

DESCRIBES ROUTE BY WHICH THE LATE LORD STRATHCONA ROSE TO WORLD-WIDE FAME

(Bob Davis in New York Sun)
Whosoever sets sail from British Columbia for the Orient is in line for a double-barreled farewell—one at Vancouver at 11 a.m. and another at Victoria at 5.30 p.m. the same day. If the weather is pleasant—which is generally the case—the Vancouverites take a little sail as far as Victoria. In consequence, one meets during those all too short six hours a number of agreeable people worth seeing again. And so, therefore, peradventure, one returns from the Far East to the American continent via the V ports—a simple and effective way to extend friendship.

Among the short-haul passengers I had the good fortune to meet Henry George Parson, a "London cockney," to use his own words, who left England in the '80s and set out for Canada, which he now declares to be good enough for him.

"What first attracted you to this comparatively new country?" I asked him.

"The opportunities that were offered young men; the vastness of it; the variety of its richness. And, perhaps, if the truth must be known, the possibilities offered youth. It was an invitation to the instinct for adventure; a vast dominion, much of it unexplored or undeveloped, where any young man, willing to pioneer, would in all probability succeed. The incident that fired me to a decision dates back to 1883, when on a train between the London and Crystal stations I met a Scotchman. Our conversation turned to the subject of travel. I told him of my intention to tackle Canada. 'From what I hear about that country,' said he, 'you might go further and fare worse. My uncle, a stone mason from the old country, went over there and got along very well indeed. At the present time I think he is Premier of Canada. His name is Alexander McKenzie.' And so it proved to be. That was the turning of the tide in my young life, and here I am for nearly fifty years. From 1884 to 1885 I served on the parliamentary staff of the Toronto Mail at Ottawa, where gigantic plans for the future of this country were being laid. I saw the empire in the making and in a humble way played a part. From 1907 to 1915 as a member of Parliament I witnessed stupendous developments. During that period, in

years after by arrival in Canada, Sir Donald at Craigellachie in Manitoba province drove the railroad spike that united the tracks of the Canadian Pacific between the two oceans. Those were heroic days, when the youth of this country, sensing in the rise of Donald Smith the possibilities within their own reach, became ambitious. I know nothing in all history pertaining to new lands that equals in point of interest the history of this lad from Forbes, Scotland.

"Articled in his eighteenth year to take a junior clerkship with the Hudson's Bay Company, operating in Canada and in Labrador regions, at that time practically devoid of everything approaching luxury, in a zone-fraught with hardship, where self-preservation was the first law, young Donald, with no backing save his own energy and courage, made his way from the bottom to the top and became the residue, throughout the whole of my residence, I observed the growth of a prosperity and the formation of a government that is a credit to its founders and its people. There has never been a time in Canada when courage and initiative were not certain of reward.

Another Instance

"Perhaps the most conspicuous instance is that of Donald A. Smith, afterward Sir Donald, and later Lord Strathcona, November 7, 1885, two dent governor of the organization in 1863, with headquarters at Montreal, and in 1880, governor. He attained such eminence as an organizer and director of great enterprises looking toward the development of his adopted country that no forward step was made without his co-operation. With the men of vision occupied in shaping the destiny of Canada he stood among the foremost, supported not only by the Government but by an army of associates created through his progressive administrations.

"As one of the staunch supporters of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, which he backed with the whole of his private fortune, he was a primary factor in bringing the work to completion. His activity and foresight while a member of Parliament established him as a statesman. In 1900, during the Boer war in South Africa, he raised, equipped and presented to the British Government a regiment of irregular

cavalry 600 strong, recruited from the Canadian West, and known as the Strathcona Horse. In 1909 he was raised to the peerage. Hence Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal. With his cousin, Lord Mountstephen, at one time president of the Canadian Pacific, he founded and endowed the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, contributing as well large sums to universities in Canada and Scotland.

