

# AUTOCRAT OF A VAST REGION

## Romantic History of the Great Hudson's Bay Company.

AT ZENITH OF ITS POWER IT RULED OVER A TRACT LARGER THAN WESTERN EUROPE.

Canada, fearful of a repetition in Hudson Bay and adjacent waters of the Alaskan boundary dispute, is now vigorously engaged in asserting its sovereignty there by maintaining Federal cruisers and establishing police posts in the region, with the idea of making impossible the assertion of any claims by the American whalermen who have been frequenting those waters for seventy years. The bay itself gives access to the great Canadian Northwest, the vast territory once known as Rupert's Land. It was named from the dashing Sturtevant prince who was the first governor of the Hudson Bay Company, which in 1670 acquired from King Charles II. the wilderness west and south of the bay not then occupied by other governments.

The Hudson Bay Company was formed by a number of men interested in the Newfoundland trade, nobles and favorites of the "Merry Monarch," who had obtained from him extensive plantations on the coast of that and the neighboring islands.

Great annual harvests of fish, seals, and peltries were reaped; but they were fired to dreams of immensely greater riches by the stories of two French explorers, Radisson and Grosellier, who had penetrated the wilderness from Lake Superior through to Hudson Bay, and had brought to London being rebuffed at Quebec and Paris accounts of a country filled with fur-bearing animals and an ocean teeming with fish. They proposed to reach both by taking ships through Hudson Strait and establishing posts on the western coast of the bay, thence piercing the interior and so avoiding quarrels with the French in "Canada," which, as at that time understood, meant virtually the present Province of Quebec, and the eastern districts of the western boundary where the pioneer warrior with the savage.

The Province of Manitoba has already been created out of Rupert's Land, and westward it extended beyond the Rocky Mountains, the company holding sway over what is now British Columbia, Washington and Oregon States, and even the North Pacific Islands, while, after the new Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta were taken from it in 1905, there still remain the unorganized territories of Ungava, Keewatin, Mackenzie, Athabasca, and Franklin, to form the nucleus of future provinces.

### UNDISPUTED SOVEREIGNTY.

There is in the history of commercial exploitation of overseas possessions scarcely any more fascinating chapter than that which treats of this Hudson Bay Company; how it resisted nations, overcame rivals, outwitted Parliament, subjugated natives, and made itself sovereign of a region which embraces substantially half of the continent of North America. At the zenith of its power, seventy years ago, it enjoyed dominion over a territory larger than Western Europe, with an area exceeding four million square miles, populated by more than fifty different Indian tribes, and yielding a yearly tribute in furs and feathers of enormous value which fairly staggers belief.

For two centuries the Hudson Bay Company had ruled its vast bailiwick as despotically as the Czars ruled Russia. Only its store-ships, bringing in supplies and munitions, articles of barter and platoons of servants, and conveying out the years accumulation of peltries and fish, could cruise in Hudson Bay. Only its factories, clerks, and trappers could venture into its inland areas, save at the risk of death. Over the northern plains the company's word was law, its tokens were currency, its factors exercised the powers of life and death, liberty, marriage and divorce, and its most despotic despotism. In the remotest days it had a desperate struggle to maintain its existence; for the French repudiated its charter, ignored its authority, and did actual battle to crush it out. In 1686 Troyes and Ierville captured the company's Forts Rupert and Albany and in 1697 Ierville with a small squadron invaded Hudson Bay, met and defeated the company's ships, and captured Fort Nelson. In 1722 La Perouse also captured Fort Prince of Wales, an important stronghold which had been built in 1699 in building, and high and thick walls of masonry, and would have required four hundred men for its defense. As it had only thirty-nine, the chief factor, Samuel Hearne, the "Mungo Park" of Canada, surrendered it without firing a shot, presenting its keys to the victorious Frenchman on a silver salver; for which his memory has been executed by the company's people ever since.

### FIRST GOVERNOR.

The first governor of the company was Prince Rupert, and his second John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough. His original capital was only ten thousand pounds, and it operated in only a small way at first; but its enormous profits that within twenty years it nominally tripled its capital, so as to make its annual dividends appear smaller. Yet in 1684 the dividend was fifty per cent., and in 1689 thirty per cent., although the company claimed to have lost one hundred and twenty thousand pounds during the decade by French marauding. Thirty years later the capital was trebled again. By this time the company had its posts spread all over the western wilderness, and international amity prevailing, was compelled to meet the commercial competition of rival concerns which took life in the piping times of peace. John Jacob Astor, the founder of the New York family of that name, laid the foundation of his fortune by the establishment of the Astoria Company for

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On Common Ground by Sydney H. Preston is a book of which one can speak with unstinted praise. It is not often that one finds oneself longing to get back any book, but one has this sensation with regard to this volume. It is a book difficult to drop from the first moment it is taken in hand and one to which the reader returns with real delight. It is partly, one must admit, because there is much fascination in the subject, but it is also because the narrative is so simple, lucid, satisfying, hearty humor, with no trace of coarseness or boisterousness. Every page is unpretentious, lively, racy. It is the most pleasant book of its kind we have seen for many a day.

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# COBALT WILL LAST.

The following is part of an article written by Alexander Dallos in "Business and Finance," a most reliable New York financial journal. It gives some idea of what the people of the United States think of the Canadian Cobalt country.

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