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Visitors Here Are Being Welcomed.

Two distinguished visitors are here today—Hon. S. F. Tolmie, Minister of Agriculture in the Dominion Government, and Colonel C. W. Peck, until recently member for Skeena. They announce that their trip is not of a political nature, and we are glad of it so that we can then all join in bidding them a hearty welcome.

The visit of Dr. Tolmie has been rather long delayed, but we can understand that we are not yet considered a very important part of the country and are therefore not entitled to that consideration which might be due to other sections. He is a busy man and just now must be busier than ever. However we are glad to have him here and to bid him welcome. As an agriculturist he is in the very first rank, and as a citizen he is above reproach. In the administration of his department there have been no complaints. He is the type of man we like to have drop in on us. There have been predecessors who have come here full of promises, who have been entertained and acclaimed and who have gone away and done us dirt. Dr. Tolmie is not that kind of a man. If he cannot do a thing he will say so. The Daily News extends to him a most hearty welcome on his first visit to the city as a minister of the Crown.

With Colonel Peck it is somewhat different. Until yesterday he was our member of Parliament, and he is always the popular Colonel of the gallant Sixteenth. He needs no welcome, although coming officially as he does today we are glad to couple his name with that of Hon. Dr. Tolmie. The welcome will be extended officially this evening at a banquet which is sure to be well attended.

Railway Situation Worthy of Attention.

Now that there is a minister of the Crown in the city it is perhaps well to draw to his attention some of our grievances. Before the amalgamation of the railways under the Canadian National System Prince Rupert was a terminal of a great trans-continental railway. Today it is simply the end of a branch line. On the completion of the amalgamation scheme every effort was made by the railway company to draw business away from this port and divert it to Vancouver. The main line of the system was advertised as running direct to Vancouver, and even within the last few months officials of the railway in the east have refused to book passengers through to Prince Rupert direct but insisted on sending them by way of Vancouver. For a long time our train met the train of the main line at Jasper, but eventually pressure was brought to bear and it was continued through to Edmonton, but no farther. And all this in spite of the fact that travel on this much despised branch is greater far, according to all the accounts received, than is that to Vancouver.

So it has been with the officials of the railway. The head officials have been removed to Vancouver and our local officials degraded to second place.

As everyone on the continent knows, it took many months of hard fighting to get the railway company to handle our fish out of this port. They refused to provide the cars, or else the Dominion Government refused to give them the money with which to purchase them.

No efforts are made to exploit the wonderful Skeena River gorges from a scenic standpoint or the equally wonderful scenery of the upper Skeena and Bulkley valleys. In spite of that tourist travel was greater last year than ever before.

There is no wish in making this complaint to appear unreasonable or to forget the things we have. There is a new dock just completed, but the contract for it was let before the present railway management took charge, and we are reliably informed that an effort was made to cancel the contract. The dock is still without superstructure and the long looked for railway station has not yet been started.

We are told that in order to make the old Canadian Northern line compare favorably with the G. T. P. all traffic emanating from the latter is booked to the credit of the former directly it passes Jasper, in spite of the fact that the G. T. P. is the better track and the one used.

There are other things we should like to mention while the minister is here, but the railway situation is perhaps the most vital to our welfare. The existence of the city depends absolutely on the railway and the prosperity of the city on the service we receive. We get every possible aid from local officials, but it is of the general policy we complain. We were better off as an important part of a bankrupt railway than as a neglected branch of a national system.



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Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

October 8, 1911.

Archdeacon W. H. Gollison, who has just completed a period of 38 years as missionary on the coast, speaks for the Anglican Church tonight.

The H.M.C.S. Rainbow riflemen were defeated by the Civilian Rifle Association at the McNicholl Creek range today by a score of 429 to 515. The marksmen for the Prince Rupert team were: Parlington, Stuart, Cameron, Morrison, McTiowan, Smith, Greer and Brown.

Commander Rose and the officers of H.M.C.S. Rainbow were entertained at a reception and dance by the mayor and city of Prince Rupert last night. The affair was held in the Kaien Island Club.

