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Some of Prince Rupert's Leading Firms

Every city, town and village is known, whether for good or bad, by the character of its business men. Nothing so attracts a stranger as when coming into a city he sees bright, cheery places of business with well stocked shelves, and on entering is served by obliging salesmen. The visitor leaves with the impression that the city is a good one.

Prince Rupert is well blessed in the character of its business men and their stores. The stores are clean, well lighted and stocked with a variety and quality of goods rarely found in a city twice the size of this.

It would be impossible to enumerate here each one of the many excellent shops and businesses in Prince Rupert, so only a few representative firms are mentioned that the outside public may realize the size, variety and high standard of the Prince Rupert business world.

Cyril Orme.

Amongst the younger business men of the city none holds a more prominent position than Cyril H. Orme, proprietor of the two drug stores bearing his name. His success has been almost phenomenal. From owning a small store with a tent roof in the early days to becoming proprietor of two large splendidly fitted up modern drug and fancy stores is indeed a feat to be proud of. Orme's Drug Store is known all over Northern B. C. It contains everything in its line that can be purchased for money. The prescription business is also a very important feature.

Harrison, Gamble & Co.

Experience of the territory dealt with is a very important factor in the success of a real estate and financial firm. This factor is one of the strong features of the organization known as Harrison, Gamble & Co., brokers and financial agents, Prince Rupert, of which Mr. Samuel Harrison is the head. Few reliable real estate firms are in a better position to advise in questions affecting real estate investments in and near Prince Rupert. The firm deals extensively in good acreage near this city and has wide connections. Besides its own important opera-

tions, the firm represents The Anglo-B. C. Securities, Ltd., the Western Dominion Land & Investment Co., Ltd., the Tsimpsean Investment Syndicate, Limited, and similar firms. One of the largest propositions this firm has to deal with at present is the marketing of Port Edward town-site, for which they are sole agents.

Prince Rupert Importing Co.

The Prince Rupert Importing Co., Ltd., affords to the people of this district a selection of first class wines and liquors that could not be excelled in any city of the province. Connected with their business as importers, however, is another branch of the greatest importance. They are the sole manufacturers in the city of soda water and soft drinks. The present company upon acquiring the business took over the Crown Bottling Works, the first proposition of the kind to be started in Prince Rupert. The goods turned out by the present management are of the very highest grade possible, only the very best of constituents being used in their manufacture. Mr. W. S. Marshall is the able manager of this firm.

Fred Stork, Hardware.

The well stocked shelves and packed warehouse of Fred Stork's hardware establishment guarantee the purchaser of any article in this line, from a needle to an anchor, a great selection. By strict adherence to the principle of giving every man a "square deal," Mr. Stork has earned for himself and his business a very enviable reputation. His honesty of purpose and business acumen was responsible for the citizen of Prince Rupert conferring upon him the distinction of being the first mayor of the city. Retiring from politics, Mr. Stork devoted himself to his private business with the result that his then large trade has increased immensely.

Renworth & Jefferson

Any foot can be fitted at the up-to-date shoe store of Messrs. Renworth & Jefferson, on the corner of Fifth street and Third avenue. Stocked with as large and excellent stock as can be found in many cities of far

greater population and older than Prince Rupert, this enterprising firm spares no efforts to please the public, realizing a satisfied customer is an assurance of future trade. The active management of the concern is in the hands of Mr. F. Renworth, who has had a thorough experience in the boot and shoe trade, both as a retailer and wholesaler. For a number of years he was traveling representative for one of the largest shoe manufacturing establishments in Canada. His knowledge of the manufacture of the articles he sells gives him an excellent insight to the requirements of the trade in all lines, from a dancing slipper to a logger's boot.

Bryant Company, Ltd.

It is safe to say that if a man cannot find what suits him in the way of high class, up-to-date gentlemen's furnishings at the store of Bryant Company, Ltd., on Sixth street, he would be impossible to satisfy in any city on the Pacific Coast. This firm, occupying the position that it does amongst the gentlemen's clothing establishments in Prince Rupert, carries a stock of high class, standard goods that are renowned the world over.

