitement, but the thing was finally done. With such a beginning, Smith, evidently a man not to be trifled with, proceeded to read his commission and instituted a process of negotiation which marked the decline and fall of the rebellion. The honours of the day rested with the erstwhile lad from Forres.



## The Northwest Passage

*Centenary of the Expedition of Sir John Ross*

By HUGH CONN, General Inspector Hudson's Bay Company Fur Trade

NE hundred years ago (23rd May, 1829), an expedition of great scientific interest left the Thames for the Arctic regions. Captain John Ross, R.N., was in command, with his nephew, Captain James Clark Ross, as his chief assistant. Their ship, the *Victory*, had been employed as a packet boat between Liverpool and the Isle of Man, and this was the first Arctic expedition to use a steamboat. There is little doubt, had the engines been up to specification, a more extended voyage, with possibly greater discoveries, would have been made. Among other preparations for the voyage, the ship's old paddles were replaced by new ones which could be hoisted out of the water if ice became troublesome when they were in the polar regions.

Stores of provisions and fuel for one thousand days were put on board before the ship left the Thames, and among the other important personages who visited her there was Sir John Franklin, who, with all the men of his expedition, perished so miserably a few years later in the Arctic, not far from where the *Victory* was finally abandoned.

From the first day out, those engines gave trouble, and it was only on one occasion on the entire voyage that the men in charge of the engines were able to keep them in continuous operation for a period of twelve hours. Bellows, worked by hand, had to be used to keep the fires active. During the greater part of the voyage, the ship made only about one and a half miles an hour when her engines were working without aid of sails.

On August 6, Lancaster Sound was reached, but before this many difficulties and much bad weather had been encountered. A course was then set down the east coast of Boothia Peninsula, so named in honour of Felix Booth, by whose liberality the expedition had been outfitted. Fair progress was made until 24th September, when near the vicinity of Felix Harbour in 70° 12' N.Lat., 92° 21' W.Long., where the ice finally held them up and the boat was made ready for passing the winter.

The entries in the journal of Sir John Ross from this time until he and his men were rescued four years afterwards form a record of wonderful endurance and cheerfulness in face of severe hardships. These entries record the daily events on the steamer and narratives of Captain James Clark Ross' several expeditions across Boothia Peninsula to the northwest coast of King William Land and other places in the vicinity of their ice-bound ship; also of his discovery of the exact position of the North Magnetic Pole. This last mentioned was probably of more importance to science and navigation than any other discovery since the compass came into general use.

Year after year, great labour and hardships were endured in attempting to cut the *Victory* from the ice, but the ship had to be abandoned in 1832.



as there seemed no hope that she could ever be released from the vicinity of the place where she had first been imprisoned in 1829.

The story of this expedition is one of resourcefulness and heroism, not only of the officers but of every member of the crew. Not one death, due to living for such an extended period in the Arctic regions, occurred during their isolation of over four years, and although, when the *Isabella* rescued the men, many of them were weak from lack of proper food on the hard forced march and the boat journey from their last winter quarters to the point where they anxiously waited and watched for a ship which might rescue them, yet all were in fairly good health.

Until this voyage, it was thought impossible for a ship's crew to spend even one winter in the Arctic without some members suffering from scurvy, *et cetera*. Apparently, Commander Ross' foresight and provision for every condition of life in the Arctic regions and his wisdom in insisting that officers and men take daily exercise in the open, even during the period of polar winter darkness when the sun did not appear and temperature was at its lowest, had much to do with the good health and cheerfulness of the members of the expedition. Commander Ross also adopted the deerskin winter clothing as used by the Eskimos, which his previous experiences in the Arctic had proved to him was far superior to the best European clothing for winter use. No opportunity was lost to lay up large stocks of fish, seal and caribou meat. Had it not been for these fresh fish and meat supplies, few, if any, of these heroic men would have survived.

It is deeds such as these that should be kept green in the memories of the youth of our Dominion, and the centenaries of discoveries of such importance not only to the British nations and Dominions but to scientists and navigators of all other nationalities should be commemorated in some fitting manner.

An interesting sequel in connection with this eventful voyage occurred in 1926, when William Gibson, at that time manager of the Hudson's Bay Company post on King William Land, made a trip to Boothia Peninsula and discovered in two Eskimo igloos a copper blubber lamp and two of iron, both made from metal taken from the wreck of the *Victory* by the ancestors of the natives in whose possession Mr. Gibson discovered them.

Two of these lamps are now on view in the Hudson's Bay Company Historical Exhibit in Winnipeg.



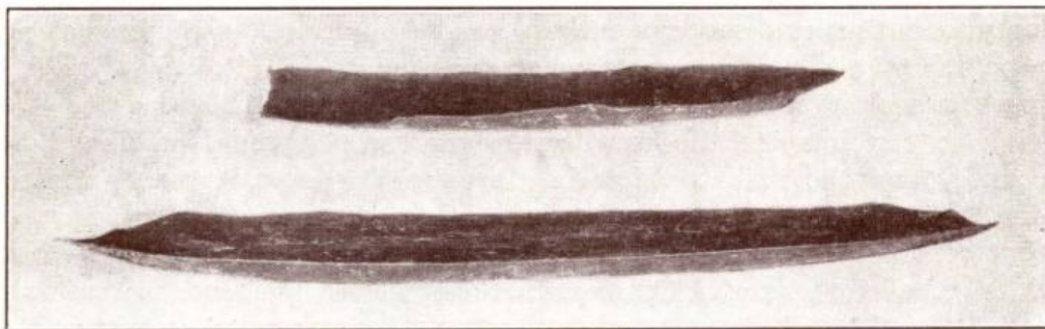
## Our Cover Picture



OUR cover picture represents a brigade of York boats arriving at Norway House post about the period 1867. It is the subject of our 1930 historical calendar.

This picture was painted for the Hudson's Bay Company in 1928 by W. J. Phillips, A.R.C.A., of Winnipeg, Manitoba.





*Blubber Lamps, Relics of Ship Victory.*

## *The "Victory" Relics*

By W. GIBSON, Hudson's Bay Company Inspector Western Arctic District

**T**HE two pieces of metal—one copper and one iron—fashioned into Eskimo seal-oil lamps, were bartered in Eskimo camps in the Boothia Isthmus vicinity during the winter of 1927. They were originally taken by the Boothia Eskimo from the *Victory*, abandoned in Victoria Harbour east of Boothia Isthmus during the winter of 1831-2. They were handed down to the Eskimo from whom I purchased them in the manner that valuable articles are usually handed down in a family.

Their value may not appear significant now; but let us consider. The Boothia natives or Netchilingmuit (seal people) live in a locality which yields them no native copper or soapstone from which to manufacture their very essential blubber lamps and cooking utensils. Before the advent of the white man and trader, they depended for a very limited supply of soapstone and copper on infrequent and furtive trading intercourse with neighbouring tribes. These products were of great value, owing to their scarcity in this region, and we can imagine how envied the hunter was who was equipped with copper pointed arrow heads while his less lucky companion had to be content with stone, and also the housewife who was the proud possessor of a soapstone or copper oil lamp while her less fortunate sister had to make shift with a common slab of rock with a natural hollow to hold the oil.

Wood or metals, especially the workable copper, were at a very high premium among these natives when Sir John Ross brought his *Victory* into their country in 1829. In 1831, owing to ice conditions, he was forced to journey with his crew by sledge to Fury Beach, where he had a cache and small boats. Here they wintered, and the following year they definitely abandoned the *Victory*, reaching Lancaster Sound, where they fell in with whalers. In the meantime the *Victory* fell into the hands of the Netchilingmuit, and if Sir John had left them a cargo of precious stones he could not have left them a greater prize. It was their Mecca for the two years that it remained in Victoria Harbour. The Eskimo



story goes that it disappeared the second summer while there were no people in the vicinity to note what occurred to it. Probably the ice pressure sank it, or it broke its moorings and drifted out to sea.

We can imagine the word spreading through the Netchilingmuit country and the rush to Victoria Harbour; the impatient and excited divesting of the old ship of everything in the shape of metals and wood that could be removed, and the subsequent industry in every snow hut during the long winter nights manufacturing new implements and utensils from the white man's unintentional gift. The *Victory* was a great economic asset to these primitive people—a veritable Godsend—and the crudely manufactured articles from the portions removed from it served them for many long years (about two generations) until the coming of the traders and access to imported supplies. The Hudson's Bay Company post in Simpson Straits, 1923, was the first direct trade contact they had with civilization.

The two pieces now in the Hudson's Bay Company Historical Exhibit at Winnipeg are about the last of the *Victory* utensils to be found among the Boothia natives, since their needs are now easily provided for by up-to-date imported products. Several of the *Victory* pieces must have been discarded during the last few years, to be replaced by modern trade products.

If we could follow the history of these two pieces of metal, which appear so uninteresting on casual inspection, what a story we would learn of the life of these very interesting and intensely human people, so long isolated and unconscious of the existence of a great world of mankind in different stages of development far above their comprehension. They would take us on long journeys hither and yon over the sea ice and *tundra* of the North Magnetic Pole region, ever travelling and on the move, providing the family with artificial light and a little heat during the long winter nights, but sometimes cold and dark when blizzards are prolonged and the blubber coated seal fails to arrive on schedule.



Types of Netchilingmuit Eskimos from Boothia Peninsula—Photos by W. Gibson



## *A Fur Trade Christmas Pudding*

By APPRENTICE CLERK

**D**EAR Folks at Home—I note that you are solicitous about my welfare at this festive season. Well, don't worry, the omens are good. We have at the present time in the ice-house two sides of beef, two pigs, one sheep, six turkeys, twenty-two and a half chickens (one of the pups got in and ate the other half), eighteen brace of rabbits, and several brace of spruce partridges.

Not later than yesterday we were stirring the Christmas pudding. It is not the custom here to make one, but I prevailed on the good lady of the house. So with me as *chef de cuisine*, and with the advice of an ancient cookery book and the assistance of the various members of the family, I set to work.

The cookery book said, "Mix together one pound each of stoned raisins, currants, sultanas, mixed peel, bread crumbs and chopped suet." I saw that this would not do, as a little arithmetic showed me that, when all served out in equal portions to the large party we expected, we would each have exactly seven raisins, nine currants, six sultanas,  $1/27$  pound peel,  $1/27$  pound bread crumbs,  $1/27$  pound chopped suet. So I decided to increase the quantities. I detailed off the various members of the family each to a specific job—some to clean the currants, some to chop the suet, etc. All went well until Henri, who was chopping the suet, chopped his finger instead, and I had to put a new chopper on the job. All the ingredients were ready to be mixed at last, but I thought the currants had diminished somewhat. I questioned Georgette and Francoise, who had been cleaning them, but they protested their innocence, although their tummies were bulging conspicuously.

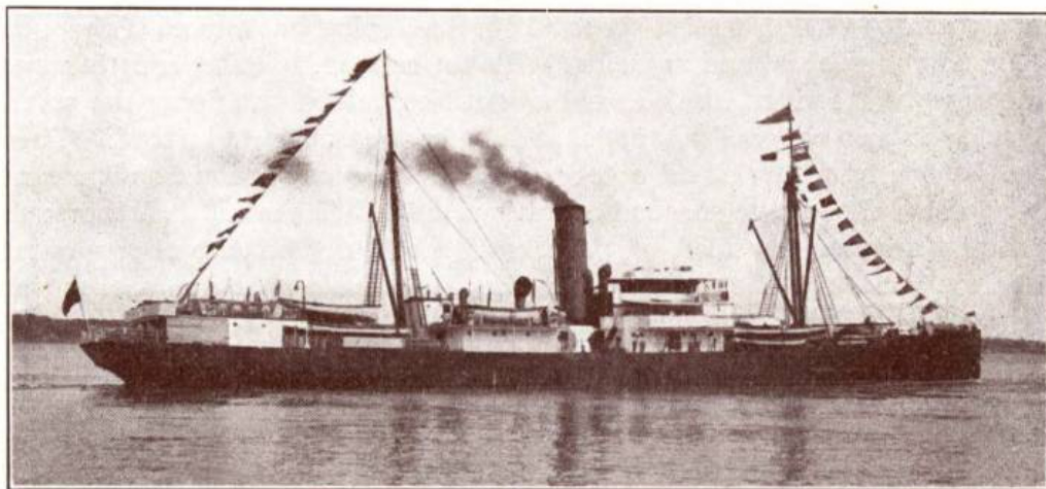
After adding enough currants to make up the deficiency, I started mixing the ingredients according to directions. It said, "Add a quarter of a pound of flour, a dessert-spoonful of mixed spice, two ounces of chopped almonds, four eggs, and sufficient milk to moisten." After a little more arithmetic, I arrived at the right quantities, added the flour, the spice, but having no chopped almonds, added chopped peanuts instead. Then we discovered that we had no eggs; this damped our ardour, as it meant that we would have to suspend operations until the hens laid. A thorough search, however, revealed six packets of Bird's egg powder of somewhat ancient lineage. The directions on the packet said that one packet was as good as a dozen eggs. Out of respect for the age of the egg powder, it was decided to put all six packets into the pudding. We added canned milk and water and started to stir, but found that our vessel was too small and sent Jean Paul to get the big wash-tub. In the interval the pup got into the house and started to sample the pudding. He put his front feet into the dough and got firmly stuck. He was released with admonition.



After the wash-tub arrived and everything was going great, Francoise, eager to assist, emptied the contents of a tin of spice into the pudding.

Here was a dilemma. After carefully weighing the merits of the various suggestions offered, it was decided that the only sane thing to do was to increase the other ingredients in proportion to the spice. We got to work again, and by a little more calculation found the right amounts for each; but another problem confronted us—we had no vessel large enough. Ah, happy thought—the bath-tub! Again the transfer was successfully made and our troubles seemed nearly over. The pudding was stirred until nobody had the energy to stir any longer; it was sampled in its raw state by everybody and pronounced all that a pudding should be. Again I consulted the cookery book and found it had to be sewn up in pudding cloths. I measured the largest pot and found it would take a yard of cotton for one pudding; then I measured the dough, the length, the breadth and the height, to find the cubic measure, after which I divided the cubic capacity of the pot and found that we would have exactly nineteen and three quarter puddings. This meant nineteen and three quarter yards of cotton.

This would never do. Expense—plum pudding, nineteen and three quarter yards of cotton—our manager would have a fit! A bright idea: I hurried to the store and collected empty flour sacks—7's, 14's, 24's—and anything that would hold plum pudding, and soon we had everything fixed jake—twenty-seven respectable puddings of assorted sizes awaiting their fate. A shadow was cast over us, however. The boss, who was to supply the brandy, got so discouraged that he contracted a cold that could only be alleviated by brandy, and we thought we would have to use turpentine instead. Then someone mentioned plums. I looked with a vacant stare; then comprehension suddenly dawned on me. I grappled with inarticulate words and finally managed to say, "Well, I'll be——!" You see, I forgot about the plums.



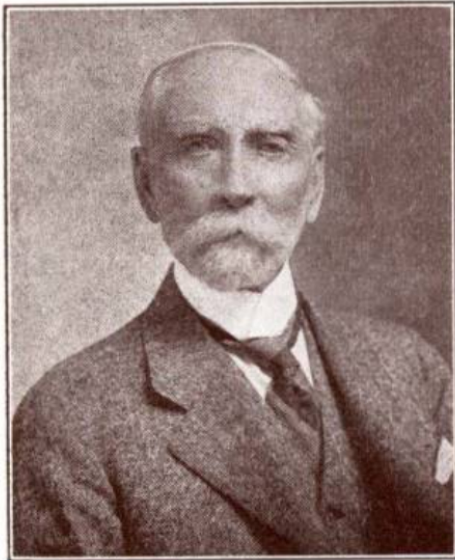
*S.S. Nascope, Hudson's Bay Company Transport Service*



## Late Chief Trader W. J. McLean

By ROBERT WATSON

**O**N 27th October, 1841, W. J. McLean was born in the Isle of Lewis, Scotland. He joined the Hudson's Bay Company service on 1st June, 1859, sailing for York Factory on the ship *Prince of Wales*, whence he was transferred as apprentice clerk to Fort Garry.



In 1863 he was placed in charge of Fort Liard in the Mackenzie River district, where he remained for ten years, spending one year at Fort Simpson before coming out. During the ten years 1873 to 1883, he was manager at Fort Qu'Appelle in Swan River district; then followed a year at Fort Ellice and at Isle a la Crosse, a year at Fort Pitt and a year at Fort Alexander. During his charge at Fort Pitt post in 1885, the Northwest Rebellion had broken out. Mr. McLean and his family were made prisoners by Chief "Big Bear" and carried into northern Saskatchewan by him and his hostile Indian following.

From 1886 to 1893, W. J. McLean was in charge of Lake Winnipeg district, with headquarters at Lower Fort Garry. He retired from the Company's service on 18th October, 1892, with the rank of chief trader.

