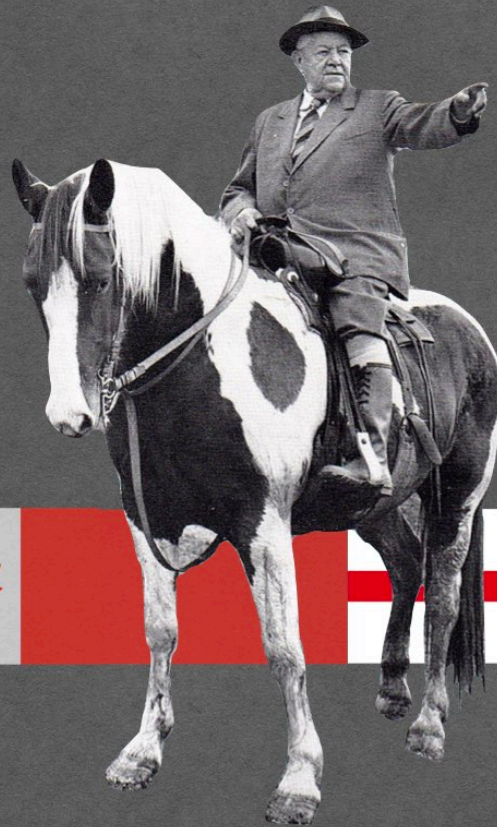


Joseph W. Hobbs

1891 - 1963

The Last Whisky Baron?



1891

1900

1963



Joseph W. Hobbs

The Last Whisky Baron?
A remarkable person in the whisky trade

Background

-1900

- Emigration to Canada
- Pilot training and WW1

1900-1918

- The move to Vancouver
- The business in Vancouver
- The First Trans-Canada Flight (Basil Hobbs)

1918-1932

The Prohibition

The Marine Building

- Rumrunning
- The ships
 - When Prince Albert cut the the Frisco Honolulu cable
- The Hobbs messages

AVSNITT 5

1932 - 1963

- Back in UK
- DCL and National Distillers - The cooperation plans that failed
- Ferrolene and the patent
- The Great Cattle Ranch
- Inverlochy Castle
- Torlundy and Ocean Mist
- Hobbs passes away 1963

The Distilleries (1930s)

- Glenury Royal
- Bruichladdich
- Glenlochy
- Highland Esk/North Esk/ Montrose/Hillside/Glenesk
- Benromach
- Fettercairn
- Strathdee

The Companies

- W.A Gilbey
- W.H Holt
- Associated Scottish Distillers (ASD)
- Train & McIntyre
- McNab Distilleries

The Distilleries (1944-)

- Glenmavis
- Lochside
- Ben Nevis

Ind. Whisky Assoc.

JOSEPH W. HOBBS – Den sista whiskybaronen? - avsnitt 5

Marine Building och Hollywood i Vancouver

Som tidigare nämnts tjänade Joseph Hobbs stora pengar under förbudstiden.

Tillsammans med sin skolkamrat från Sault Ste Marie, Fred G. Johnston som var VD för G.A. Stimson's (ett gammalt obligationshus) gick han in i ett projekt – The Marine Building. I april 1929 blir Hobbs VD för ett av dotterbolagen och ansvarig för projektet, som skulle bli Vancouvers högsta byggnad.

På websidan <https://glenlochy.com/pages/12/70> finns mer detaljer.

Ett möte med arkitekter, stadens representanter m.fl. hålls. Rapporten från mötet är på 274 sidor och Hobbs är mycket aktiv under mötet. Han föreslår garage under byggnaden och har åsikter om toaletters placering.

Redan tidigt får man finansiella problem och Hobbs åker till England för att hitta finansiärer, men hittar inga:

“but had found Old Country investors cautious”.

I mars 1929 tar Vancouvers borgmästare det första spadtaget och i oktober 1930 invigs byggnaden.

Turerna runt obligationshuset Stimson och de finansiella problemen fortsätter och det upptäcks ekonomiska oegentligheter. I januari 1931 arresteras ledningen för bolaget, bland andra Johnston och han döms till tre års fängelse.

Hobbs har då redan lämnat bolaget och blir inte anklagad för något brott. Han förlorar dock stora summor pengar i projektet – exakt hur mycket är oklart.

Byggnaden har än i dag kännetecken från Hobbs tid – ett sjöflygplan och en Zeppelinare.

1931 blir skilsmässan med Mabel Dell klar och han gifter om sig med engelskan Evelyn Florence Appleyard

Skam den som ger sig. Hobbs startar ett nytt projekt. 1932 tillbringar han två månader hos Universal Studios. Tanken är att detta bygga upp ett Hollywood i Vancouver, men det blir inget av det. Han flyttar hem till London och startar upp ny verksamhet.

Samtliga sammanfattningar finns här:

https://www.repspect.se/joseph_hobbs_summary.html



An early architect's drawing of the Marine Building on Burrard Street, before the design was finalized. McCarter & Nairne, University of Calgary #MCA447-10.

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Is under construction. This is the largest
office building in Canada, west of Toronto.
The tower reaches 200 feet in height**

**Stimson's Canadian Development
Company Limited**

Head Office: Commerce and Transportation Building, Toronto

14 BRANCH OFFICES IN CANADA

Whitehorse Star - 5 april 1929

TORONTO, April 24.—Captain Joseph W. Hobbs, Vancouver, was today elected western vice-president of G. A. Stimson & Co., the oldest bond house in Canada.

The Province Sun - 29 april 1928



The Vancouver Sun 12 mars 1929 - t.v Hobbs

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VANCOUVER, B.C.