"Strathcona was the backbone of the emigration policy which from 1896 did so much to increase the population and the prosperity of Canada. With a vision that extended beyond the Canadian frontier he became a member of the Pacific Cable Board, controlling the cable laid in 1902 by the combined governments of Great Britain, Canada and Australia. In whatever direction he moved, the obvious intent was to serve posterity and to extend the limits of civilization. To this day there is no province in the Dominion where one cannot find evidence of this man's honest endeavor to be of service to his own and future generations. In 1896 he was appointed High Commissioner for Canada in London, a post which he occupied up to the year of his death. Behind him lies a succession of triumphs, a record that will for all time serve as an inspiration to those who believe in individual effort among mankind."

Mr. Parson, who is at present editor and owner of the Golden Star, published at Golden, Canada is of the opinion that the life of Lord Strathcona should be issued in pamphlet form and placed in the hands of every schoolboy in the Dominion. "It would make of them," said he, "better boys and better men."

Marshfield, Or., July 11—Coos Bay dentists are strictly and decidedly opposed to any proposition pertaining to their doing business on a Japanese basis.

Two members of a Japanese steam er's crew while here recently, made many inquiries as to prices and customs in America, and related, among other things the low dental prices in Japan. He displayed a mouthful of gold fillings and bridgework to prove it. It cost him \$15. He said it cost but 5 cents to pull a tooth in Japan.

Washington, July 11—Senator Ashurst, Democrat, of Arizona, claims a prize as a political prognosticator.

He recalled that he publicly predicted two years ago that the next President would have a double "o" in his name.

"I can't lose now," Ashurst said. "It will be Hoover or Roosevelt."

G. M. BARKER A NATIVE OF THE COUNTY OF YORK

Was Born on a Farm Near Barker's Point— Has Led a Successful Career in Business.

(Telegraph-Journal)

(One might turn to an Horatio Alger book for a parallel of the life of George Minchin Barker farm boy who has become a leader in big business—president of The "2" Barkers, Limited, and other commercial organizations. Born on a farm at Barker's Point on the St. John river near Fredericton in 1867, he was one of four brothers. The toll on the farm early inured him to hard work, a factor that has been an asset to him in his business career. But he had other ideas than to be an agriculturist. The boyish eyes looked abroad, and at the age of 13 he set out to make his way in the world, with one too much school experience and with less ready money. Woodstock drew him there and he began business life at \$3 a week pay, all eaten up in board and lodging. He moved from place to place, always learning and persevering towards an end he had in view. Finally he came to Saint John and there established himself, opening Barker's Store on Garden street as his first venture. In the next year, 1889 he married Miss E. May Rutherford and they have been happy companions through all the years that mark the reaching of their 43rd anniversary. They have three children—F. R. Barker, of Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Vera Barker Rose, of Amherst, N. S., and Minchin P. Barker, manager in Saint John. They made their home here for 40 years and then moved to Amherst, where Mr. Barker took over supervision of the Amherst business on the death of his brother, A. A. Barker, who had been in charge there. The homestead in Saint John, at 26 Queen Square, was sold and Mr. Barker purchased a residence at 196 Victoria Street in Amherst.

Mr. Barker is an enthusiast in salmon fishing and with the bird gun, and is a member of several fishing and hunting clubs in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Not unnaturally, there have been business reverses from time to time but the courage and confidence developed through the years served to tide over these and if he finds things moving on nicely through the present times he realizes that his business policy and hard work have had something to do with bringing about that pleasant situation.

"The depression would soon be eliminated," he said, "if everybody—and that includes cities and larger governments—would have the cash before they spend it. And everyone should give value for what money they receive."

Mr. and Mrs. Barker have enjoyed much travel but have yet to find a place that appeals to them more than do New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Speaking on the occasion of the opening of the new Saint John store, Mr. Barker expressed his thanks to the people of this city for the support and encouragement he received here and had all good wishes for the residents of Saint John and surrounding districts.

(Mr. Barker is a son of the late George F. Barker, who once represented York in the New Brunswick Legislature. The late George F. Diblee of this city was his cousin).

PISTOL JOSTLED LOOSE, SLUG HITS WOMAN IN KNEE

Nashville, Ind., July 11—Deputy Sheriff Thurman Percified, 40 years old, has made no arrests in Brown County in many months but he always wears his badge and a revolver. Then Percified went to a party and was called upon to do a jig. As he warmed to his work, his revolver jilted from its holster, discharged for the first time in a year, and sent a bullet into the knee of Elsie Brown 32, another guest.

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