Mr. McLean married at Fort Simpson Helen Hunter Murray, daughter of Chief Trader Alexander Hunter Murray, of Fort Yukon fame.

W. J. McLean was familiarly known among his friends as "Big Bear," a name given him at a dinner in his honour after the '85 rebellion, and commemorates his captivity with the Indian chief of that name.

Until recently, Mr. McLean was connected with the Department of Indian Affairs at Winnipeg, and his smart, well-groomed figure was a familiar one on the city streets. Of recent years, he resided in quiet retirement at his home in Winnipeg. He died on November 12, 1929, at the age of eighty-eight. He was one of the last of the old school of Hudson's Bay Company fur trade officers.

The sympathy of the entire staff of the Hudson's Bay Company is extended to the members of his family in their bereavement.

### *Fort Pitt and the '85 Rebellion*

W. J. McLean was the Hudson's Bay Company officer in charge at Fort Pitt at the outbreak of the Indian rebellion of 1885. The fort had



no defences, no walls or stockades. A detachment of the Northwest Mounted Police was quartered there.

In April, news came to the fort of the massacre at Frog Lake. Preparations were at once made for the defence of Fort Pitt; a strict watch was kept day and night, the women serving in turn. Parleying then took place between Mr. McLean and the Indians.

Mr. McLean, as the Hudson's Bay people had always been, was friendly with Chief Big Bear and his Indian following, which doubtless prevented a massacre at Fort Pitt similar to that at Frog Lake.

On 13th April, Inspector Dickens, son of the noted English novelist Charles Dickens, sent out two of his men and one civilian to reconnoitre, and following this a request came for W. J. McLean to attend a pow-wow with the Indians. Hoping to influence them, he went, smoked the calumet with them, and harangued them long and earnestly. While this was going on, the police scouts returned. They were attacked by the young Indians. Constable Cowan was killed and Loasby seriously wounded.

Mr. McLean continued to intercede with the Indians. At last he obtained terms that would prevent bloodshed. All was carried out as arranged. Unmolested, the police left on a perilous journey by scow down the river amid floating ice; the others surrendered themselves to the care of Chief Big Bear. Fort Pitt was looted by the Indians.

On 17th April, a move was made by the entire band toward Frog Lake. They remained there in council for two weeks. Strangely enough, the Indians had captured a Hudson's Bay Company flag at Fort Pitt and under this they carried on their council deliberations, its old symbolic authority still meaning much to them.

Chief Poundmaker, who was then near Battleford, sent a despatch inviting Big Bear and his following to join him. Dissension among the Wood and Plain Cree Indians delayed this advance.

On 26th May, scouts came in with word of the arrival of soldiers and horses at Fort Pitt. This caused an immediate movement northward by the Indians to Red Deer creek.

On 28th May, General Strange attacked from the south bank of Red Deer creek. A retreat by the Indians was made, during which the prisoners, of whom there were now twenty-seven in all, suffered much hardship. Creeks had to be crossed, with water to their waists, and camp had to be made at night in wet garments, while food was scant and poor.

At Loon Lake ford, several Indians were attacked and killed by Major Steele's scouts, among the slain being Chief Cut Arm of the Wood Crees. With their entire party in continual danger of attack and ignominious defeat, the Indians decided to release their prisoners, asking Mr. McLean to intercede for them with General Middleton. The party started off, and on 24th June reached Fort Pitt, where the general had his headquarters. What followed is well known history.

W. J. McLean and his family had been in captivity among the Indians for sixty-two days.



## MacAlpine Party of Explorers



OLONEL C. D. H. MacAlpine, Colonel G. A. Thompson, Major J. R. Baker, Captain J. MacMillan, Richard M. Pearce, E. A. Boadway, A. G. Milne, and A. D. Goodwin, formed the party of missing explorers for whose safety there was a world-wide anxiety since they left Bathurst Inlet on 18th September last until the radio message of 5th November from Post Manager I. M. Mackinnon of Cambridge Bay, Victoria Island, announced their safe arrival there.

The story of the Hudson's Bay Company's assistance in the search for the missing fliers is told briefly in the following radio messages and letters:

*Canadian National Telegram*

Winnipeg, October 12, 1929.

Master, Schooner *Fort James*  
Via Churchill, Manitoba.

On 18th September, Colonel MacAlpine and seven men in two aeroplanes left Baker Lake for Bathurst Inlet. They took gas at Beverley Lake and nothing further has been heard from them. If possible send word to every Eskimo camp, especially Ellice and Perry Rivers, and offer a suitable reward to the one who first helps this party and reports particulars to you. When ice is better formed many planes will engage in hunt, with base at Baker and Athabasca Lakes. Keep us advised of everything you may cause to be done. Please repeat to *Baymaud*.

FUR TRADE COMMISSIONER.

*Canadian National Telegram*

SA 190 45 Radio via Churchill, Man.

1929, Nov. 5, p.m.

S.S. Fort James, Nov. 4. NFT.

Hubay Comte  
Winnipeg (Man.)

Number Fifty-Six. For Fur Trade Commissioner. Colonel MacAlpine and party arrived here yesterday, having been forced to land inside Melbourne Island close to Ellice River through lack of fuel. They were guided to post by three of our hunters.

MACKINNON.

*Canadian National Telegram*

S.S. Fort James, Radio via Churchill,  
Nov. 7th, 1929.

Fur Trade Commissioner,  
Hudson's Bay Company,  
Winnipeg, Man.

Missing party were not discovered, but were guided to this post by some of our hunters. I took action on receipt your instructions October offering reward and notifying all natives on this part and Victoria Land.



Engaged man to carry word to Ellice and Perry as soon as ice strong enough. Owing to party going on Kent immediately opposite here awaiting first cold day to cross they arrived on very first ice on straits. My man was camped out observing ice conditions on straits for three weeks.

MACKINNON.

November 7th, 1929.

Mr. C. H. French,  
Hudson's Bay Company,  
Winnipeg.

Dear Mr. French—Now that the lost MacAlpine party has been found and are on their way out, may I take the opportunity of expressing to you and your organization the very great appreciation we feel for your whole-hearted assistance and co-operation during the work of our search.

We are deeply grateful for all you have done—we send you our sincere thanks—and trust some day we may be of some service to you.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am, sincerely yours,

(Signed) THAYER LINDSLEY,  
Director Dominion Explorers.



## Eagle Crest Totem



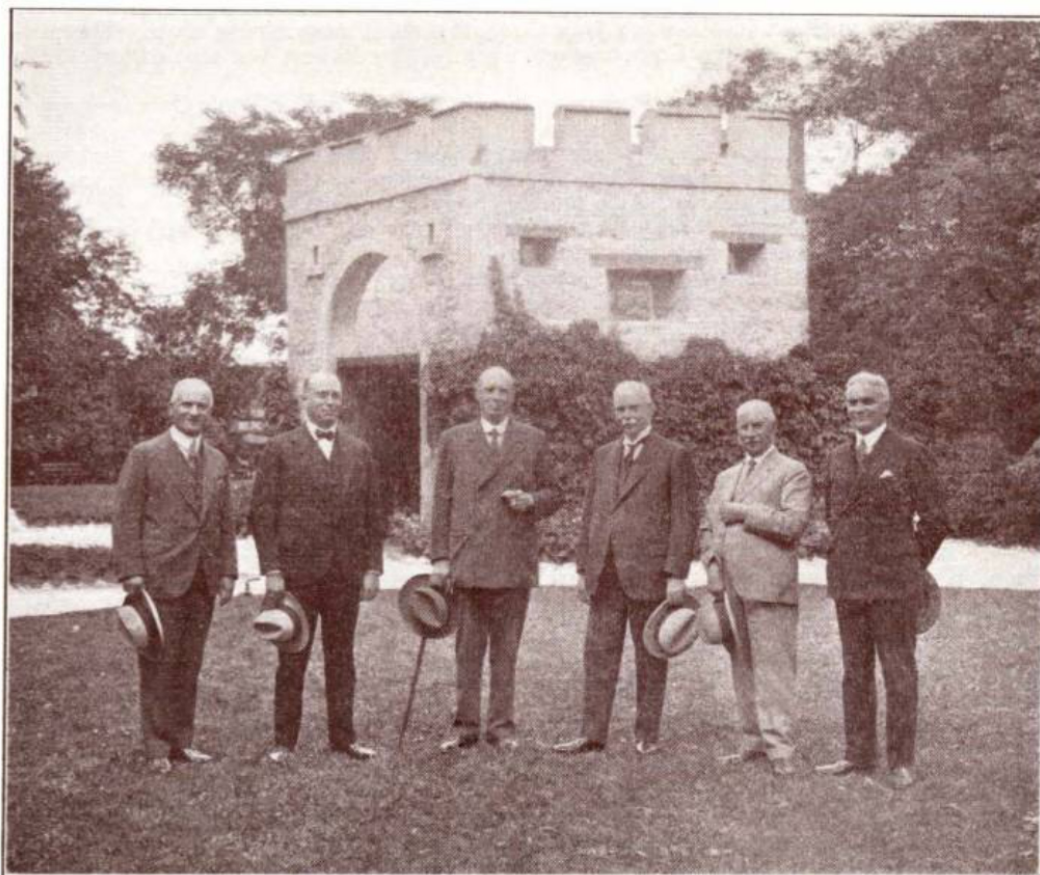
This is the totem pole of the Eagle Crest, of which clan Semedick the Eagle, Kitwanga, British Columbia, is supreme chief.

Semedick for a long time would not allow any work of preservation to be done on this totem, but lately has permitted its restoration and has granted to the Hudson's Bay Company in perpetuity the honour of having it placed on their property at Kitwanga, on the understanding that it shall not be removed at any time from the village.

We understand from Chief Semedick that the name of the pole is *Spasami*, meaning Bear Hole. It was carved by Tom Guisilla, a brother of Chief Lelt, of Kitwancool, and it was erected in 1884 by the present Chief Semedick in honour of Chief Gauk.

A photograph of Chief Semedick the Eagle, with further notes on this totem, appeared in *The Beaver*, June 1928 issue, page 16.





*The Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, with the Members of the Canadian Committee, Fort Garry Gate, 6th September, 1929*  
 Left to right—R. J. Gourley, James A. Richardson, George W. Allan, K.C., (Chairman Canadian Committee), Charles V. Sale (Governor), James Thomson, C. S. Riley.

## *Fur Trade Conference*

**T**HE fourth annual fur trade conference to be held under the regime of the Company's twenty-ninth Governor, Mr. Charles V. Sale, met at Winnipeg, October 22nd to 25th, 1929. The following officers of the Fur Trade Department of the Company were in attendance: C. H. French, W. M. Conn, Ralph Parsons, J. Bartleman, L. A. Romanet, S. J. C. Cumming, A. B. Cumming, W. Ware, R. H. G. Bonnycastle, Fred Dykes, C. C. Sinclair, L. D. French, T. A. Sinclair, Campbell Young, Charles McDonald, A. H. McDonald, A. S. Fraser, H. P. Warne, W. Watson, J. G. Woolison, S. H. Coward.

### *Copy of Programme*

Monday, 21—Arrive and register Fort Garry Hotel.

Tuesday, 22—Morning free.

2.30 p.m.—All meet in board room of Canadian Committee, Hudson's Bay House. Commissioner to speak.

Wednesday, 23—10.30 a.m.—Fur agency and district managers will meet in Fur Trade Commissioner's office, Hudson's Bay House, and visit Winnipeg fur auction sales in a body.

1.00 p.m.—Luncheon in private dining room, Hudson's Bay Company retail store. P. A. Chester, chief accountant, will speak on "Accounts."

2.30 p.m.—Visit fox and mink farms, and Lower Fort Garry.

Thursday, 24—10.30 a.m.—All meet in Canadian Committee board room for open discussion of any subject relative to cash fur buying that has been previously announced and agreed upon between those who desire to speak and the Commissioner.



1.00 p.m.—Luncheon in Hudson's Bay Company retail store dining room. Twenty-minute talk on "Loyalty to the Company and Family," by Robert Watson, editor of *The Beaver*.

2.30 p.m.—District managers and depot managers to meet in Fur Trade Commissioner's office for open discussion.

Friday, 25—10.30 a.m.—Meet in Fort Garry Hotel. Walk to parliament buildings, call on Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Attorney-General and Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, followed by a visit to the Company's retail store.

1.00 p.m.—Luncheon in store. Twenty-minute talk on "Merchandise," by W. M. Holmes, sales promotion manager, retail store.

2.30 p.m.—Meet in Canadian Committee board room. G. W. Allan, K.C., chairman of the Canadian Committee, will be the speaker and will announce the names of those to whom commissions have been granted during the past year.

7.00 p.m.—Dinner at Manitoba Club as guests of G. W. Allan, K.C., chairman of the Canadian Committee. Dress informal.

The closing dinner at the Manitoba Club, when all the officers of the Company attending the conference were the guests of G. W. Allan, K.C., was an event that was greatly enjoyed and will remain happily in the memories of those present.

Another event of great interest was the announcement made by G. W. Allan, K.C., chairman of the Canadian Committee, that the commissions for the year had been awarded by the Governor and Committee in London, of which the following is a list:

#### CHIEF FACTOR

Bartleman, John, manager Superior-Huron District.

#### FACTOR

Conn, Hugh, general inspector  
Cumming, Alexander B., manager Saskatchewan District  
Cumming, Stanley J. C., manager Keewatin District  
Ware, William, manager British Columbia District  
West, Vernon W., manager James Bay District  
Harding, Chris., manager York Factory

#### CHIEF TRADER

Anderson, James W., inspector Superior-Huron District  
Barker, John J., inspector Superior-Huron District  
Blackhall, John S., section manager St. Lawrence-Labrador District  
Boyd, J. C., post manager British Columbia District  
Cantley, James, assistant to district manager St. Lawrence-Labrador District.  
Hodkisson, H. A. A., sub-district manager St. Lawrence-Labrador District  
Learmonth, Lorens A., section manager St. Lawrence-Labrador District  
Parsons, Stephen Hayward, sub-district manager St. Lawrence-Labrador District  
Watson, George, northern manager St. Lawrence-Labrador District

#### TRADER

Aldous, Frank, Lac Seul Post  
Anderson, Antonia W., Wabowden Post  
Armstrong, J. E. T., Fort a la Corne Post  
Belanger, Charles E., Pine River Post  
Budgell, George, Rigolet Post  
Clarke, Alex. C., Norway House Post  
Clarke, A. P. W., Fort Vermilion Post  
Clarke, George, Upper Hay River Post  
Collins, George C. M., Island Lake Post  
Cotter, H. M. S., Cumberland House Post  
Gallagher, Harry J., Wabasca Post  
Goudet, J. L., Bersimis Post  
Heath, Frank E., Pangnirtung Post  
Henry, Norman, Cartwright Post  
Hooker, Richard, Chipewyan Post  
Lariviere, H., Mattice Post  
Learmonth, David H., Gogama Post  
Maloney, Patrick, Seven Islands Post  
Maver, Lewis, Great Whale River Post

#### TRADER

Mercredi, Pierre, Fort Resolution Post  
Moar, John R., Little Grand Rapids Post  
Murchison, Donald, Grassy Narrows Post  
Mackintosh, Alexander, Cross Lake Post  
McDermott, A. M., Fitzgerald Post  
McDermott, John, Hudson Hope Post  
McGibbon, James C., Lake Harbour Post  
McLeod, Fred, Woswonaby Post  
McLeod, Fred, Fort Providence Post  
Neil, James B., Fort Simpson Post  
Nichols, John W., Pond's Inlet Post  
Seguin, Joseph F., Fort Hope Post  
Stewart, Stephen J., Port Harrison Post  
Talbot, Reginald A., The Pas Post  
Taylor, Sydney A., Long Lake Post  
Thorpe, Sherman R., Temagami Post  
Walker, Charles A. P., Grouard Post  
Woods, Henry G., Hudson Post  
Yelland, Lewis, Minaki Post





*Princess Pat's Band and Members of Chambers of Commerce at Lower Fort Garry*

## *The Princess Pat's Band*

**T**HE Band of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry will play between 12 and 2 p.m. Wednesday, by kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel M. R. Ten-Brocke, M.C. Director of Music, Captain T. W. James." Notices such as this in our advertisements have been greeting the friends of the Company in Winnipeg throughout the past year. These performances, which all lovers of music have enjoyed, were arranged by our governor, Mr. Charles V. Sale, who was greatly impressed by the merits of the band when it played at the dinner to the Fur Trade council on October 24, 1928.

The famous fighting Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, which saw distinguished service at Ypres, the Somme, Paschendaele, Cambrai and Vimy Ridge, became part of Canada's permanent force on the termination of the Great War. In 1920, Captain T. W. James, formerly of the Scots Guards, was entrusted with the organization and leadership of this military band, which was to be on a par with the fine tradition of the regiment, and in the short period of nine years it has become perhaps the finest military band in Canada and has earned an international reputation.