PRINCE GEORGE

Prince George citizens were keenly surprised this week when the announcement was made that H. G. Perry had been nominated to contest Cariboo constituency at the forthcoming election in the interests of the Liberals.

Inspector Parsons, of the provincial police, and Game Warden Van Dyke have returned from a trip to Fort McLeod.

The first office of the Board of Trade here, a log cabin, has been sold to F. J. Claxton for \$150.

The Prince George Citizen is launching a campaign to have a big covered in skating ring built here.

Messrs Golder and Welland have received a sturgeon from Vanderhoof which weighs 165 pounds without head or tail.

Recently at a railway station a boy who looked about 14 years of age who was smoking a cigarette went up to the booking office and said—"Half a return to Birmingham?" "What! A kid like you smoking?" ventured the booking-clerk, noticing the boy's cigarette. "Who're you calling a kid, aw'm sixteen," replied the lad, impudently. "Oh, you are, well, full fare, please!"

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DRUG MENACE AT WINNIPEG

Dope From Pacific Coast Causes Lots of Trouble in Prairie Capital.

SHIPPED IN QUANTITIES

Proposal to Spend \$100,000 in Trying to Cure Addicts on Prairies.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 8.—One of two innovations is desirable if the spread of the use of drugs is to be curbed and permanently stamped out in Winnipeg, said Dr. B. J. McConnell, coroner and administrator of the Narcotics Act.

The establishment of a ward for treatment of addicts in a local hospital, or

The purchase and operation of a colony farm, where they can be sent and detained away from the city and where they can have no opportunity to visit the haunts of the drug vendors or associate with fellow drug fiends.

Of these two, Dr. McConnell favors the farm proposition. He suggests the purchase of land not too far from Winnipeg, and estimates the total cost, including land and buildings, at between \$100,000 and \$150,000. He points out that there would have to be separate buildings for the male and female addicts.

Reduction in Addicts.

After three years, in which every effort has been made to cope with the situation in Winnipeg, Dr. McConnell announced a reduction of 20 per cent. in the amount of dope consumed. He placed the number of dopers in Winnipeg at more than 200 persons.

Drugs are being shipped to Winnipeg in enormous quantities, he said, and the task confronting the authorities is more than difficult, since all dope fiends, no matter how respectable before coming under the influence of drugs are prone to be liars. Even though an addict is caught, he cannot be relied upon to give information of the source from whence he obtained his drugs. Most of the shipments received locally come from the Pacific coast, he said.

Lurking Peddlers.

Dope peddlers, said the doctor, are lurking throughout the city at advantageous locations and are feeding the dopers in so general a manner and in such large quantities as to cause alarm.

"There is no use sending man who is not a dope fiend out to catch one of these vendors," said the doctor.

"The first question he would be asked would be, 'Do you take snow?' and if he answered 'Yes,' he would be asked, 'How much are you taking?' Even if he was well trained and passed these two questions safely, he would have to show, actually, that he took it or be vouchered for by a doper whom the vendor knew."

Morphine and Cocaine Popular.

Morphine and cocaine are the chief drugs being peddled in Winnipeg, he said. Heroin is not generally used and is not carried in stock by peddlers. Morphine is available through peddlers at from 50 cents to \$1 per grain and cocaine is the same price.

Dr. McConnell exploded the common theory that drug fiends can be cured only by cutting down the amount of dope they consume daily or ambulatory treatment. In opinion with other prominent medical men, he has reached the conclusion, after an extensive research into the drug habit, that the removal of the addict from his surroundings and the absolute cutting off of the drug at once are the two most important essentials in curing the habit. When pronounced cured, said the doctor, the patient should be established in the outside world at some location where old associations cannot reach him.

Best Cure.

These are the reasons behind the proposed establishment of a colony farm.

The best cure, he said, was effected by plenty of fresh air and sunshine and a sufficient amount of work to harden the muscles, as morphine and cocaine are nerve starvers. To put these men in condition to do an honest day's work would require anywhere from eight weeks to eight months or a year, said

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