Known originally as Sloan & Co., this firm started into business nearly four years ago, almost at the very outset of the city's history. One year last October it was incorporated into a joint stock company under the name of Sloan & Co., Ltd. A few weeks ago the name was changed to Bryant Company, Ltd. Mr. G. A. Bryant, who is now associated with the firm as managing director, with Mr. C. A. Vaughan as head salesman, is conducting a high class gent's furnishing business that would compare favorably with any similar concern in either Victoria or Vancouver.

J. S. Gray & Son.

Manufacturing jewellers, diamond mounters, engravers, watchmakers and graduate opticians, as well as being musical instrument dealers, Messrs. J. S. Gray & Son occupy a leading place amongst the business houses of Prince Rupert. Having been established here since the inception of the city, they have built up an extensive clientele which is ever increasing with the general upgrowth that is consistently going on. Together with the multifarious duties connected with their business, they find time to fulfil their engagements as musicians at dances and the theatre. All of the younger members of the family are clever and accomplished musical artists and exceedingly popular amongst the music loving public of the city.

Martin O'Reilly.

With two stores, each carrying a full stock of high class men's clothing—hats, boots and shoes, and the thousand and one accessories that are necessary to the modern man, Martin O'Reilly caters successfully to a large and ever growing patronage, not only in Prince Rupert, but in the outlying districts as well. Although it may not be a very unique distinction to class oneself as a pioneer of Prince Rupert, yet Martin O'Reilly's being here at the outset of the city's history, coupled with his great popularity ensures him obtaining a very large share of the business in his line. High class goods of undoubted quality at right prices has been the policy of Mr. O'Reilly and has resulted in his obtaining the large share of business which he now enjoys.

Williams & McMeekin.

Carrying an up-to-date and complete stock of first class groceries, Messrs. Williams & McMeekin hold a conspicuous place amongst the provision merchants of the city. Located in the heart of the business section, near the junction of Sixth street and Third avenue, they have a large and well fitted store that displays to the greatest advantage the excellent stock of merchandise that they carry. Years of experience in this line of business enables them to show just what to buy for the big trade they have built up in this city by fair and square business methods. As a result Prince Rupert is as well served as any town in the Province of British Columbia.

E. E. Confectionery Store.

The taste of the citizens of Prince Rupert for candy and sweetmeats is catered to and satisfied by the excellent goods manufactured in Prince Rupert by the E. E. Confectionery Store on Third avenue. Mr. E. Emad, the proprietor of the establishment, is a candy maker of long experience and is thoroughly acquainted with every secret of the trade. The large store and factory recently opened between Second and Third streets on Third avenue is well stocked with the choicest of chocolates and candies and is kept spotless. Realizing that quality is the first essential in the manufacture of candy, Mr. Emad spares no pains to make his sweets hold premier place, and that he has accomplished this is evidenced by the ever increasing trade of the establishment. He is making special preparations for the holiday trade.

Howe & McNulty.

Howe & McNulty, with an excellent stock of hardware in their commodious premises in the Albert Block, are building up a big business. The requirements of

the hardware business in Prince Rupert, as in every rapidly growing city, demand an enormous stock to be kept and this Messrs. Howe & McNulty realize, as is evidenced by their well filled shelves.

Will J. Hughes.

Opening up a high class millinery and ladies' wear business in the recently completed handsome Smith Block a couple of months ago, W. J. Hughes made a bid for a share of the patronage of the ladies of Prince Rupert that has met with the success it so justly deserved. Thoroughly experienced in his line of business, he at once realized that although only of a limited population Prince Rupert possessed people of discrimination and judgment and only goods of the very latest style and material would pay to keep in stock. Mr. Hughes, who for the past two years has been in the same line of business in Stewart, has nothing to regret in having selected this city to establish himself in, so as to be ready for the influx of population that is expected when the railroad is completed.

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