They played at Wembley and in other parts of England in 1924, appearing before His Majesty King George and other members of the Royal family. They have also toured Canada and the United States.

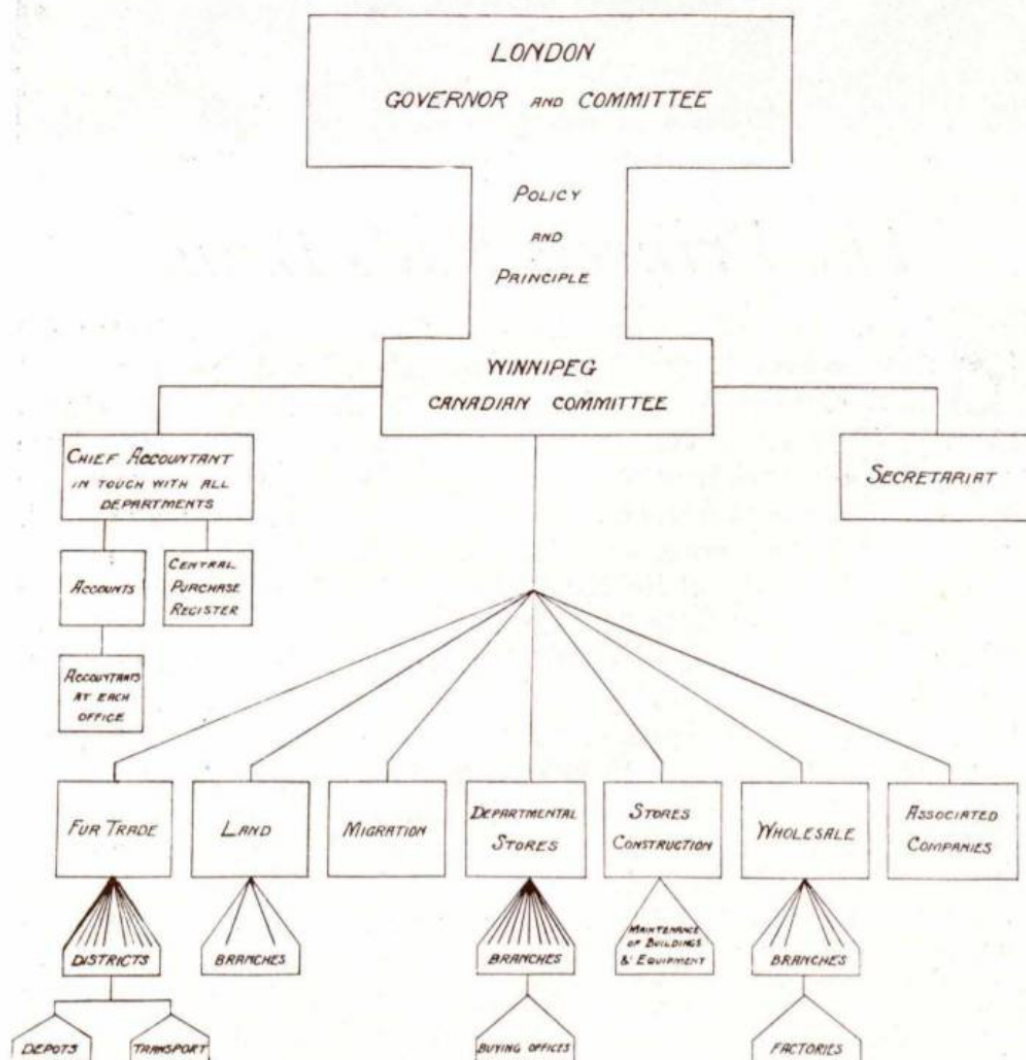
At the visit of the eastern delegates of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce to Lower Fort Garry on September 21, when these distinguished visitors were guests of the Company, the Princess Pat's Band included in their programme the "H B C Patrol," which is certain to catch on by reason of the happy manner in which it links the folksongs from all parts



of Canada. It is a descriptive number, depicting the approach, passing by, and gradual disappearance in the distance of a fur brigade of canoes on the Red river prior to the advent of steam locomotive power in the West. The following songs are sung to the rhythmic swing of the paddles: "The Red River Valley," "Johnny Canuck," "Vive la Canadienne," "The Maple Leaf for Ever," "En Roulant ma Boule," "Alouette," "The Land of the Maple," "Canadian Boat Song," and "O Canada."

The arrangement of the "patrol" is by the late W. E. Delaney; the music is printed by Boosey & Company Limited, of London, England, for the Hudson's Bay Company, in settings for the piano and for bands.

## Hudson's Bay Company Organization Chart



26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1929.

FOR THE GOVERNOR AND COMMITTEE  
OF THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

*Charles V. Sale*  
GOVERNOR



## Aromatic Musings

By J. C. A., Hudson's Bay Company, Montreal

**P**ERFUMES and tobacco; seemingly they have little connection, and yet they are closely akin. In ancient days perfumes were the gums of certain trees, such as myrrh and frankincense, and various spices. These were burned in a slow fire and the women would sit in the smoke so caused, a custom still existing in some parts of the East. Two Latin words, *per* and *fumare*, meaning "through" and "to smoke," were used to describe this process, and from them are derived the French *parfum* and the English word "perfume."

Charles Lamb wrote:

Scent to match thy rich perfume  
Chemic art did ne'er presume,

Nature, that did in thee excel,  
Framed again no second smell.  
Roses, violets, but toys  
For the smaller sort of boys,  
Or for greener damsels meant;  
Thou art the only manly scent.

But his words had more to do with "to smoke" than with perfumery, since the lines are part of "A Farewell to Tobacco," a farewell, be it said, that was not voluntary on his part, as the following discloses:

For thy sake, Tobacco, I  
Would do anything but die,  
And but seek to extend my days  
Long enough to sing thy praise.

Perfume—its derivation explained and the connection with smoking established—but why tobacco? Whence the odd name?

The first writer to describe clearly the custom of smoking, as he had seen it, seems to have been a Spaniard who had been viceroy of San Domingo early in the sixteenth century. He had found the natives in Cuba, and others of the islands of the West Indies, smoking cigars, but on the mainland the inhabitants used a Y-shaped pipe through which smoke was inhaled by the nostrils. The circular stem of this forked pipe was held over a small pile of burning tobacco leaves, the other two ends were inserted into the nostrils, and the fumes were inhaled through them. By the Indians, this nose pipe was called "Tobago," and it is this word, in a



slightly modified form, originally the name of the pipe, which came to mean the herb itself.

On his homeward voyage, Columbus discovered a Y-shaped island, which he named Tobago, and as the first supplies of tobacco are supposed to have been introduced into Europe from that island, it has been held that the name was derived from the island. There is little doubt, however, that the word comes from the Indian name for the nose-pipe.

To Sir Walter Raleigh is generally ascribed the introduction of tobacco into England, but there is considerable evidence that, though he popularised the practice of smoking there, the first time that the leaves were taken in any quantity into England was about 1586. Ralph Lane, who had been governor of Raleigh's colony at Virginia, brought back supplies from there in that year. Tobacco had been known in Spain since 1559, and in all probability, Sir Francis Drake and his men had smoked it during their voyage.

Long before these dates, however, smoking had been general throughout America. Some of the sailors of Columbus in 1492 told tales of the natives indulging in smoking.

In Canada, Jacques Cartier found tobacco in use by the Indians when he journeyed along the St. Lawrence river in 1535, but in this northern part of the continent, instead of the forked cane nose-pipe, the natives used a pipe of stone.

The available evidence points to the fact that smoking was originally a primitive, religious rite, but whether tobacco was burned as a sacrifice, or whether the medicine man used the fumes to induce a state of stupor in which, presumably, he could consult with his gods, afterwards expounding his visions to the tribe, is not clear. Doubtless what was a ceremony formerly confined to the priests or medicine men gradually was adopted by the natives themselves, perhaps in the belief that they too would become equally powerful or prophetic. It is possible, also, that the inhalation of the smoke was popularised as treatment for bodily ailments and as a remedy for or preventive of disease.

Certainly that is the main belief under which it became popular in Europe in the early part of the seventeenth century, and in England especially during and after the Great Plague, when even the children were taught to smoke as a part of their regular school training.

In England in those early days, the habit of smoking was described as "drinking tobacco," a designation still used in some countries, among which are India and Japan.

Literature is rich with allusions to tobacco and smoking, though Shakespeare never even mentioned either. Poems and prose, both in praise and in condemnation, furnish the interested with a wealth of reading matter all the more to be enjoyed

"When curls the smoke in eddies soft  
And hangs a shifting dream aloft."



## HBC Coat of Arms

(A Rhyme for Hudson's Bay Company  
Kiddies)



This is the Arms we all know.



This is the Shield that centres the Arms we all know.



These are the Elks with tremendous horns, that guard the Shield that centres the Arms we all know.



This is the Cap of Maintenance—up over the Elks with tremendous horns, that guard the Shield that centres the Arms we all know.



This is the Fox with crafty glance, who sits on the Cap of Maintenance; with head and tail he surely scorns the upright Elks with tremendous horns, that guard the Shield that centres the Arms we all know.



These are the Beaver known to fame, who furnish the fur with the beaver's name, who crouch from the Fox with crafty glance, who sits on the Cap of Maintenance; with head and tail he surely scorns the upright Elks with tremendous horns, that guard the Shield that centres the Arms we all know.



This is the Scroll with motto clear, that's stood for fair trade year by year, upholding the Beaver known to fame, who furnish the fur with the beaver's name, who crouch from the Fox with crafty glance, who sits on the Cap of Maintenance; with head and tail he surely scorns the upright Elks with tremendous horns, that guard the Shield that centres the Arms we all know.—R.W.



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## THE FIRST SHIPMENT

### By Way of The Hudson Bay Railway

### Consisted of HUDSON'S BAY "POINT" BLANKETS

**ON SEPTEMBER, 1668,** the ketch *Nonsuch* dropped anchor in the icy waters of James Bay, thus completing a voyage which was destined to mark the opening of a new era in the history of North America and in its relationship to the Old World. For, the historian tells us, after the voyagers had spent a long and dreary winter, finding the cold excessive and "Nature looking like a carcass frozen to death," they witnessed, in April, 1669, the ice being swept out of the river with a roar. By June the heat was almost tropical. The Adventurers, meantime, had been doing an active trade with the Indians, and the *Nonsuch* sailed for England loaded to the waterline with a cargo of furs.

It was the success of this voyage which caused those who had supported the enterprise to apply to King Charles II for a Royal Charter, which was granted on Friday, 2nd May, 1670. Thus was founded the Company of Adventurers of England Trading into Hudson's Bay, now known as the Hudson's Bay Company.

It is appropriate that this Company, whose founders sponsored the first voyage to Hudson Bay and thus led to the opening up of the whole of Western Canada by British enterprise, should also have been the first, this year, to ship goods from Winnipeg to England and from England to Winnipeg by the same famous route.

THE Company's steamer *Ungava* left Churchill, September 12th, 1929, with the first shipment of Canadian wheat from Winnipeg to England.

AT the left are shown three bales of Hudson's Bay "Point" Blankets, the first goods shipped from England to Winnipeg by Churchill and the Hudson Bay Railway.

THESE blankets are now in our Winnipeg store and are for sale. Each pair of blankets bears a ticket stating that this particular pair of blankets was included in the first shipment via the new route.

IT is not too much to say that the purchasers of these blankets will keep these tickets, and that, in later years, they will show them as mementoes of an historic voyage—for the great development of Western Canada that will by then have resulted from the building of the Hudson Bay Railway will have amply justified the most sanguine expectations of its protagonists.

**Freight Bill for the First Shipment Shipped from England to Winnipeg via Churchill and the Hudson Bay Railway**

## Extracts from the Records

### OF THE

### Hudson's Bay Company

*London Minute Book, 13th October, 1668*

"Capt. Abraham, late Governor at Port Nelson, came before the Committee acquainting them of his proceedings there & how he did the last Spring sail 30 leagues Northward of Port Nelson & discovered there a faire River. Ordered he bring in writing the said discovery."

*London Minute Book, 8th February, 1687*

"This Committee we resolve and agree as followeth That Churchill River bee fitted this year with a good Ship a Competent Cargo for Trade and Materials for White Whale Fishing."

*Churchill Report of Chief Factor Thos. Stayer, 1792*

"The harbour of Churchill is the finest in the Bay, for the ship, and where her Carg, could be the soonest discharged — The well Built Stone Fort, at the Entrance, which with little repair (if thought worth while), would repel any Force, that almost could come against it."

*Winnipeg Minute Book, 26th September, 1929*

"Mr. P. J. Parker, General Manager Departmental Stores, reported the arrival of several bales of Blankets, the first English merchandise transported by Railway from Churchill to Winnipeg."

*London Minute Book, 13th October, 1668*

"Capt. Abraham, late Governor at Port Nelson, came before the Committee acquainting them of his proceedings there & how he did the last Spring sail 30 leagues Northward of Port Nelson & discovered there a faire River. Ordered he bring in writing the said discovery."

*London Minute Book, 8th February, 1687*

"This Committee we resolve and agree as followeth That Churchill River bee fitted this year with a good Ship a Competent Cargo for Trade and Materials for White Whale Fishing."

*Churchill Report of Chief Factor Thos. Stayer, 1792*

"The harbour of Churchill is the finest in the Bay, for the ship, and where her Carg, could be the soonest discharged — The well Built Stone Fort, at the Entrance, which with little repair (if thought worth while), would repel any Force, that almost could come against it."

*Winnipeg Minute Book, 26th September, 1929*

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## First in 1668; First in 1929

The above is a reproduction of a full page advertisement of the Hudson's Bay Company which announced to the public that the Company had the distinction of carrying the first shipment of wheat over the Hudson Bay railway and through Hudson Strait to England, also the first incoming shipment—Hudson's Bay "Point" Blankets—over the same route, England to Canada.



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H B C "Huroma" animal bait is manufactured in our own laboratory. It is not destroyed by rain, snow, sleet and frost, and is more efficient than any other animal bait because all ingredients are secured from natural foods, and the method of manufacture, whilst ensuring the giving off of an alluring aroma, prevents undue volatilization, thus ensuring efficiency for many days.

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# STAFF SUPPLEMENT

## News from Stores, Posts and Branches

*I deeply appreciate the loyalty and splendid co-operation of all ranks in the stores department during the past year, and I wish to take this opportunity of conveying to the entire personnel of the stores department, as well as to the staff of other branches of the Company's service, my sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.*

P. J. PARKER

General Manager Departmental Stores.



### Vancouver

#### GEORGIAN RESTAURANT

The popularity of our Georgian restaurant for the holding of banquets *et cetera* is becoming very marked. On Monday, November 11, a banquet was held there by the Knights of Columbus, at which over six hundred people were present. The Pioneers' Association of Vancouver held their banquet and ball there also, on Wednesday, November 13, over eight hundred guests being present, and on Friday, November 15, the A.O.T.S. gave a banquet to Dr. Mott, a visitor in the city.

The Hudson's Bay Company concert trio, which plays every day in the Georgian restaurant, is always very favourably commented upon by patrons.

The luncheonette and soda fountain is proving a huge success. Although the space was recently enlarged, we are still finding it insufficient to accommodate our many patrons.

#### CLOCK SALE

On Friday, November 8, a successful clock sale was held at the store. When Mr. Van Camp was in England this year, he wrote home to us full of enthusiasm,

telling of the wonderful purchase he had made and promising considerable business when putting on this special sale, and he went over the top. Ten windows were used for display, and favourable comment was heard on all sides as to the attractiveness of these windows.

#### DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' SALE

The department managers' sale finished amid a great deal of enthusiasm. Good feeling was maintained throughout by an inter-department competition, which was represented by an aeroplane race on the employees' bulletin board. Satisfaction was expressed by various members of the executive at the success obtained by all departments.

A successful birthday sale was held on the lower main economy floor.

#### STAFF SOCIAL

The Georgian restaurant of the Hudson's Bay Company was turned into a veritable fairyland on the night of October 23, when the annual store party of the staff was staged as a forerunner to the department managers' sale.

In keeping with the season, the bewitching Halloween colours of black and yellow formed the motif for the decorations for both the Georgian restaurant and the dining-room on the fifth floor, where supper was served.

It is estimated that the 1200 employees of the Hudson's Bay Company and their friends participating, the attendance being more than 2000.

P. J. Parker, recently appointed general manager of Hudson's Bay Company retail stores for the whole of Canada, was present to aid in receiving the guests. Other officials present were: R. G. Scibird, manager of the Vancouver store, G. A. H. Porte, assistant manager of the store here, D. Craig, advertising manager, and various department heads.

