

NEWS DEPARTMENT

Columbia River Historical Expedition

The event of greatest historic interest in the Pacific Northwest during the last three months was the Columbia River Historical Expedition by the Great Northern Railway Company assisted by State officials and representatives of historical societies. The leading article in this *Quarterly* for July, 1926, was a complete outline of the proposed Expedition written by Donald MacRae.

That outline was correct except for a few extras added to the programs. The addresses delivered and papers read were of high value and should be saved in printed form. Space will gladly be given in coming issues of this *Quarterly* for more detailed mention of the Expedition or for the publication of the addresses in full.

Rededication of Alki Point Monument

On Saturday, September 4, 1926, with elaborate ceremonies, the pioneer monument at Alki Point was rededicated. Two considerations brought this about. When the monument was first erected in 1905 permission was obtained from Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Smith to place it on the lawn fronting the Stockade Hotel. When the City of Seattle acquired a strip along the beach to be added to its park system representative pioneers began to express the wish that the monument might be moved across the street from private to public property. Opportunity to do this came unexpectedly when a motorized caravan, sponsored by the American Automobile Association, proposed to bring to Seattle a rock from the beach fronting the famous Plymouth Rock.

Local arrangements were hastily completed by a committee representative of the Seattle Park Board, the Street Department, the Washington Automobile Association, Seattle Chamber of Commerce and pioneers. Since the cross-continent caravan was being managed by J. H. Brown of the Michigan Automobile Association, the Michigan Society of Seattle undertook to serve a picnic lunch at Alki Point which would be followed by the program.

O. J. C. Dutton of the Park Board presided and after explaining the purpose of the meeting introduced Mr. Brown. He told how Mayor W. T. Eldridge of Plymouth, Massachusetts,