

by sports, including horse-racing, and all of it seemed to be greatly enjoyed. The celebration was concluded by a dance given especially for the natives, but in which nearly all Vermilion took part.

4th Sept.

At Peace River Post

IT was not considered practicable at this point to encourage extensive celebrations outside the Shaftsbury Reserve, as it would have attracted attendance of natives from districts where similar celebrations were being held at some time or other. We equipped the son of the late chief with a substantial grubstake, and through an interpreter explained the purpose of the celebrations which the Company desired them to participate in, and invited the Indians and their neighboring friends to have a big feast and make merry in the way they themselves preferred, upon their own reserve.

I am given to understand that a quiet celebration was held on the Reserve amongst the few remaining Indians and some neighboring friends.

30th Aug.

At Fort St. James, B.C.

THE Celebrations were held on the 4th November, in connection with the 250th Anniversary. The weather was ideal. There was quite a representative gathering from all the outlying points, such as Tachi and Pinche.

The Indians were gathered here attending to their devotional duties, in connection with "Big Sunday." We took this opportunity of sending out invitations to all, including the white population, who also were well represented and who entered heartily into the spirit of the affair and helped to make it a success.

Invitations had announced luncheon for noon. 10 a.m. saw the Indians beginning to arrive and gathering around, eagerly looking forward to the repast promised them. Punctually at the hour set the seating began, about seventy-five sitting down to a well-supplied table.

During the luncheon, Mr. Murray proposed the toast to "The King," which was suitably replied to by Mr. Fitzsimons. Mr. D. Hoyt next proposed the toast of the "Hudson's Bay Company" which was replied to by the

Post Manager. Mr. Ferrier proposing the toast of the "Indians," was replied to by their chief, Louis Billy. The old assistant chief Joseph Prince then proposed the toast of the "White Population" (adding that the H.B.C. was here long before the white man!)

Sports Events

Running broad jump, first, Duncan; second Taddie Dominick. Hop, step and jump, first Taddie Dominick; second, Daniel Tylie. Boys' race, first, Pius; second, Patrick Agramme; 100 yards, first, Duncan Jim; second, Caesar Bird. Ladies' open, Ann Dominick, Mary Prince, dead heat. Sack race, first, Taddie Dominick; second, Leno Billy. Three-legged race, first, Leno Billy, Taddie Dominick; second, Fred Prince, Daniel Tylie. Tug-of-war, Mission vs. Village: winner, Mission. Ladies' nail driving, first, Mrs. H. E. James; second, Betsy Stephens. Wheelbarrow race, first, Fred Prince, Daniel Tylie; second, Taddie Dominick, Leno Prince. Old man's race, first, Jimmie Stevens; second, Felix; third, Dominick; fourth, Billy Louis. Potato race, first, Mary Prince; second, Jessie Felix. Indian dance, Joseph T. Lake, Cyprian.

A dance being held in the evening, every one seemed to enjoy themselves, and all went home satisfied, declaring it to have been one of the best day's sports ever held at Fort St. James.

At Babine, B.C.

DINNER was held June 30th with all the Babine and Bear Lake Indians assembled at the Post.

At one o'clock 135 men attended dinner in a suitably decorated hall. Speeches were made by manager and several Indians; 15 white customers attended. After this 35 children had their feast. At three o'clock, 50 women with babies were entertained by manager's wife in front of dwelling house, this making the total number of people entertained about 220. There was a baseball game at 4 o'clock.

NEWS OF THE FUR POSTS

Hazelton, B.C.

MR. HARRY L. WOOLISON, who has been assisting at this Post during the past year, has been transferred to the buying department at Edmonton. Mr. Woolison is greatly missed here. His place is being filled by Mr. J. W. Barker, who is expected to arrive from Babine during the coming week.

A RECENT MAIL received from the Company's Post at Telegraph Creek, B.C., came by aeroplane. Mr. Anderson (post manager) and wife received letters on one of the four American planes on their return trip from Nome to New York.

Long Lake, Ont., Post News

MR. N. FINLAYSON, H.B.M., who has seen service at this Post for over forty years, had a very narrow escape from drowning some two weeks ago when his dogs and sleigh broke through the new ice. His son, who saw the mishap, went for a canoe, but Mr. Finlayson succeeded in getting out before assistance arrived. How he managed to climb on the slippery ice is a mystery, especially as he weighs 220 pounds and is over sixty years of age. No doubt he *kept cool* and did not lose his head.

A similar instance, with a sad ending, took place on the vicinity of the Post recently, when the chief of our band of Indians broke through ice whilst crossing Fleming lake with his dogs. He and all of the dogs were drowned.

Missing "Links"

The lynx, very scarce throughout this district last outfit (year), have again failed to appear in any numbers, though the rabbits are quite plentiful again.

THE Indians have all been outfitted and away to their hunting grounds for some weeks. The fall was an exceptionally fine and dry season and the water is very low. The first issue of *The Beaver* was received with enthusiasm and will no doubt be still more appreciated when all the posts in the district get their contributions in. The brochure, received at the same time, is highly appreciated and is of absorbing interest from cover to cover. —16th Oct.

Nepigon House News

CAPTAIN MILLER and Engineer Tickner, of the "Jessie T," the game and fisheries patrol boat, called in last month on their way to West Bay, where the provincial government is getting speckled trout eggs, for the Port Arthur hatchery.