The entire Fanchon and Marco act from the Strand Theatre and Jackie Souders and his orchestra were the big features of the entertainment.

Members of the Hudson's Bay Company Employees' Association responsible for the success of the evening included Reg. Stanfield, H. R. P. Gant, A. H. Stone, A. J. Gilbert, D. Craig, F. Garner, H. O. E. Healy, G. Mitchell and Miss E. A. Morley.



## PROMOTIONS

Lauren W. Frayer, has been appointed assistant superintendent.

James Niven has now been placed in charge of the adjustment bureau vacated by Mr. Frayer.

Eleanor S. Morley has been appointed training director.

Arthur V. Stedham, of the traffic office, has been promoted to the position of traffic manager. He succeeds K. A. Wallick, who has been transferred to Winnipeg.

G. Fleck has been appointed assistant to Mr. Carmichael in the music department.

J. B. Bowman has been appointed assistant to A. J. Gilbert in the hosiery section.

Mrs. P. B. Campbell, formerly assistant buyer children's wear section, lower main economy floor, has been appointed buyer.

Harry Teasdall, Bob Douglas and Ken Wallick were given a little send-off at a special buyers' meeting prior to their leaving for Winnipeg. Mr. Scibird, in his usual happy manner, presented the department members with tokens of remembrance from their fellow buyers.

F. O. E. Heales, display manager, is being transferred to Winnipeg. Our best wishes go with him.

Jimmie Adair, of the display department staff here, is going to Winnipeg shortly as assistant to F. O. E. Heales.

Prior to her departure for Winnipeg, Mrs. F. O. E. Heales, was the guest of honour at a tea given by Mrs. F. W. C. Van Camp at her residence, Willingdon Place. Mrs. John Gilbert poured tea, and assisting were Mrs. Norman Douglas, Mrs. Albert Gilbert and Mrs. John Hyslop. Other guests were: Mrs. Martin Evoy, Mrs. David Dale, Mrs. Reginald Stanfield, Mrs. Alfred Stone, Mrs. Lorne McCause, Mrs. Joseph Smith, Mrs. E. M. Steele, Mrs. Francis Glover, Mrs. Robert Berry, Mrs. Archibald Kerr, Mrs. W. H. Newcombe, Mrs. Henry Wackenroder, Mrs. A. B. Conger and Frances Heales.

## TRANSFERS

George Harrison, of the floor managers staff, to the general office; Kay Bice, of the messenger staff, to the audit office; A. McNish, formerly in the men's furnishings section, to charge of men's and boys' clothing and furnishings at the Lethbridge store; Marion Minty, of the notions, to cigars and tobaccos; Pat Thomson, of the grocery order room, to the groceries office; Agnes Law from the credit department to the grocery order room.

## NEW ARRIVALS

We are pleased to welcome the following newcomers to our staff: G. W. Hern, buyer for men's and boys' clothing; M. C. Smyth, assistant buyer dress goods and silks; H. Brown, floor manager, second floor; H. Jonas, accounts payable division; Daly Craig, advertising manager; Vincent Webb and G. Thorstinson, advertising office; Annabelle Morton and Eileen Rosenberg, audit office; George Alcock and A. C. Weeks, music department; G. Esplin, furniture department; Mrs. G. Read, electrical department; Miss Herbert, hardware section; S. J. Clotworthy, floor manager, fourth floor; Mrs. M. McRae, ready-to-wear department; M. Stewart and A. Reynolds, leather goods and jewellery sections; C. Arnott and S. T. Williamson, hosiery department.

## BUYERS' MOVEMENTS

W. E. Townsend, furniture department, is at present in the eastern markets.

E. Andrew, buyer for the sportswear department, is in the European markets.

Buyers who are in the habit of visiting the European markets are looking forward to welcoming H. J. Palmer, who expects to be visiting Vancouver in time to enjoy the Christmas festive season.

## WEDDINGS

A wedding of much interest took place on November 20, when Mary Ann McCarry, a very popular member of our staff, became the bride of Alfred Guichon, of Ladner, B.C. Prior to her marriage, Mary McCarry was the honoured guest at a number of affairs, among them being a cup-and-saucer shower held at the home of Mrs. M. McGraw, the shower taking the place of a treasure hunt. Among those present were: Mrs. M. McGraw, Mrs. W. Stirling, Mrs. Edward McCarry, Mrs. J. R. Costigan, Mrs. W. Carmichael, Mrs. S. Perosino, Mrs. Agnes Chadwick, E. Findlay, E. Thompson, E. S. Morley, Sallie Storey, Lillian Mitchell, Ida Beck, Greta McFarlane, Winnie McCarry, Betty McCarry, Florrie Calbeck, Teresa Moore. On the eve of her departure from the store, a presentation was made to Mary McCarry. Mr. Scibird officiated at this little ceremony and in a very able and happy manner expressed to the recipient the good wishes of all of her friends at the store.

Congratulations and best wishes to Russell C. Matthews, of the display department, who was married on November 9, his bride being Miss Ruby M. Hadson, of Nanaimo. After the ceremony, the couple left by motor on a brief honeymoon.



We extend our best wishes for their future happiness to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Cheverton. Mrs. Cheverton was formerly A. Legge, of the china section, and was with the Company for over nine years. Previous to her departure from the store, she was presented with a handsome lamp by her co-workers.

M. H. Newitt, assistant manager of the boys' department, was married on Saturday, November 9. We offer our heartiest congratulations.

Another wedding of interest was that of Mrs. L. Craven, of the glove section, who became the bride of Thomas Clark on August 7. Prior to her marriage, her friends in the section surprised her at her home with a miscellaneous shower.

A recent bride was Mary Glen, of the credit department, and among the affairs arranged in her honour was a miscellaneous shower at the home of May Childs, when many of her friends gathered to wish her happiness in her new life.

#### BEREAVEMENTS

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Marjory McMasters, of the accounts payable, and to her family, in their bereavement caused through the passing of a dear sister and daughter, Dorothy.

It is with great regret that we write of the passing away of our esteemed co-worker, Samuel Mark. Mr. Mark was for many years employed in the men's clothing section. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Mark and to her family.

Our sympathies are extended to L. Laughton, of the cashier's staff, in the loss of her mother. Also to Cora Russell, of the cashier's staff, whose father passed away recently, and to Gladys Bennett, of the drug section, at the loss of her mother.

#### GENERAL

Bob Douglas is leaving us for new duties in Winnipeg.

Congratulations to Dick Horspool, of the display department. He is the proud father of a baby boy.

H. O. Teasdall, buyer for the men's and boys' clothing, is leaving soon for Winnipeg. He was entertained by the staff of the combined departments in the Georgian restaurant, and presented with a handsome travelling bag.

F. Fredliefson, of the credit department, left us recently. Her co-workers presented her with a handsome beaded bag.

Ruth Goddard, of the millinery department, left recently for San Francisco. Before her departure her co-workers presented her with a beautiful handbag.

Lillian Wakelin entertained for Ruth Goddard on Thursday, November 7, the

evening being spent in cards and music. Those present were: R. Goddard, B. Hughes, J. Ross, L. Lawrence, D. Rennie, D. Willett, E. Williams, L. Wakelin.

Madora Hardy, of the ready to wear section, has gone home to the Old Country for a short visit to her mother. Prior to her departure she was entertained at a Hallowe'en party by Nurse MacFarlane at her home in West Vancouver, when those present to wish Miss Hardy *bon voyage* were: Mrs. R. Wakelin, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. S. Perosino, E. Andrew, D. Miles, D. Wickens, E. M. Paull, E. S. Morley and Nurse MacFarlane.

And at the home of Mrs. E. A. Carruthers another party was held on Thursday, November 7, when amid much fun and hilarity a presentation was made to Miss Hardy. The evening was spent in dancing and singing. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. I. Murray, Mrs. F. Williams, Mrs. M. A. Lyle, Mrs. S. Perosino, Mrs. E. Mitchell, Mrs. C. Young, Mrs. S. Thayer, E. Furnman, E. M. Paull, E. G. MacFarlane, M. Diamant, M. D. McGelland, A. McCay, M. E. Douglas, E. Brocklesby, D. Miles, S. McNeil, D. Weckert, E. Findlay, H. Deans, S. L. McLean, V. Crishop, E. S. Morley, S. H. Jowett, G. Mitchell, F. Stairns, R. Horspool, T. Carruthers, Bud Carruthers, Elmer Carruthers.

Mrs. E. Hartley, of the drapery section, and E. Kellett, of the hardware section, are winners of gold seal buttons. Congratulations to both.

#### SPORTS

**Basketball**—The girls' basketball team has made a splendid showing this season, and until their last game, had gone through the schedule without a defeat. They had won five games straight and were out to make it six, but the inevitable happened and they went down fighting hard.

**Football**—Our football team has been out for a few games against the local police force team and was successful in defeating them on each occasion. We had hopes that with the good showing they were making it might be possible to duplicate the feat of several seasons ago, when they made a clean sweep of the league and also won out in competition for several other cups; but unfortunately we have just received the news that there will be no Wednesday league this year.

**Bowling**—Our ten-pin bowling team in the Abbott Commercial League are going along at a nice clip. At the present time we are occupying second place and have hopes of attaining the top. In the five-pin division, we have an eight-team house league and at present there is very keen competition shown. The team from the carpet department has won the first section of the league. The girls are organizing several teams and began bowling on the 17th November.





## Victoria

The staff of the Victoria store desires to convey through the medium of *The Beaver* heartiest Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all employees throughout the Company's service.

P. J. Parker, general manager, accompanied by A. H. Doe, superintendent of stores construction, paid a visit to the Victoria store early in November.

George W. Allan, K.C., chairman of the Canadian Committee, was also a recent visitor to Victoria.

### RESTAURANT

A complete change in the appearance of our Victorian restaurant has been effected recently by the work of expert decorators.

### STORE EXTENSIONS

The additions and alterations to Victoria store have now been completed—three storeys, each 50 by 100 feet, adding a total of 15,000 square feet to the store area. Many of the departments have been rearranged and extended, making a great improvement to the general layout of the store. Much favourable comment has been expressed by customers regarding the changes that have been made.

### NEW DEPARTMENTS

Since the last issue of *The Beaver*, two new departments have been opened in the Victoria store—the music department on the third floor, with A. D. Coltman in charge, and the groceries on the lower main floor with J. Maguire in charge.

Both these departments are proving valuable additions to the business of the store, the groceries in particular filling a long felt want at this end of the city.

J. Maguire comes to us from the Company's store at Calgary and A. D. Coltman from Heintzman's of the same city. We welcome them both to our ranks.

### LOCATION CHANGES

The superintendent's office and the personal shopping service have been transferred from the third floor to the mezzanine floor.

To provide needed extra space in the fur work room, the advertising department now occupies the office vacated by the superintendent, and in the same office provides accommodation for the card writing department.

### STAFF CHANGES

The store hospital is now in charge of Mrs. H. Kelly, whom we welcome as a new member of the staff. Mrs. Kelly takes the place of Mrs. Bennett, who, after being with us for nearly eight years, has moved to Nanaimo.

Another addition to our staff is Gwen Scott, who has charge of the Victor record department in the new music section.

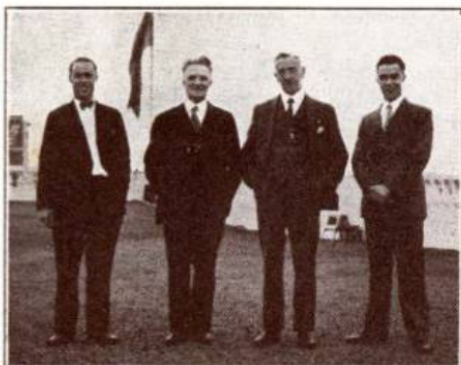
We also welcome Mrs. E. Thornby, who takes charge of the new lamp shade and handicraft department in the art needlework section.

Mrs. E. Lovall has moved to California, where she is living with a daughter.



(Left) Miss Phyllis Butts, Winner of Ladies' Grand Aggregate Cup Presented by Mr. A. J. Watson, Annual Field Sports. (Centre) Hudson's Bay Company Ladies' Basketball Team, 1929-30. (Right) Don Fish, Winner of Men's Grand Aggregate Cup Presented by the Governor, Annual Field Sports.





The display staff, Hudson's Bay Company, Victoria store, claims the distinction of being the department with the longest period of service during which there were no changes in its personnel. Until the departure of Newel M. Spratt, display manager, last September, this department has been together for almost six years.

Reading from left to right are W. Woodley, N. M. Spratt, F. Soares and G. McAdams.

Mr. Spratt has moved to Vancouver, where he is taking up a course of special work.

#### PRIZE WINDOW DISPLAY

As we go to press, a telegram has reached *The Beaver* office announcing that the display department of the Victoria store has been awarded the \$500 prize in the Kayser Hosiery Window Display contest open to the entire Dominion. Heartiest congratulations are in order to all at Victoria who assisted in bringing about this success.

#### MARRIAGES

Miss Myrtle Moore, late of the glove department, has now become Mrs. Guy Morley. Miss Smith, late of the silverware section, Mrs. Savory; Miss E. Hunter, of the drapery workroom, Mrs. E. P. Stoney. Congratulations and best wishes to all three.

#### COMPLETE TWENTY YEARS' SERVICE

A. J. Watson, our manager, and J. S. Horne, our accountant, have just completed a period of twenty years' service with the Company and are in receipt of heartiest congratulations and best wishes from the whole of the Victoria store staff.

#### MONTHLY DANCES

Again the beautiful Empress Hotel ballroom has been acquired by the social committee of the employees' association

for the monthly dances. These are held on the first Tuesday in each month and are proving more enjoyable and successful than ever. Dress is strictly informal, and all employees are urged to attend. Cards of invitation for friends may be secured through any member of the social committee.—A. S. Woollard.

#### SPORT

We are looking forward to a busy winter season and all members are enthusiastic.

**Basketball**—The girls' basketball team formed recently is doing remarkably well so far—not winning many games perhaps, but having lots of fun and exercise.

**Football**—Our footballers are endeavouring to repeat last year's performance of winning the league cup. Congratulations are in order for Percy Shrimpton, who will captain the Victoria representative team against Vancouver.

**Bowling**—Carpet bowling this winter is proving more popular than ever. We have two teams playing in the city league, and in the store league there are ten teams competing for the silver cup donated by W. T. Edgecombe. "Doubles" teams are competing for a silver cup donated by J. S. Horne, and single competitors for a cup donated by E. H. Wilson, manager of the land department.—R. Eaton.



## Vernon

#### THE VALLEY OF PERPETUAL SUNSHINE

Recently a great deal of attractive advertising has been given this district by both British Columbia and prairie papers alluding to the wonderful climate and scenery of this valley. Only a few days ago one of these papers informed its readers that violets and ripe raspberries were to be found in numerous gardens in this city. At the time of writing, Harry Pout, our manager, has all kinds of roses and other flowers in full bloom in his garden and he expects, through protective measures to have sufficient blooms to adorn his table for the Christmas festivities.



Pheasant shooting is another sport which many members of the staff are enjoying at this time of the year. Jack Beatty, buyer for our house furnishings department, goes out every morning before breakfast and gets his quota of birds in the beautiful hills surrounding the city.

James Henderson, our grocery buyer, is also an ardent sportsman, and covers the local moors with surprising effect.

Charles Griffin, buyer of our men's furnishings department, although not chasing around the country early in the morning after pheasants, makes up for it by his bowling activities which often extend long into the night, on the beautiful illuminated bowling greens kept up by the Vernon Lawn Bowling Club.

As regards fishing, there is no better novice in this line than Topham, our boot department buyer, who, although he catches some big fish, is still on the look-out for the famous Ogopogo.

The wonderfully mild climate at this time of the year is bringing many visitors from all parts of the country, especially the prairies, who, after getting in their crops, enjoy strolling on the hills and basking in the hot sunshine.

"Capitalize on your wonderful scenery and climatic conditions by getting the railway companies to bring in those from the prairies," were the words of F. M. Black (late of Winnipeg), chairman of the Committee of Direction, who on Monday night addressed the business and professional men of this district.

#### WEDDING OF MARION KATHLEEN RIPLEY

Marion Kathleen Ripley, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ripley, of Vernon, was united in marriage to Edward Wallbank Grahame on October 17, in St. Andrew's Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Geo. G. Hacker in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives.

Miss Olive Ripley, of Hudson's Bay Company Vernon office, acted as bridesmaid. The four lady ushers were: F. Wakefield, E. Wakefield, Hazel Bassett and Jeanette Corbet, members of the department in our store in which the bride for many years was employed.

Following the wedding, a large party of guests were entertained at the home of the bride's parents in South Vernon, the guests including the entire staff of the local branch of the Hudson's Bay Company and many relatives and other friends.