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Calgary Herald 27 april 1929

Stimson's Development Co - ledning

New Money For Marine Bldg.
 It is reported that J. W. Hobbs, Vancouver manager of Stimson's Canadian Development Co., has announced a deal with Starrett Investment Corp. of New York for the financing of the Marine Building, Vancouver, a promotion of the former company. According to the announcement, \$1,000,000 in cash would be made available for completion of the building.

National_Post 17 april 1930

The Vancouver Sun 7 oktober 1931 -
 Johnson t.v Hobbs t.h

MARINE BUILDING SUPPLEMENT THE VANCOUVER SUN MARINE BUILDING SUPPLEMENT
 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1930
Marine Building Centralizes Trade of the Port of Vancouver



Photo by Leonard Frank

HEAD OF FIRM
 LIEUTENANT COLONEL J. W. JOHNSON, M.C.
 President of C. A. Stimson & Co. Ltd., who has been instrumental in the financing of the Marine Building.

VICE-PRESIDENT
 LIEUT. COMMANDER J. W. FISHER
 Vice president of C. A. Stimson & Co. Ltd., who has been an active factor in securing the Marine Building for Vancouver.

EVIDENCE of the growth of Vancouver into one of the world's greatest ports is forthcoming on every side, but it is doubtful whether there is any more prominent sign than that of the necessity which has arisen for finding adequate accommodation for those merchants who are connected with the foreign trade of the port. To meet this pressing need the Marine Building has come into existence. In 1928 when the project of its construction was first conceived by Lieut. Commander J. W. Hobbs of Vancouver, the Merchants' Exchange, the Board of Trade, and prominent firms and citizens endorsed it. Lieut. Colonel F. G. Johnson, president of C. A. Stimson & Co. Ltd., the oldest bond house in Canada, offered the firm's services in the financing of the building—and the proposal went on to fruition. The Merchants' Exchange and the Board of Trade gave their support by contracting to take quarters in the new building. Leading merchants followed suit and Vancouver now has a centralized building of exquisite design, built to meet the requirements of the trade, and wherein are housed many of the factors that have made Vancouver a world port. The need for centralization of the firms engaged in the export trade and shipping of the port has become increasingly evident and the opportunity now presents itself for all principal grain, shipping, lumber, insurance, import and export merchants to find such accommodation under one roof. A central position and proximity to the waterfront were two essentials for the location of the building, and in the Marine Building these have been attained. It commands an unrivalled scenic view of the harbor and city, and dominates the financial section of Vancouver.

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Sjöflygplan - foto John Orr juli 2022



Zeppelin - Foto från Wikipedia - Alethe Winter 2006.



Marine Building - Privat samling

Police Seize Books In Vancouver Offices Of Stimson Companies

Stimson's Canadian Development Co. Premises
In Marine Building Scene of First Raid--
Documents Found There Impounded.

**MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE BLOCK
WAS NEXT ON VISITING LIST**

Special Constables Placed on Guard Following
Conference Between Representative of
Attorney-General Pooley and Officials.

**Richmond and
Burnaby Reeves
Are Returned**

Dickinson and Fiddes Are
Elected Coucillors in
West Vancouver.

CONFIDENCE in their 1930 admin-
istrations was expressed by voters

The Province 18 januari 1931

Charged With Conspiracy



FOLLOWING recent bankruptcy proceedings involv- are (1) Laurence E. Clark, vice-president and general
ing G. A. Stimson companies, chief officials of the manager; (2) Frederick G. Johnston, president of the
firms were arrested upon charges of conspiracy by in- parent company, and (3) W. J. Dow, secretary-treasurer.
structions of the attorney-general's department. They

North Bay Nugget 17 januari 1931

MOVIE INDUSTRY FOR VANCOUVER?

EMPIRE MADE FILMS MOVE TO AID PLAN

CAPT. J. W. HOBBS INTERESTED

A Vancouver syndicate, headed by Captain J. W. Hobbs, has for the past year been investigating the possibilities of establishing a motion picture industry here, Captain Hobbs told The Vancouver Sun today.

"Certain Hollywood picture interests have stated their willingness to contract for the purchase of the entire output of pictures of a studio established in Vancouver for release in all countries," he declared.

Captain Hobbs said he had no plans to announce yet as he has been waiting to see what the Imperial Conference would do to stimulate the moving picture industry in the British Empire.

IN THE FUTURE

He intimated, however, that he might have an interesting announcement to make in the near future.

J. Y. McCarter, architect, and R.

Has Idea



CAPT. J. W. HOBBS

CANADIAN MOTION PICTURES PROJECT

PLANS FOR \$3,000,000 STUDIO, "IF VAN- COUVER WANTS IT"—BRITISH FINANCING

Somewhere in Canada it is planned to build an ultra modern moving picture studio, fully equipped to produce talking pictures for circulation throughout the world, under the British Quota Law.

This is the assurance of J. Harold MacDowell, architect and accoustical expert of Los Angeles, who has arrived in Vancouver with definite plans and confidential reports to lay before the Empire Motion Picture Corpora-

J. W. Hobbs and R. Rowe Holland nearly a year ago.

"Their study of the situation was encouraged by the fact that Hollywood producers require more and more British-Empire-made film in order to get their own products admitted to Great Britain," states Mr. MacDowell.

"We are now convinced that the enterprise will be a success and are assured by Hollywood producers that the time was never more opportune for action than right now."

The Vancouver Sun 24 december 1932

The Vancouver Sun 19 augusti 1932