Dinorwic, Ont., Post News

DINORWIC Post is the scene of bustling activity these days (10th Oct.) All the Company's Indians are getting their Fall outfits, preparatory to leaving for their trapping grounds.

Chief Wm. Chief is in the St. Joseph hospital, Kenora, Ont., suffering from muscular rheumatism.

Joseph Ackabee, a returned Indian soldier of this band, who had his leg taken off by the train under which he fell, is going to Winnipeg to study telegraphy.

The Indians' children have all recovered from the measles, an epidemic of which struck the band about two months ago. No fatalities occurred.

Mr. William Watson, of Big Manitou Lake, was at the Post last week. Mr. Watson is a pioneer of the Edmonton district. While in he purchased two years' rations from the Company's store.

Mr. Clarence W. Rhind, member of the staff at this Post, is the proud father of a baby girl, born October 5th, 1920.

The Pas Post News

MR. AND MRS. C. H. M. GORDON, returning from The Mayo Hospital at Rochester, passed through The Pas on their way to Cross Lake Post. Mr. Gordon's son, Munro, accompanied them.

MR. R. HOOKER has taken his family from The Pas to Osnaburgh House.

OLD NORTHERN Ontario prospectors who are now in The Pas Mineral District were greatly interested when they heard that Steve Lafricain, manager for many years at Fort Matachewan, Huron District, had got married again. Mr. Lafricain gives his age at 85 years.

MR. H. M. S. COTTER was so well pleased with the good times he had at Prince Albert riding round in Mr. Barker's car that he has serious thoughts of requisitioning for one to be used getting round on the mud flats at Cumberland House. He thinks a car would be much better than a canoe.

MR. WM. LUNDIE has left The Pas to take charge of the post at the South End of Reindeer Lake. Mrs. Lundie and family have gone with him.

TO MR. AND MRS. J. G. B. CAMP-BELL, Cedar Lake, a daughter. "Many happy returns."

MR. AND MRS. W. H. HUTTON and family spent a few weeks visiting relatives at Winnipegosis and Ste. Rose du Lac.

MR. J. A. WILSON died on August 21st at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Philip Keddie, The Pas. Mr. Wilson's many friends on the Labrador, the North Shore, and in Montreal will be sorry to hear of his death. Mr. Wilson was buried in a plot granted by the chief of The Pas Indians in the Indian cemetery at Big Eddy. The Masons of The Pas Masonic lodge had charge of the funeral arrangements.

MESSRS. CHRISTIE HARDING, JOHN MELVIN, J. NEIL, WM. MITCHELL and ALEX. FLETT, all of Nelson River District, passed through The Pas on their way to Winnipeg and other points on business during the past Summer.

CECIL HARRIS, of Eskimo Post, came out early in Summer to visit friends on the Atlantic coast. After a few days there he returned to Winnipeg and arranged to go to Western Arctic District, going down the Mackenzie River far enough to see the midnight sun. Here the longing to see his old friends, the moon-faced Esquimaux, at his old post north of Brochet, got the better of him, and he returned to Prince Albert anxious to get back to his old stamping ground before Winter.

MR. AND MRS. SEYMOUR, of Onion Lake Post, visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Oakes, at The Pas Post.

Only Providential Insurance

A farmer in a small way walked into the offices of one of the great fire insurance companies and intimated that he wished to insure his barn and a couple of hay stacks.

"What facilities have you for extinguishing a fire in your village?" inquired the superintendent of the office.

The man scratched his head and pondered over the matter for a little while. Eventually he answered: "Well it sometimes rains."

Fort William Dist. Office

MR. J. D. MacKENZIE, district manager, has just arrived from an extensive trip along the Canadian Government Railways, and inland as far as Lac Seul, Pine Ridge and Grassy Narrows. He reports beautiful weather all the time, hardly meeting with any ice.

MR. H. G. WOODS, assistant district manager, has returned from a trip to Fort Hope.

MR. F. H. ALDOUS, manager of Mattice Post, has just arrived from a trip to England and Ireland, his first visit in eighteen years. He was delayed on his way back for two days, owing to bad storms on the Atlantic.

Why This Cook Draws \$10,000 a Year

Mr. Vanderbilt is said to pay his cook \$10,000 a year, because he can cook better than any other man in America. If Monsieur Saucegravi could cook tolerably well, and shoot a little, and speak three languages tolerably well, and keep books fairly, and sing some, and understand gardening pretty well, and could preach a fair sort of a sermon, and knew something about horses, and could telegraph a little, and could do light porter's work, and could read proof tolerably well, and could do plain house and sign painting, and had once run for the legislature and knew how to weigh hay, he would not get \$10,000 a year for it. He gets that just because he knows how to cook. It wouldn't make a cent's difference in his salary if he thought the world was flat and that it went about its orbit on wheels. There's nothing like knowing your business through and through from withers to hoof, whether you know anything else or not. What's the good of knowing everything? A great financier once said to a youth, "What is your greatest ambition?" "To be a rich man," was the reply. "That's where you're a fool," answered the financier, "you ought to strive to be the greatest in your line in the world, and you can't help being rich." These are days of specialists. Try to be an expert in your particular work. Endeavor to do it more quickly and better than anyone else.