The young couple left by motor for Vancouver, where they are spending their honeymoon with the bride's sister, Phyllis Ripley, who is a member of the Hudson's Bay Company staff at Vancouver and is well known in that city for her vocal achievements.



### Nelson

The Nelson store is being enlarged by the addition of one storey, which will be completed in good time for the Christmas season's trade.



### Calgary

#### FUR TRADE SETTING FOR ANNUAL BALL

The romance of the picturesque fur-trading era when Hudson's Bay Company trading posts were centres of the social as well as the commercial life of the country was recaptured for an evening when the Hudson's Bay Company entertained at its annual ball in the Hotel Palliser.

The entrance to the ballroom was transformed by logs into a realistic trading post. Over the door hung old-fashioned lanterns, and in the doorway were two typical traders of the Hudson's Bay era. Autumn leaves, brightly coloured balloons, lights shaded with heavy fringe, while about the walls, gaily coloured blankets gave an effective touch to the ballroom. Shields bearing the names of old forts connected with the opening up of the Canadian west, Fort Nelson, Fort Simpson, Fort McKay and many others, added to the interest of the setting.

Many of the dancers were in masquerade costumes, the bright array making a charming picture of the softly lighted room. Dinner was served at midnight in the main dining room.



The reception committee—Mrs. Emery, Miss M. Smith, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. McKay, W. McCabe, G. Wilkinson and G. Wainwright—welcomed the many guests. F. Stampe was chairman of the executive committee which arranged the evening, and he was assisted by Harry Johnson, G. Warwick, Mrs. Emery, Miss Stanhope, Miss Miller and E. Gahn. The interior decorating committee consisted of Mr. Fewkes, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Wray, Miss Elston, Mr. Emery, R. Arthur and Mr. Lennox, while George Russell and William House acted as the two traders.

#### Guests Present

Among those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Cooke, F. Stampe, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Curll, A. H. Doe, W. M. MacLean, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. Freeland, Mr. and Mrs. R. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin, R. J. MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, A. W. McCabe, Mr. and Mrs. Greig, G. Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. and Mrs. Fewkes, Miss Fewkes, E. Gahn, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson, E. Love, Mr. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cranston, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bodell, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard, Mr. Warrington, Mrs. Innes, A. Arthur, Glyndwr Jones, Mrs. A. Labizky, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Spalding, Mr. Eustace, Mr. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney, Mr. and Mrs. George Brower, Miss Brower, Miss Patton, Mr. Morgan, J. R. Duncan, Mr. Havare, Miss Munroe, Mrs. Gee, Mr. Milner, Miss Cote, Mr. and Mrs. Paull.

#### SPORT

**Baseball**—The girls' baseball team was overwhelmed by the wonderful support this store gave them during the play-off

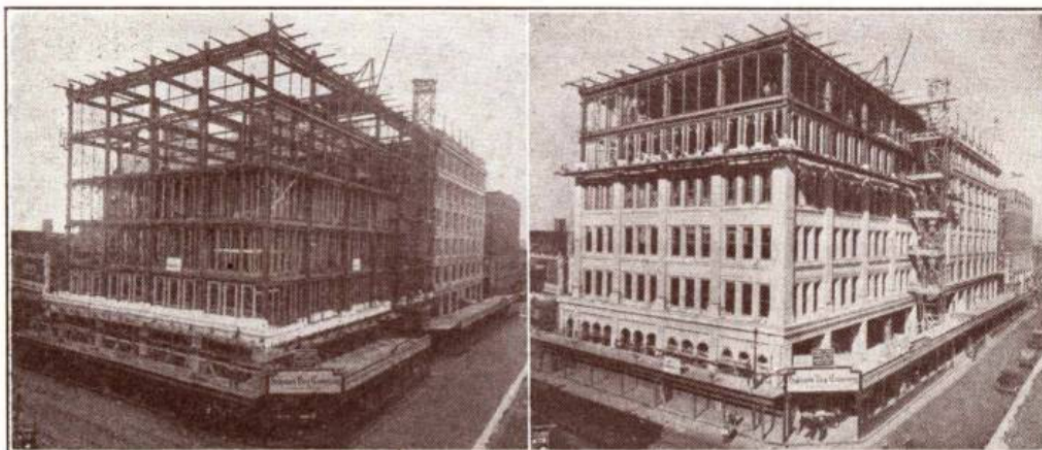


*Hudson's Bay Beavers*

*Standing—Mary Coultis, catcher; Jean Henderson, sub.; Jean Evers, right field; Frank Hubbard, coach; Beth Riddoch, pitcher and captain; Clara Baxter and Pinky Wood, subs. Kneeling—Myrtle Goddington, short stop; Freda McKush, left field; F. Hubbard, mascot; Beatrice Forest, third base; Lil. Tyler, centre field.*

for the city championship. If rooting could have won the games, they would have swamped their opponents, Gibson's. As it was, they were on the losing end by two games to one. Marian Law, first base, and Lil Hansen, second base, were on their vacations from the store, and the absence of these two sterling players in the final games of the series weakened the team considerably.

After such a successful season, when they came from cellar position to the finals, they are all pepped up with enthusiasm at the idea of further competition, which the city basketball league offers. At a meeting called to form a team, all the girls were unanimous in their thanks to the welfare executive for their generous support in the past and the promised assistance which has made it possible to enter the league, and so pro-



*Calgary Store, Showing Progress of Construction Work*



vide a busy programme for the coming winter.

The voluntary services of Red MacLaren, one of the Calgary Tigers, as coach, should quickly put the team in shape for the opening game on October 23.

We welcome to our team two newcomers to the store, Velma Trimble and Isobel Emery. They both play a hard game, and we wish them luck.

Most of the girls who have kept fit during the past summer by knocking the ball out of the lot will be throwing the pig-skin into the basket this winter.—*Frank Hubbard.*

#### STORE EXTENSIONS

The extensions and alterations to the Calgary store on Eighth Avenue and First Street west are progressing rapidly. The basement of the new section, also part of the ground floor, will be ready in good time for Christmas business. The whole work is expected to be completed by 31st March, when 105,000 extra square feet of floor space will have been added to the store, giving it a total area of over seven acres.



### Edmonton

#### STORE EXTENSIONS

It is expected that the new building on 103rd Street will be ready for occupation by the end of December. It has a frontage of 100 feet and a depth of 150 feet, three storeys and basement, and will house the Edmonton wholesale, grocery, tobacco and candies, land, the raw-fur purchasing department, the fur trade district offices and fur trade supply depot.

P. J. Parker, general manager departmental stores, paid us an official visit during the early part of October.

J. H. Ashcraft has been appointed manager of the Edmonton store, succeeding F. E. Dynes. Mr. Ashcraft was for many years vice-president and store manager of James Ramsey Limited.

A. S. Ramsey, who for many years was director and merchandise manager of

James Ramsey Limited, has been appointed to fill the important position of merchandise manager in this store.

O. C. Johnston, who for the past four years has been merchandise manager, will be transferred after the first of the year to Winnipeg, where he will be European buyer for a number of departments in the western stores.

F. E. Dynes, who has been manager of the Edmonton store for the past four years, has resigned to devote his time to private interests. On the evening of his departure, Mr. Dynes was the guest of honour at a banquet in the main dining room of the store. During the dinner, an enjoyable programme of music and entertainment was presented by members of the store's staff. On behalf of the staff, a presentation of silverware was made to Mr. Dynes by Mr. Ashcraft, while Mrs. Dynes was the recipient of a handsome beaded bag.

J. Edge, of the grocery department, has received a certificate of proficiency in radio telegraphy issued by the radio branch of the federal department of marine and fisheries, Ottawa.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. Dowdy, manager of the optical department, on joining the ranks of the benedicts.

In compliment to C. Songhurst, of the office staff, who left to be married, a jolly Hallowe'en party and kitchen shower was held at the home of Eileen McCaig. The prize for best juvenile costume was presented to Bessie Semple.

Gladys Fry, president of the World's Championship basketball team, the Edmonton Commercial Grads, has resigned to continue her studies with the University of Alberta. On the eve of her departure, she was presented with a beautiful vanity case.

Congratulations to Sybil Ewart, of the candy department, who won the \$25 scholarship in history presented by Eastwood high school.

Edith M. Bentley passed away on October 18 with pneumonia. Miss Bentley was a member of the office staff for several years, and was well liked by her associates. Her death came as a shock to all who knew her.

#### SPORTS

*Golf*—Taking advantage of the Wednesday half holiday, a series of golf competitions were arranged at the Mayfair country club during October. These competitions were thoroughly enjoyed and L. V. Trimble, store superintendent, had the honour of the low score.



*Bowling*—Fifty of the lady members of the staff are in the five-pin bowling league. At the time of writing the cashiers, captained by Ruth Cummings, are in the lead. Six teams are entered in the men's bowling league, with the service team, captained by Mr. Fleming, in the lead.

## Lethbridge



Mrs. F. Clarke, recently of Vancouver, has been appointed buyer and manager of our ladies' ready-to-wear department, and A. McNish comes to us from Winnipeg, as buyer and manager of our men's furnishings and shoe departments.

A. Wisely has been transferred from the office of the service store to the main store

office to operate the new bookkeeping machine recently installed.

K. Levitt has been transferred to the accounts payable section, replacing M. Craig, who left us recently. A. Dodman has been appointed to the position vacated by Miss Levitt.

R. Bailey, of the service grocery store, has been transferred to the groceteria; C. Best has been transferred to the dry-goods section from the house furnishings, and J. Keys has been employed in the latter department.

Other new members to whom we extend a welcome are K. Tennant and E. Frayne to the groceteria, filling vacancies occasioned by resignations of K. Wright and D. Randal; I. O'Neil and Mrs. M. Bradford to the ready-to-wear department; D. Stranne and W. H. Robinson to the men's furnishings; R. N. Barnhill to the shoe section, and W. Anderson to the service grocery store.

I. Shaw, of the service grocery department, severed her connection with the Company to reside in Calgary. Prior to her departure her co-workers presented her with a club bag.

A. Morris, of our men's furnishings, has also resigned, having accepted a position at Kimberley, British Columbia. We wish him every success.

The fall has been a season of wedding bells at this store—D. Randal and C.



Lethbridge Ladies' Softball Team, 1929

Standing, left to right—L. Tulloch (coach), J. Milroy, J. Wiley, C. Wright, K. Tennant, D. Craig and A. Scott (manager). Seated, left to right—A. I. Garrick, H. Chaplin, K. Muggins (captain), P. Kerr and M. Craig.



Wright, of the groceteria department, and A. McNabb, of the office, being recent brides. Prior to Miss McNabb's departure, she was presented with a serving tray from the members of the office staff and was also the guest at a miscellaneous shower given in her honour at the home of E. Campbell, of the dry-goods section. Miss McNabb was the recipient of many useful gifts, which were presented to her in a prettily decorated basket.

We welcome P. Prosser as cashier, replacing A. McNabb.

We much regret that owing to her mother's serious illness and death, A. Funk, of our ready-to-wear department, resigned from the Company's service. We extend our sympathy to Miss Funk in her bereavement.

The members of the staff wish to express their deepest sympathy to Mrs. D. V. Hardyman, wife of our accountant, in the loss of her mother, whose death occurred in Winnipeg.

The management and staff of the Lethbridge branch take this opportunity of wishing all the members of the various branches their compliments for a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.—*A. I. Garrick.*

## Yorkton



With Christmas almost upon us, everybody and everything are just as busy as bees. The store is fast becoming a regular Christmas Fairyland, being decorated under the able direction of Ida Zimmer. An early Christmas opening is premeditated, and our little army is donning its armour with joyous zest.

Hearty congratulations are tendered to Alex Officer on his recent marriage to Miss J. Beachemin. The wedding took place in Winnipeg on September 14, 1929.

We welcome Miss Alderson, who was transferred from Winnipeg retail.—*Winnie Gilbert.*



## Saskatoon

### LIVE MODEL DISPLAY

The Fall live model fashion exhibit was held under the auspices of the I.O.D.E. Fitzgerald Chapter, and was conceded by all to be a decided success. Five shows were given and the dining room was filled to capacity on each occasion.

### COAL SELLING COMPETITION

Employees' coal selling competition is away to a good start, the leaders at present are: 1, R. Isherwood, 770 sacks; 2, E. Miller, 745 sacks; 3, K. Cowell, 440 sacks.

### SOCIAL GATHERING

The dining room was the scene of a delightful party on Friday evening, November 8. Whist was enjoyed by many and bridge by others. Maud Devine and O. S. Wakeford had charge of the arrangements for the card games.

The following were the prize winners: Bridge—Ladies' first, Mrs. R. A. C. Johnston; consolation, Miss B. MacInnes; men's first, L. Tupman; consolation, H. Glouser. Whist—Ladies' first, Mrs. Reid; consolation, Mrs. Faulkner; consolation, Mrs. Wilson; men's first, W. Smith.

At 10.30 o'clock refreshments were served. Mrs. McDonald and her committee are to be complimented on the arrangements for this part of the very enjoyable evening.

W. Horrocks, in arranging the concert that followed, is also to be heartily congratulated. L. Tupman gave a reading; J. Gibb, two Scottish songs; H. Butt, an amusing monologue; and J. Cruse, two exceptionally good numbers on the clarinet. E. Mawson was accompanist and Mrs. Leslie Jones presented the prizes for the cards, also the handsome trophies won in the annual tennis and golf tournaments.

### DANCE

The first dance of the season was held on October 18 and enjoyed by all present. Congratulations are due to the committee in charge. The patrons were: Mr. and



Mrs. R. R. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. S. Cork,  
Mr. and Mrs. B. Coulthard, Mrs. M. E.  
MacDonald.

#### RECENT MARRIAGES

Jack Powers, sporting goods department; W. B. Fry, china department.  
Hearty congratulations to both.

We wish Mrs. M. Clark a speedy  
recovery from her recent operation.

We are glad to see R. Baker back after  
a lengthy illness.

#### SPORT

*Tennis. Tournament prize winners—*  
Governor's trophy: Ladies' singles, V.  
Rashley; ladies' doubles, Muriel Miller and  
L. Winters; men's singles, A. E. Hughes;  
men's doubles, A. E. Hughes and A. Clark.

*Golf—*The play down for the golf cup  
this year produced some exciting games.  
H. Bryce, the ultimate winner, playing a  
wonderful game in the second round with  
L. Duncan. His card reads as follows:  
4, 4, 3, 4, 4, 5, 3, 4, 3, out 34; 4, 4, 3, 4, 5,  
4, 4, 3, 4, in 35; total 69, a course record in  
competition.

L. Tupman and J. Wakeford had a very  
exciting game, being all square at the  
seventeenth hole. On the eighteenth,  
Tupman gave Wakeford a stymie and, in  
trying to play round, Wakeford dropped  
Tupman's ball and lost the match. Six-  
teen players took part. Winner, H. P. B.  
Bryce, runner up, L. Tupman.

*Bowling—*The winter bowling season  
promises to provide plenty of action.  
Seventy-five members of the staff have  
announced their intention to bowl and  
have formed fifteen teams, with the  
following titles: "Imperial," "Beavers,"  
"Fort Garry," (mixed bowling), "Adven-  
turers," "Luxuria," "Hudsonia," "Bal-  
morals," "Four Point," "Seal of Quality,"  
"Cubs," "Prairie Prides," "All Star,"  
"Ace High," "Honour Built."



## Kamloops

No news received.



## Winnipeg

#### STORE ACTIVITIES

A chronicle of feature events,  
not as sales of particular goods, but as  
promotional and prestige events, from  
which our sister stores may possibly reap  
some ideas.

#### NEW DEPARTMENT

The dress goods and silks now have a  
new and vigorously growing neighbour.  
On Saturday, September 7, we opened a  
sewing machine department, selling Dom-  
estic and White machines. Generous  
allowances on old machines and special  
introductory prices on the smart new  
models offered contributed to a good get-  
away and we all wish our new department  
well deserved success. The manager is  
Mr. Eye.

#### ARTS AND HANDICRAFT

In September we featured an exhibition  
of arts, treasures and handicrafts forward-  
ed to us from Vancouver, showing English  
handicraft work of varied and wonderful  
skill. At the same time we put on a  
display of "An Epic of Western Canada,"  
a series of thirty paintings of pioneer life  
by John Innes. A good idea in connection  
with this emanated from our picture  
department manager. We invited school  
principals by letter to draw their pupils  
attention to it, and several groups came in  
from the schools with instructions to  
study the pictures and write essays on  
them.

#### PURE FOOD SHOW

Thousands were attracted here during  
the week of September 14 to 21 by our  
pure food show and government exhibit  
of beef grading, in which over thirty  
manufacturers and wholesalers formed  
with us in making a demonstration of foods  
biscuits, delicacies, and candies. Among  
these were successfully shown our own  
**HBC** products—such as Red Ribbon beef  
Red Ribbon sausages, lard, cooked meats,  
smoked hams, etc; and a tempting array of



HBC salads, also special displays of HBC teas, coffees, flour, etc.

#### FASHION CO-ORDINATION

Mrs. B. M. Barr, of New York-Paris fashion service, was with us on October 2 and 3, following up the initiation of this up-to-date service from last spring. Her fashion teas at the store were attended by capacity houses and her message with manequin demonstrations undoubtedly did a great deal to ensure successful promotion of store business along fashion-conscious lines.

Our fashion co-ordinator, O. Bunnell, of the sales promotion department, has put in a busy season among the fashion and accessory departments, holding numerous meetings to educate the staff on style trends, colour emphasis and selling points in a general summary of fall and winter modes. Her work includes the co-ordinating of style in dresses, coats and suits, hats, sweaters, blouses and skirts, lingerie, footwear, jewellery and handbags, hose, gloves and neckwear. Further co-ordination promotion work was done by educating the staff in the work of linking up fabrics with the accessories.

#### ORIENTAL RUG DISPLAY

The sale of oriental rugs in October is worthy of more than notice as a departmental sale on account of the unique setting given the display. Entering from the elevator entrance two oriental style archways gave admittance to what was well described as "A Bazaar of Beauty." From pillar to pillar over three large squares, fixtures were made giving wonderful effect to the drapes made out of the beautiful rugs, forming a delightful effect of oriental atmosphere; and with the aid of spotlights several of the more luxurious rugs were given prominence. The layout is so effective that it will remain as a department feature at least until the New Year.

#### HARVEST SALE

A revival of the old-time harvest sale was promoted this year from October 19 to October 26. The store was tastefully decorated on the main floor with grain, vegetables, and fruits; and special display cards through all the floors carried the atmosphere through.

#### HELPING MANITOBA INDUSTRIES

A very interesting event yearly is our "Made-in-Manitoba Week." This year week of November 9 we had feature advertisements, and special price cards were used throughout the store to mark made-in-Manitoba merchandise.

#### LINEN LECTURES

Greater interest than ever was shown this year in the talks on linens by Miss Audrey Denness Cooper. Miss Cooper represents the Irish and Scottish Linen and Damask Guild, and her talks in the private dining rooms on November 6 to 9 were very well attended. To complement the lectures and exhibits, special table settings were made in the linens, and these were visited each day by Miss Cooper and her audiences. Exceptional interest was aroused in worthwhile circles in connection with this event by obtaining the honorary services of women's club presidents as afternoon hostesses.

#### BUTTERICK FASHIONS

Mrs. MacPherson, Butterick fashion expert, was with us for the week ending November 9, and did good work introducing the Butterick patterns to our customers and giving expert advice in dressmaking.

#### GOLD SEAL DAY

The month of November saw an important change in promotion sale work, when we changed from ninety-five cent day to Gold Seal day. This gives greater latitude for all departments to co-operate with sale and Monday, November 18, was our first Gold Seal sale, and was a most promising augury of successful monthly sales.

#### MACALPINE PARTY RESCUE

In conjunction with the Canadian Committee, Winnipeg store very successfully used the messages from the *Baymaud* and our post manager at Cambridge Bay to make one of the most interesting window displays in connection with current events that Winnipeg has ever had. We showed the model of the ship and copy of the radio message in a setting of polar and Eskimo effects that was very convincing of our wide-spread activities in Canadian business.

#### FABRIC PROMOTION

An interesting double event was staged here in the dress goods and silks, when we promoted the use of materials not only for dress wear but for gift use, the fashion co-ordinator assisting in the event.

Mrs. Pringle, our dressmaking school expert, gave an interesting series of talks on November 12, 13 and 14 on cutting and sewing, with educational directions on how to make alterations. The demonstration featured a sewing machine in operation, and also models paraded showing dresses, sportswear, coats, *et cetera*, made from materials and patterns sold in the department. It was a successful event and,



being held in the department, created a great deal of interest in our fabrics.

Started at the same time, but for an extended period, was our promotion of fabrics for making gifts. Cards and folders were distributed suggesting numerous things to be made from silks, satins, rayons, cottons, woollens, *et cetera*, the ideas being furnished by the staff and a very attractive selection of the goods suggested made by staff members was specially exhibited.

#### SANTA CLAUS

This year we celebrated Santa's visit in a very clever and entertaining manner. Walter Davison, our display manager, worked out a scheme whereby with a movie scene thrown on a ground glass screen, and a loudspeaker over it, Santa was seen in the Hudson's Bay Company store arcade several times each evening between 7.30 and 9, and talked to the kiddies of his trip to Winnipeg by airplane from the North Pole. To tie up, newspaper notices heralded his coming and spread his news; and a map with airplane was exhibited in one of our Memorial Boulevard windows, to mark its progress. It was an interesting and ingenious device and attracted much attention. Santa flew over Winnipeg Friday night and distributed printed cards announcing his coming and Toytown opening, and was in the store on the Saturday morning.

#### JUNIOR EXECUTIVE CLUB

This association of assistant managers and section heads of the store got under way for the winter programme on Wednesday, October 2.

We were fortunate in starting then, as it coincided with Mrs. Barr's visit, and the meeting was enlarged at Mr. Parker's suggestion to include managers. R. Carey, president, was in the chair and Mrs. Barr was introduced and afterward thanked by Mr. P. J. Parker. After the supper and before the speeches, we were very pleasantly surprised by the arrival of Mr. C. V. Sale, our honoured Governor. This meeting thus served the very important purpose of not only hearing Mrs. Barr but of welcoming officially our general manager, his assistant, Mr. T. Hargreaves, and last but certainly not least, the Governor of the Company. Undoubtedly this was an historical event in local store news.

The following October 16 meeting was addressed by T. Hargreaves on "Unit Control, Price Lines, and Classifications," and as the subject dealt so intimately with store life and business, it was among the most informative and educative evenings we have had. We plan on having another talk from Mr. Hargreaves very shortly.

October 28 was a business meeting of the club. The first business of the evening

was the election of Mr. P. J. Parker as unanimous choice for honorary president of the club, and this was followed by the election of additional members to the committee, which now consists of R. Carey (draperies), president; W. E. Gray (mail order and personal shopping), vice-president; T. Cannon (merchandise), secretary; A. Parker (laces, etc.), E. Thiede (corsets), H. A. Henry (meats), G. Carson (men's furnishings), E. Burnett (hose and gloves), T. Reith (advertising), J. B. Dangerfield (accounting).

November 13, with Mr. Gray in the chair, we were addressed in a farewell message by W. M. Holmes, our sales promotion manager, who is leaving the Company's service. Mr. Holmes gave an inspiring and interesting talk on his career, and the qualities we should cultivate to broaden our knowledge and promote our success. Mr. Carey, on behalf of the club, presented Mr. Holmes with a monogrammed club bag.

#### CHORAL SOCIETY

Under the direction of Mr. Ronald Gibson, a mixed choir has been formed from the store staff. Mr. Gibson has already picked out over fifty good voices and the rehearsals have commenced. It is hoped to have the choir in such shape that at least one public concert can be staged this winter.

#### QUARTER CENTURY OF SERVICE

An interesting event took place in the dress goods department, when Chas. Robinson, who had completed twenty-five years of service in the Company, was the recipient of a case of pipes presented by fellow-workers in honour of the occasion. Mr. Robinson has been for the full period of his service in the yard goods department, and his colleagues and his many friends in the store wish him many more years of health and service on the Company's staff.

#### SPORT

*Tennis Club Dance*—The Hudson's Bay Company tennis club, embracing all branches of the Company's Winnipeg staff, staged a very attractive dance at the Royal Alexandra hotel on September 19, 1929. During the evening, we were honoured by the visit of Governor Sale to present the season's prizes. Mr. Sale was accompanied by Messrs. G. W. Allan, K.C., P. J. Parker and T. Hargreaves. The governor and the Canadian committee chairman respectively presented the cups and prizes donated by them, and Mr. Allan in particular was moved to reminiscence on his tennis activities as long as forty years ago.

Prize winners, as called upon by H. B. Frances, the president, were as follows:



Governor's cup for mixed doubles handicap, D. Cooke (land department) and Leslie Anderson (warehouse); G. W. Allan cup for men's doubles handicap, B. Duit (men's custom tailoring) and G. H. Bowdler (shoe department).

Mr. Frances spoke briefly of the club's activities in the city leagues winter activities. The tennis club is carrying on a mixed bowling club for the winter months, and around thirty have already enlisted. At nine o'clock every Wednesday night at Campbell's alleys, members and prospective members will be welcomed.

**Hockey**—Readers of the papers will have noticed the decision of the Big Four league to stay out of Winnipeg hockey for a season at any rate.

Inter-department hockey is again being fostered by the activities of the store skaters, with Walter Davison's team looming up as the one to be beaten.

**Football**—Difficulty in getting the players out to games, owing to so many senior league games demanding their services, weakened our team towards the close of the season and left us in a relatively low position in the Mercantile League. To wind up the season, a get-together dance was held at Norman Hall, evening of Thursday, October 24, with the Primrose Path orchestra dispensing the rhythm, when a very enjoyable and successful evening was passed.

**Golf**—On October 20, a party of Hudson's Bay Company golfers met at Royaumont golf course to wind up the season in a fitting manner. It was regrettable that the attendance was so small, for the day was made to order for golf and the course was in good condition. When the smoke had cleared away it was discovered that T. F. Reith had carried off all three prizes. His score of 77 was the best turned in, and this also won the handicap prize,  $77-14=63$ . A prize for the two hidden holes also went to this player with a par three on the fourth and a birdie four on the fourteenth. Other leading scores were: N. Gray, net 75; A. E. Young, net 83; F. Holmes, net 86; J. Hargraves, 86; K. Ambrose, 86; L. Webb, 88.

**Bowling and Curling**—Everything is getting in shape for a record winter's sport and interested members of the store staff are asked to get in touch with Graham Carson, of the men's furnishings, or Walter Davison, of the display department.

#### TROUBLE

Never bear more than one trouble at a time.

Some people bear three—

All they ever had,

All they have now,

All they expect to have.

## Wholesale

*To the management and all employees of the Company's wholesale branches, I send hearty Christmas Greetings.*

*For the New Year I wish you and yours health, happiness and success in all your undertakings.*

C. W. VEYSEY.

## Calgary Wholesale

During the month of August we were favoured with a visit from our Governor, Mr. Chas. V. Sale, accompanied by Mr. P. A. Chester and members of the Canadian Committee.

C. W. Veysey, general manager wholesale branches, made an inspection trip at the beginning of November. We are looking forward to having him with us again in the near future.

We congratulate our branch manager, E. T. Marshall, and Mrs. Marshall, on the birth of a son (Jimmy). We also congratulate our truck driver, N. Garnet, and his wife on the birth of a daughter.

W. Vaness, of our warehouse staff, is confined to hospital, having undergone an operation. We wish him a speedy recovery and return to duty.—C. W. Archer.

## Regina

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings! The year 1929 has been a momentous one for the city of Regina, our honourable Company having decided to erect within her gates a fine departmental store. In the capacity of true and loyal employees of the Company, we have made personal inspection of the site chosen and are well satisfied. Incidentally, we are glad to note that Regina evidently no longer requires a police station.

Things were quiet in the fur trade office for a time, but business seems to have picked up since the draining of Wascana Lake. Explanation, there were lots of muskrats in the lake who are now homeless—maybe peltless by this time.

Like all other branch offices, our principal energies for the balance of the year are being directed towards cleaning up outstanding accounts. In Saskatchewan, the bugbear of the collection department is the poor crop. Elsewhere we suppose it is the result of the recent stock market holocaust. We all have our troubles, and if it isn't one excuse it's another.

After that, we hope everybody will have a happy Christmas.—G. G. Powis.



## Winnipeg General

Our best wishes to Miss Gladys Irene Frith, of the Canadian Committee office, who will be married at Carnduff, Saskatchewan, on 18th December to Mr. Milton M. Wylie, of Winnipeg.

### JOINT SOCIAL

The various staff members of the Fur Trade, Land, Wholesale, H.B.C.O.S. Limited and Canadian Committee offices held their first joint social of the season on Tuesday, 19th November, in Hudson's Bay House. The Fur Trade offices were used on the occasion through the courtesy of Commissioner C. H. French.

A private showing was given of a recent Arctic film taken by Post Manager MacKinnon of Cambridge Bay, following which the evening was spent in dancing. Refreshments were served and altogether a most enjoyable time was spent, and there were clamours for an early repetition.

C. W. Veysey, general manager wholesale department, presented the prizes to the winners of the summer golf tournament—Veysey cup, J. G. Woolison; runner-up, H. Garner.

### HUDSON'S BAY MARLAND OIL COMPANY GENERAL MEETING

On October 10 and 11 meetings were held in Winnipeg of the directors and shareholders of the Hudson's Bay Marland Oil Company Limited.

The meetings were attended by D. J. Moran, president of Continental Oil Company of Ponca City (formerly Marland Oil Company); Charles V. Sale, Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company; George W. Allan, K.C., chairman Canadian Committee, Hudson's Bay Company; James Thomson; R. Van A. Mills, of Edmonton, vice-president and general manager; and R. Peirson, secretary. James A. Richardson, being absent from Winnipeg, was unable to attend.

Mr. Moran was accompanied to Winnipeg by W. H. Ferguson, of Denver, and James J. Cosgrove, of Ponca City, respectively executive vice-president and general counsel of Continental Oil Company.

The directors and officers of the Hudson's Bay Marland Oil Company Limited are: D. J. Moran, president; George W. Allan, K.C., vice-president; James A. Richardson, vice-president; R. Van A. Mills, vice-president and general manager; Charles V. Sale, director; James Thomson, director; W. W. Bruce, director; and R. Peirson, secretary.

The executive committee of the board is composed of George W. Allan, K.C., chairman; James A. Richardson, James Thomson and R. Van A. Mills.

## Salutation

*Go, Year, amid the snow and ice,  
The trickery and avarice  
Which you have known—  
And in your going say no word  
Of what you here have seen and heard  
To the little New Year softly blown  
Down from the heights on drifting  
    swirls  
With wide blue eyes and clouding  
    curls.  
Nor let suspicion there be sown  
Of how you once were fair as he,  
And very small, so you could see  
The fairies too, before were thrown  
Your wits afar; your head made  
    white;  
Till now you steal away by night.*

—Marcile

The name of the company has been changed to Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas Company Limited. The head office will be maintained at Hudson's Bay House, 93 Main Street, Winnipeg.

## H.B.C.O.S. Limited

We were pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bowkett, who arrived in Winnipeg from Vermilion on October 3 on a short visit. Mr. Bowkett is our supervisor in connection with the Vermilion British family scheme and has been engaged during the past year in the selection of families overseas and in their supervision after arrival in Canada.

It is pleasing to record the success of the Dawson family, and great credit is due to them, especially when taking into consideration the fact that before coming to this country Mr. Dawson's farming experience was limited to spare time, he being a miner in a Northumberland colliery. This settler and his family, which comprises wife and three girls, ages fourteen, twelve and seven, gained no less than fifteen prizes, including five firsts, four seconds, five thirds and one fourth at the local children's school fair held in Vermilion. In spite of the bad season, Mr. Dawson exhibited turnips, mangels, beets, carrots, parsnips, potatoes and ducks; also needlework, including cloth cat, tea cloth, patchwork and drawing. At the opening of the pure food exhibition in the Company's Winnipeg store on September 14, the Governor read this report to a large attendance. Congratulations were sent to Mr. Dawson from this office and from London—L. C. Heckscher.



## Fur Trade

*The year 1929 has been one of special interest to the Fur Trade. Each district has had its interesting happenings. Generally speaking, we all look forward to better results and brighter conditions for our 1930 activities. With special enthusiasm and confidence do we wish you an enjoyable Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.*

C. H. FRENCH,  
Fur Trade Commissioner.



## British Columbia District

The Company's new store at Hazelton has just been completed and will be occupied at an early date.

McLeod's Lake post has been remodelled and the buildings are arranged in regulation fort style.

Whitewater (formerly Fort Grahame outpost) is now a full-fledged post, with J. Melnyk in charge.

Dease Lake post has been moved from the north end to the head of the lake, and is now being run under the management of F. S. Bailey.

S.S. *Baychimo* completed her annual visits to western Arctic posts and is now undergoing repairs in Vancouver.

M.S. *Old Maid No. 2* returned from the western Arctic on 13th October and is now berthed at New Westminster for the winter.

Our district accountant, S. Hodgkinson, left on 7th November to superintend stocktaking at Hazelton.

L. D. French, of the Vancouver fur purchasing agency, attended the Seattle fur sale on 28th and 29th August, and paid a visit to San Francisco on Company business in September.

J. Gregg, manager of Fort St. James post, paid us a visit lately, having driven down in his new car.

J. C. Boyd retired on 1st October, after having served the Company faithfully for thirty-three years. We wish him long life and happiness, and are gratified that his services were rewarded by a commission of chief trader. F. Stevenson, late of Hazelton post, succeeds Mr. Boyd in charge of Telegraph Creek, with supervision of the other Cassiar posts.

A. J. Marion came through an operation successfully and was able to return to Telegraph Creek. Unfortunately, T. A. Perry was unable to proceed to Liard post after an operation. We hope he will be able to resume his duties in the spring. A. Leverett, of the Company's Cassiar

transportation, has completely recovered from his operation.

Congratulations to C. J. Ellis on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Waring at Telegraph Creek. They have our best wishes for the future.

J. S. Nelson, manager of Babine, underwent a successful operation in Vancouver and has since returned to his post.

We learned with sincere regret that D. R. Easthope, of the British Columbia transportation, was obliged to go to Tranquille sanatorium, where we hope he will regain his strength.

Mrs. W. N. Aiken, wife of our Tacla manager, has recovered from her operation in Vancouver and was able to proceed home in October; also, Mrs. F. W. Lovatt, wife of our Hazelton accountant, was able to return home after a severe illness in hospital.

The following transfers have been made among our apprentice clerks: J. Lawrie from Anahim to Kitwanga; J. Birch from Tacla to Fort St. James; and N. Matthew from Fort St. James to the outpost at Old Fort.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Governor Charles V. Sale and P. A. Chester in August.

F. Dykes, of the Winnipeg fur purchasing agency, called on 26th August, being at the coast on holiday.—Wm. Ware.



## Mackenzie-Athabasca District

Since our last notes appeared in the *Beaver*, visitors to this office have been too numerous to mention them all individually.

Chief Factor C. H. French, fur trade commissioner, paid us a visit in July. He also visited Peace River and posts between Edmonton and Fort Smith.

In September we were honoured by a visit from the Governor, Charles V. Sale, George W. Allan, K.C., chairman of the Canadian Committee, and several other gentlemen connected with the Company in various capacities.

Factor L. A. Romanet spent the summer in the Mackenzie River district and visited every post there, with the exception of Fond du Lac, which was inspected by John Melven. He covered about ten thousand miles by steamers, gas boats, schooners and aeroplanes.

Four of the most important establishments in Mackenzie River district have been entirely rebuilt. The traditional style has been followed with great success,



and the buildings, neatly squared, hip-roofed and painted in the standardized colours, standing in orderly array around a central courtyard, the whole surrounded by a neat stockade, present a wonderfully attractive appearance. The project, which symbolizes the past history of the district, promises to be a great inspiration to those today who are endeavouring to uphold the best traditions of their predecessors.

John Melven visited many posts in the Athabasca district, and also a number of posts on the Mackenzie river as far as Aklavik.

Pierre Mercredi, of Fort Resolution, retired on pension at the end of July, after a period of continuous service of over fifty years. Pierre intends to reside at Fort Chipewyan in the future, and we hope that his days may be many and happy.

We regret that M. W. Harris, the popular manager at Fort St. John, has been confined for some weeks to the hospital at Pouce Coupe. An old war wound has required skilled attention and, though Mr. Harris is now improving in strength, he is likely to require the aid of crutches for some time to come.

John McDermott, manager at Hudson's Hope, is spending a few months visiting his father in England.

On September 30, Mrs. D. MacLeod left the service, after having been employed as a stenographer at the district office for the past five years.

A great deal of interest has been manifested in mining circles in mineral possibilities around Great Slave Lake and at the eastern end of Lake Athabasca. Many hundreds of tons of supplies of various kinds have been taken in by interested persons.

Flying has become a regular feature of life in the north country. Mail, express and freight are regularly carried by aeroplane. One afternoon last summer a caller at the district office in Edmonton presented a draft for payment which had been dated at Fort Rae the same day. Our visitor had flown from one of our most remote posts since breakfast that morning. Fort Rae is 987 miles distant from Edmonton by the usual transport route, and can seldom be reached in less than two weeks' travel. Apropos of this incident, the *Edmonton Bulletin* of October 21, in its feature, "Forty Years Ago Today," referred to the arrival in Edmonton of the crews of the steamers *Wrigley* and *Grahame*. They had taken seventeen days to travel by flat boat and canoe from Fort Chipewyan to Athabasca Landing, and the overland journey from the latter place to Edmonton took a further two days.

Many old servants of the Company will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. E. V. Hardisty, in Hamilton, Bermuda, on 29th October, at the age of eighty-one years. Mrs. Hardisty, a daughter of a pioneer missionary to Edmonton, Rev. George MacDougall, first came to Edmonton in 1863. She married Richard Hardisty, then officer in charge of Rocky Mountain House, in 1866. Mr. Hardisty, afterwards chief factor in charge of the district, and later a senator representing the Northwest Territories at Ottawa, died, as the result of an accident incurred whilst on a trip of inspection, just forty years preceding Mrs. Hardisty's death. After spending a number of years at the post at Victoria, east of Edmonton, Mrs. Hardisty returned to Fort Edmonton to become the chatelaine of the "Big House," called by the Indians *Teetunga*. This was then the only residence outside the fort.

The transport season, which commenced very unfavourably owing to unusual ice conditions and rainfalls in the spring and resulting dislocation of service across Smith Portage, has at last come to a close. The tonnage carried was double that of last year, but a late and favourable fall enabled the programme to be successfully completed.

All vessels are now wintering in their usual quarters, with the exception of the S.S. *D. A. Thomas*, which will winter on a bar at Fort St. John, where she was stranded in a severe gale in August. All necessary precautions have been taken to ensure her safety until she can be refloated next spring.

The new tug *Slave River* is an innovation of great interest to northern rivermen. Built of steel with Deisel engines and twin-screws, she has proved very fast and powerful. This winter she will be taken across Smith Portage to the Slave river, where she should prove very valuable in handling barges loaded with the heavy supplies expected to be required in that section of the country.

With deep regret, we record the death of A. E. (Bert) Carlisle, purser in the Company's transport service on Peace river. On the evening of September 21, a very dark and rainy night, Mr. Carlisle fell overboard from the M.B. *Weenusk*. Though a rescue was at once attempted, it was fruitless, and the body has not yet been recovered. Mr. Carlisle, who was fifty years of age, leaves a wife and little daughter, to whom our sympathy is sincerely extended. Mr. Carlisle leaves a record of much public service faithfully performed in the Peace River country.

Captain T. F. Smellie returned to Edmonton on 25th October, after supervising the transport service on the Athabasca and Mackenzie rivers during the season 1929.—*Louis Romanet*.



## Saskatchewan District

A. B. Cumming, district manager, returned on August 18 from his summer inspection trip.

Angus Millar, manager, Lac du Brochet post, paid us a short visit whilst on leave.

We had the pleasure of a short visit on Labour Day from our Governor, Mr. C. V. Sale, accompanied by Mr. G. W. Allan, K.C., chairman of the Canadian Committee, Mr. P. A. Chester, chief accountant, and Messrs. Delf and Tilney, secretaries.

C. E. Belanger, manager of the Isle a la Crosse sector, paid us a short visit on September 3.

J. R. McDonald, manager, Montreal Lake post, paid us a short visit on September 23 while out on business to Prince Albert.

I. Aitchison, district office stenographer, who has been with us for the past year, has resigned to attend the University of Saskatchewan. The district manager, on behalf of the staff, presented her with a Parker desk set, which Miss Aitchison suitably acknowledged.

We welcome H. I. Brown, who has joined the staff of the district office.

G. Binney, of the London office, paid us a short visit whilst en route to Edmonton.

Rev. C. Hives, of Lac la Ronge, spent a few minutes in the office when on a visit to his relatives in Saskatoon.

David Adams, apprentice clerk at Cold Lake for the past two years, spent a couple of weeks here undergoing medical treatment before proceeding to his new location at Pine River.

Peter Forman, apprentice clerk in the Isle a la Crosse sector for the past two years, spent a few days in the district office before proceeding to Cold Lake. Mr. Forman has been transferred to a frontier post owing to indifferent health, and we hope his new surroundings will agree with him.

Duncan McLeay, who has been located at Green Lake post for the past six months, has been transferred to Isle a la Crosse.

A. B. Cumming, district manager, and A. S. Fraser, fur buyer, attended the Fur Trade Council meeting held in Winnipeg recently.—R. W. Murray.

## Pelican Narrows Gateway of the North

In days of yore when the Indians from the south made periodical raids north, one

of their favourite haunts was the narrows, close by this reserve, and from which the latter takes its name. Here they used to lie in ambush for the Pelican Narrows natives, carrying off their young women and killing the men, giving to the place the awful name of *O-pa-whist-ig-un-ay*—"The Narrows of Fear."

The settlement is ideally situated on the north end of Pelican lake. From the Company's house a magnificent view can be had of the calm smooth waters of the lake dotted with innumerable rocky islets covered with a stunted growth of tamarac and poplar. Although The Pas is popularly known as The Gateway of the North, Pelican Narrows can put forward quite a few claims for that title. We have a radio transmission set here this year for the first time, and steps are being taken by the leading residents to have it kept open all winter. Forestry planes arrive, two and three every day, during the summer. Western Canada Airways planes drop in frequently, as do Dominion Explorers. This is also the last stop for many prospectors going north, some of whom remarked that they thought they were in the North after leaving Sturgeon Landing, never dreaming to find so progressive a community here.

We are in the throes of a tennis tournament at the time of writing, and the players are very keen. However, there is dearth of tennis balls, and as the residents are mostly of Scots extraction the game is at a standstill.

Mrs. Rothnie, the manager's wife, arrived by plane at the end of July, and from June until then I was cook for the outfit. The first time I cooked rhubarb, I put a few wisps of it amongst water and boiled it, with the result that it was uneatable, but it made a real good drink.

Last winter there was only one white woman in the settlement—Mrs. Jan, the free trader's wife—but this winter there will be four. The present manager of Revillon's is married; Mr. Rothnie, Company manager, was married this summer; and Corporal Bain, of the R.C.M.P., brought his bride home by plane at the beginning of September.

Lately we have been enveloped in a thick pall of smoke. There were fires all round us, and one in particular two miles behind the settlement. The air was hot, the sun was blotted out and it grew dark early—an unpleasant foretaste of the probable future for all fur traders, I am told. The fire rangers' hourly prayers were answered by a heavy fall of snow on Tuesday, September 2, followed by two days' rain. Nearly all the local natives were out fighting fire at the end of August. They were conveyed to the fire by plane, a novel way of transport for them. As many as a hundred men were engaged at one fire in this section.—R. J. Spalding.



## Superior-Huron District

*Red Lake*—O. E. Butterill reports mining activities as being very quiet, although the Howey mine is fast reaching the production stage.

O. E. Butterill and Donald Johnson, apprentice, visited the outside world during the summer.

*Allenwater*—Apprentice T. M. Taylor was transferred from Minaki to this post during the summer.

R. G. Clarke, post manager, reports one or two fox and mink farms in the vicinity of Allenwater.

*Lac Seul*—Alexander Hughes, late of the Revillon Freres Trading Company Limited, was placed in charge of Lac Seul post in September.

As the result of the erection of a power dam at Pine Ridge, it is expected that much of the land owned by us will be flooded at Lac Seul this summer, which will render the site of the present store and warehouse useless.

*Woman Lake*—Apprentice E. A. Haigh was transferred from Allenwater to this post early in the summer.

C. V. Davidson, the post manager, reports mining activities have been very dull in the Woman Lake area.

*Sioux Lookout*—A. A. Beatty, post manager, retired from the service in November, and W. R. Cargill, from Nipigon, took charge.

On the transfer of A. L. Anderson, accountant, to the charge of Nipigon post, Apprentice J. Noble was transferred from Senneterre to take the place of Mr. Anderson.

*Graham*—W. H. Hutton, who was transferred from Montizambert to Graham last spring, reports business at this point as quiet on account of the slow movement of grain this year.

*Hudson*—Post Manager H. G. Woods reports a very quiet season in the transportation business on account of the little activity in the mining areas.

*Grand Lac*—J. W. Miller, post manager, retired from the service in September, and L. H. Leonard placed in charge.

George Taylor, son of S. A. Taylor, of Long Lake post, was hired as an apprentice, and placed at Grand Lac in September.

*La Sarre*—On the transfer of H. Audet, assistant, to Gogama post, J. P. Chouinard has been transferred to this post from Hudson.

*Nipigon*—Considerable improvements have been carried out on the dwelling house during the past summer, and the

grounds being well laid out, Nipigon post now shows up well on the south side of the Canadian Pacific railway, at which point the railway company has recently built a new station.

After the departure of Mr. Cargill for Sioux Lookout, and before the arrival of A. L. Anderson, W. MacFarlane took charge.

*Peterbell*—Post Manager John Grant reports business as only being fair, on account of little activity in the lumber business.

*Barriere*—Post Manager E. J. Haight, wife and family, along with Assistant W. St. Pierre, are now comfortably housed in a new combined dwelling and warehouse which was built this summer.

*Fort Hope*—The new post manager, Alex. Flett, and Apprentice J. Glass, are comfortably housed in the new buildings erected there recently.

*Mattice*—H. Larivierre visited Montreal during October on sick leave, requiring medical attention to his eyes. Mrs. Larivierre also accompanied Mr. Larivierre on his trip east.

*Woswonaby*—Post Manager F. McLeod paid a visit to the district office during the summer.

J. "B" Miller and C. Miller retired from the service in September.

*Pine Ridge*—L. O. Browne retired from the service in July, and D. H. Learmonth, from Gogama, was placed in charge.

*Cat Lake*—Post Manager McCauley is very proud of the log buildings erected this summer at Cat Lake by himself with native help.

*Minaki*—L. Yelland reports a fairly successful tourist season at Minaki this summer.

Apprentice E. J. Lucas was transferred from Lac Seul to Minaki in July.

*Lansdowne House*—New dwelling house, store and warehouse were built at Lansdowne House this summer, all of log construction and in the Hudson's Bay Company fort style.

H. A. Harlvorsen, the post manager, had a visit to the outside world during the summer.

*Gogama*—On the transfer of D. H. Learmonth to Pine Ridge, Apprentice H. B. Frankland, from Missanabie, was placed in charge.

H. Audet is being transferred from La Sarre to assist Mr. Frankland at Gogama.

*Bucke*—A complete new set of buildings was erected at this post during the past summer, and Hudson's Bay Company is now situated close to the station in the busy part of the settlement.



*Montizambert*—L. R. Johnson, of Sioux Lookout post, was transferred to the charge of Montizambert in June.

*Long Lake*—Post Manager S. A. Taylor has been doing considerable painting and other improvements at Long Lake, with the result that the post now has a well set out appearance.

Emile Finlayson, general assistant, retired from the service in October.

*Senneterre*—The complete new set of buildings recently erected on the new site in the centre of the town are now occupied by us, and B. Etcheverry, the post manager, looks forward to increased business.

On the transfer of J. Noble to Sioux Lookout, S. R. Flett was transferred to this post from Temagami.

*Ogoki*—Post Manager J. W. Anderson and Assistant J. Matheson, who had a successful winter last year, are looking forward to good business this coming winter.

*Island Falls*—Wm. Gregory, post manager at Island Falls, looks forward to increased business at Coral Rapids outpost, under the charge of S. G. Iserhoff.

*Temagami*—S. R. Thorpe reports that the tourist season during the past summer was just about equal to that of the previous year, and states that visitors are always assured of a good sporting time in the vicinity of Temagami, which is a first class fishing vicinity and sportsman's paradise.

*Nipigon House*—Post Manager P. S. McGuire is kept busy caring for the small business obtainable in this vicinity on account of the Indians moving around the lake and out to the line.

*English River*—Apprentice J. A. Wilkie was transferred to Osnaburgh post in October.

*Osnaburgh*—F. H. Aldous was transferred from Lac Seul to Osnaburgh in August, on the retiral from the service of H. C. V. Hooker.

*Missanabie*—During the summer Missanabie post was visited by a considerable number of Canadian newspaper editors, who were royally entertained by Post Manager D. M. Stuart and his wife.

Apprentice A. K. Black, from Nipigon House, was transferred to this post in September.

*Cavell*—John Goodwin, post manager, reports a number of American tourists visiting the vicinity of his post, where good trout fishing is obtained.

*Dinorwic*—Unfortunately, Apprentice J. R. Patience, who underwent an operation, has had to rest for several months. He now shows signs of regaining his health,

and it is hoped before long he will be as well as ever.

All of the buildings at Dinorwic have been painted in standard colours and reshingled, and the post now has a very fine appearance.

*Grassy Narrows*—Donald Murchison reports that wolves, which were plentiful at his post in the past, are now very scarce.

*North Bay District Office*—Inspector J. W. Anderson spent the summer visiting different posts.

Chief Factor Bartleman also visited several posts during the summer, and attended the Fur Trade Council held in Winnipeg in October.

Inspector Barker, who was confined to the house for several months during the summer, shows improvement in his health as the result of the rest but is still far from well. He expresses the view that he doubts if he will be able for harness again.

George Binney, from the London office, was a visitor to North Bay in October.

Chief Factor Bartleman had an interview with our Governor in Toronto in October.—*J. Bartleman.*



## Western Arctic District

Under the able command of Captain S. A. Cornwell, the S.S. *Baychimo* successfully completed her fifth Western Arctic voyage when she returned to Vancouver on September 25. She is now wintering on the Pacific coast.

During the past summer, the district manager, accompanied by Wm. Gibson and J. O. Kimpton, was able to visit all posts with the exception of King William Land. The entire staff was found in excellent health and spirits.

A large passenger list was carried on the *Baychimo* through the district, and we enjoyed the company, amongst others, of Bishop Geddes, Bishop Breynat, Colonel J. K. Cornwall, Major Burwash, and Dr. Martin.

New arrivals this summer included D. M. Pierce, returning to the district after a year's furlough; W. M. Skinner, transferred from MacKenzie River district and five stalwart apprentices—Kilgour, Austin, Gavin, Milne and Savage.

A considerable number of men came out on furlough this fall. These included Gibson, Murray, Pardy, Rowan, Brabant, Bonshor and Crisp.

The Western Arctic has received considerable advertising recently over the adventures of Col. C. D. H. MacAlpine and his party. People the world over are



now familiar with Cambridge Bay and Bathurst Inlet. By announcing their safety from the *Baymaud*, I. M. MacKinnon sprang into fame when the lost men turned up at Cambridge Bay.

Miss L. M. French has recently joined the district office staff, which has now settled down to a busy winter in Winnipeg. —R. H. G. Bonnycastle.



## St. Lawrence-Labrador District

We have had a visit from the Governor, who arrived from the west on October 10, accompanied by Mr. George W. Allan, K.C., chairman of the Canadian Committee. The Governor left for New York on October 13, *en route* to England.

A number of visitors on furlough from other districts have also called at the office in recent weeks, including H. J. Pardy, of Western Arctic district, on his way to Newfoundland, and the following, who are spending the winter in Scotland: A. M. Allison and family and E. W. Hampton, of Nelson River district; D. D. Mitchell and R. M. Duncan, of James Bay district.

George Binney, of the London office, paid a visit to the McLure & MacKinnon Silver Fox Farms Limited, at Charlottetown, returning to Montreal in time to take passage on the S.S. *Ascania* for England on October 25.

David Farquharson, also of London, after spending a few weeks in the district office, left for Winnipeg on October 22.

Our congratulations to W. C. Nelson, of the chief accountant's staff, on the occasion of his marriage at Montreal on September 23.

The following members of the staff of this district are at present on furlough: At Montreal, W. McBride; at St. John's, Newfoundland, J. W. Nichols, of Pond's Inlet; in Scotland, J. C. McGibbon, of Port Harrison, and C. N. Stephen, of Ungava.

L. A. Learmonth and W. A. Hunter, of the Chesterfield section, are also on furlough, the former at Toronto, and the latter in Scotland.

David Wark has been transferred from Cape Dorset to North West River, and Apprentice J. W. Sinclair from Pangnirtung to Bersimis.

Post managers G. T. D. Pickering, of Weymontachingue, J. L. Gaudet, of Bersimis, and N. J. Vigneault have been recent visitors to Montreal.

H. Leith, of Baker Lake left for Scotland on October 18.

J. Eric Love, manager of Mingan fur farms, visited district office in October to complete arrangements for the winter, and before returning to Mingan, visited the McLure & MacKinnon Silver Fox Farms Limited at Prince Edward Island. H. Boisner, manager of the Cartwright fur farms, also paid a short visit to Charlottetown.

S. H. Parsons returned to St. John's, Newfoundland, after completing his inspection of the Labrador posts, and left soon thereafter for Blanc Sablon, Quebec, accompanied by Norman Henry.

H. Hodkisson returned to Montreal on October 25, having inspected all posts on the north shore. —Ralph Parsons.



## Keewatin District

David Donaldson, formerly of Little Grand Rapids post, has been appointed manager of Nelson House post, succeeding O. Rheaume, who has been transferred to Mackenzie River district.

John Runcie has been transferred to Little Grand Rapids post, succeeding A. D. Hutcheon, who has been placed in charge of Deer Lake post.

G. L. Bremner has been transferred from Split Lake post to Gillam, R. S. Robertson, of Gillam, being transferred to Split Lake.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman McDonald, of Cedar Lake, at The Pas on October 15.

A. S. Proctor has been engaged as apprentice clerk at Cross Lake post.

John Speer has also been engaged as clerk at Wabowden post.

Mrs. J. Jewsbury visited Winnipeg in October for the purpose of selecting fall and winter stocks for the ladies' ready-to-wear department at The Pas store.

We regret to learn of the illness of Mrs. Donald Paterson, and wish her a speedy recovery.

R. A. Talbot, manager of The Pas post, was a visitor to the district office in October.

A. Anderson, district accountant, made a trip to Deer Lake post and back to Sioux Lookout by airplane in one day, during October.

The district manager is now on inspection trip of the following posts: The Pas, Wabowden, Split Lake and Gillam. —S. J. C. Cumming.



## Edmund Taylor



Edmund Taylor, for many years a resident of Calgary, and one of the city's leading financial men, died at his home in that city on October 2, aged fifty-eight years. He was born in Manitoba on May 14th, 1871, and was educated in public schools and Emmanuel College, Saskatchewan. In 1885 he joined the Hudson's Bay Company as apprentice clerk, and from 1885 until 1889 he served at various trading posts of the Hudson's Bay Company in the Northwest Territories. He was manager in Calgary from 1890 until 1897, and general manager stores department in Winnipeg from 1898 until he retired from the Hudson's Bay Company in 1906. From 1906 until 1911, when he formed the partnership of Lougheed & Taylor with the late Sir James Lougheed in Calgary, he lived in Toronto. In 1911, he made his permanent residence at Calgary.

Business interests of the deceased were many. Mr. Taylor was an organizer and president of the Calgary Stock Exchange for four years and an active member of the board of trade.

Mr. Taylor was a keen student of western Canadian history, and on more than one occasion contributed material of an historical nature to the pages of *The Beaver*. His collection of historical data is very considerable.

The sincere sympathy of all members of the various staffs of the Hudson's Bay Company is extended to Mrs. Taylor and family in their bereavement.

## London, England

As it will be Christmas time when this letter appears in print, we take this opportunity of wishing our friends and colleagues all over Canada the compliments of the season and best wishes for the new year.

The event of most importance since our last epistle, was, perhaps, the Beaver Club outing to Canterbury and Herne Bay on Sunday, 22nd September. A party of over sixty members and their friends started from Beaver House at 10.30 a.m., and after successfully evading police speed traps on the road, arrived at Canterbury about two o'clock. Lunch, of course, had been taken *en route* at a very pleasant spot off the main road some miles west of Chilham. Mr. Albert Coole, the official guide of Canterbury, escorted us round the town and cathedral and kept everyone amused with his apt commentaries on the places visited. We then proceeded in our luxury coaches to Herne Bay and had time for a bathe, a round of putting or a promenade, according to taste, before meeting at the Dolphin Hotel for tea. One final walk along the front after this, and then home again. We arrived once more at Beaver House at 10.30 p.m., tired and happy but, above all, hoarse by reason of the community singing, which continued practically the whole way home.

Other fixtures during the summer season were a tennis tournament at the end of June, in which nine couples competed and which was won by Mr. MacMillan and Miss Gregson, and a visit to the Firestone Tyre and Rubber Company's works on the Great West Road. At this factory the party saw every process in the manufacture of tyres, from the rolling of the crude rubber to the final wrapping of the finished article.

We have now started the winter programme, and this was begun with a whist drive and informal dance on October 25 in the reception room at Beaver House. Forty members of the Beaver Club are to have the opportunity of visiting the zoo, including the aquarium, on Sunday, 24th November, when they will be the guests of Mr. Hopfenkopf, who has recently been elected a fellow of the Zoological Society.

The first formal dance of the winter season is to be held on Friday, 15th November, at Gunter's restaurant, Hanover Square, and a large number is expected.

The table tennis section is still one of the most flourishing, and a number of enthusiasts play every Monday evening on the four tables in the room at St. Bride's Institute, which has been rented for the season.



At the October fur sale which has just concluded, declines took place in the prices of most skins. Head office reports no news except that the staff is immersed in work consequent on the first call of the new issue of the Company's shares being now due.

Mr. J. D. J. Forbes, fur sales manager, has received the honour of being asked to deliver a course of lectures on the fur trade at the City of London College.

Recent visitors from Canada whom we have had the pleasure of seeing are: Post Manager McDermott, of Hudson's Hope, on furlough; Mr. J. White, of the Winnipeg fur trade depot; and Mr. J. H. Fryer, buyer, also of Winnipeg.

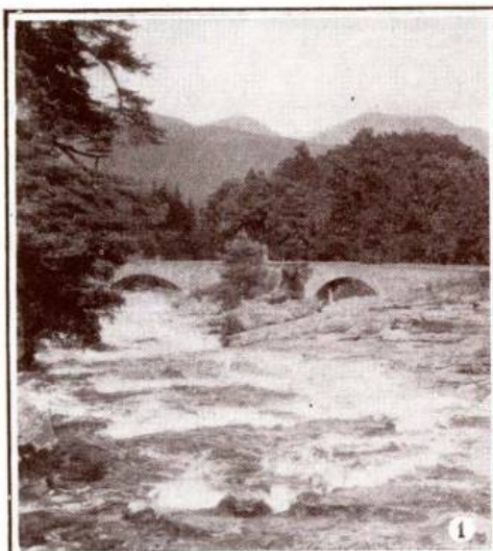
Mr. Delf and Mr. Tilney have returned to London with the Governor, as have also Mr. Townsend, of the development

department; Mr. MacGillivray, manager of the buying department; and Mr. Binney, of overseas personnel. Mr. Campbell has returned from a buying trip in Germany. Mr. Palmer, assistant manager of the buying department, is sailing for Canada shortly.

We welcome Mr. F. Edney, who has received the appointment of assistant buyer; Mr. G. Gale, who has joined the records office; Miss H. Brummitt, who has joined the buying office; and Mr. Nathanson, who is to assist in the Beaver House accounts department.

The holiday essay and photograph competitions have now been closed. The entries for the latter were remarkably good, and were numerous. The essay competition winning efforts will be announced later.—*T. Ruttle.*

### *Beaver Club Photo Competition*



1—First Prize, F. L. Heyes  
3—Third Prize, W. E. Jones

2—Second Prize, S. H. Grover  
4—A. F. King and V. Pegg



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## To the Glorious and Victorious Dead

Armstrong, J.  
Athwell, S. A.

Beach, G. F.  
Beak, W. J.  
Blackie, A. F.  
Bland, P. C.  
Booth, T.  
Bradford, H.  
Bundey, A. A.

Carson, W. F.  
Carswell, W. J.  
Chapman, W. M.  
Chatterton, W. E.  
Chickwick, J.  
Cochrane, R. W.  
Coleman, C. J.  
Cornell, A.  
Cowper, G. B.  
Cox, O.

Davis, F. H.  
Doe, F. H.

Fordyce, A.  
Foster, J.  
Foster, W.  
Furber, W.

Gell, E.  
Gemmell, W. H.  
Goddard, A. S.  
Godfrey, J.  
Gorman, W. J. K.

Haight, G.  
Highgate, W.  
Holmes, R.

Jones, H. S.

Knott, A.

Laroque, C.  
Lester, W.  
Lewis, W. A.  
Lloyd, G.  
Lyon, B.

Maclean, E. L.  
Martin, A. H.  
McDermott, L.  
McDonald, D.  
McGinnis, P.  
McKay, D.  
McKeller, D. R.  
McLean, C. S.  
McLennan, G.  
McSwiney, F. D.  
McWilliams, W.  
Milne, W.  
Mitchel, A. S.  
Murphy, F.

Page, L.

Rawson, E. D.  
Revill, J. A.  
Richards, E. C.  
Richards, J. W.  
Risbridger, H. G.  
Robertson, J.

Ross, J. M.  
Roy, J.

Salter, A. S.  
Searle, G.  
Speight, A. N.  
Standon, V. E.  
Stewart, W. H.  
Sutton, J. H.  
Swanson, J.

Tree, G.

Watson, J. H.  
Watt, H. B. C.  
Welch, J. W.  
Welch, W. H.  
Wellstead, R. P.  
Westerberg, N.  
White, A. E.  
Wood, E. F.  
Worrall, J.  
Wortley, J. S.

## Our Men Who Served in the Great War

Abbott, G. L.  
Adams, C. E.  
Adams, H. M. V.  
Adams, J.  
Allford, W.  
Amati-Smith, P. N.  
Anderson, A.  
Anderson, E. L.  
Anderson, W.  
Anscomb, B.  
Arron, H.  
Atkinson, J. A.  
Atwell, A. R.  
Audley, G.  
Austin, A.  
Austin, D. W.  
Avery, R. E.

Bailey, C. A.  
Bagnall, G. P.  
Baker, H. P.  
Balfour, W. J.  
Bamlet, R.  
Barker, J. G.  
Barrett, H. A.  
Bartlett, A.  
Bates, C.  
Bateson, J. M.  
Beatty, A.  
Beatty, J. H.  
Belcher, H. L.  
Benger, A. W.  
Bennion, H. C.  
Berens, R.  
Beynes, N. E.  
Birtles, E. G.  
Black, W.  
Blackhall, J. S.  
Bladworth, G. A.  
Blake, W. J.  
Bottomley, H.  
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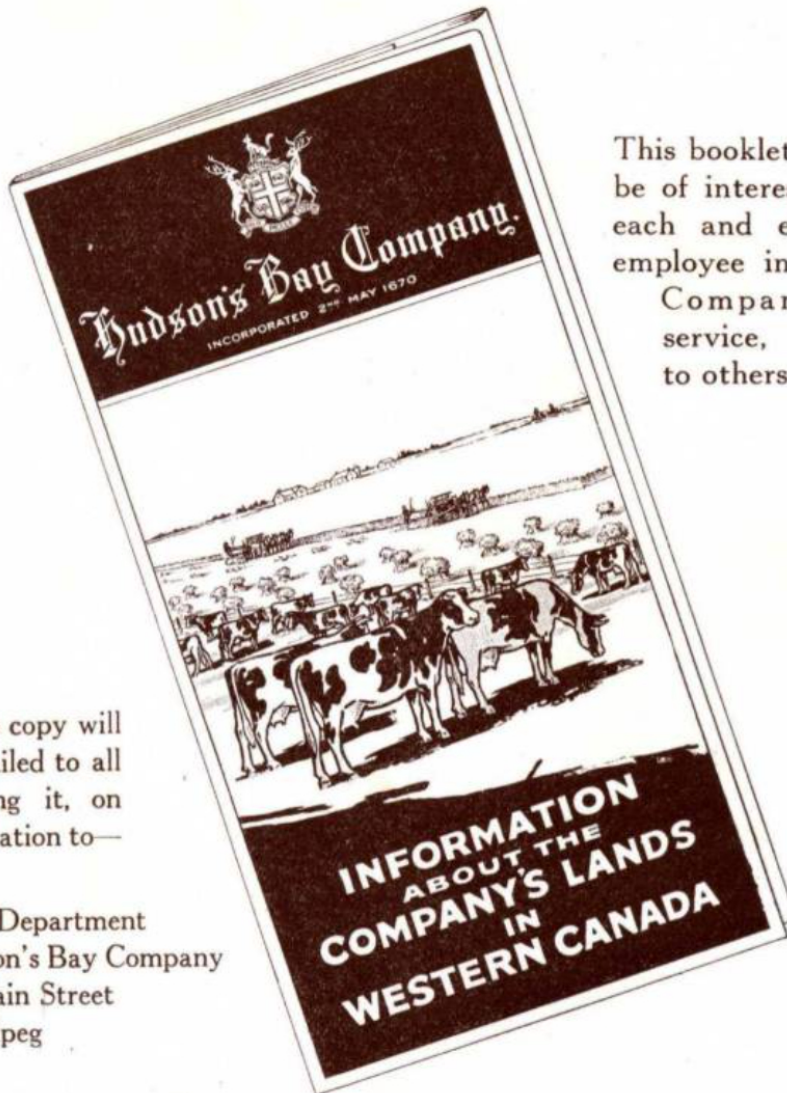
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