

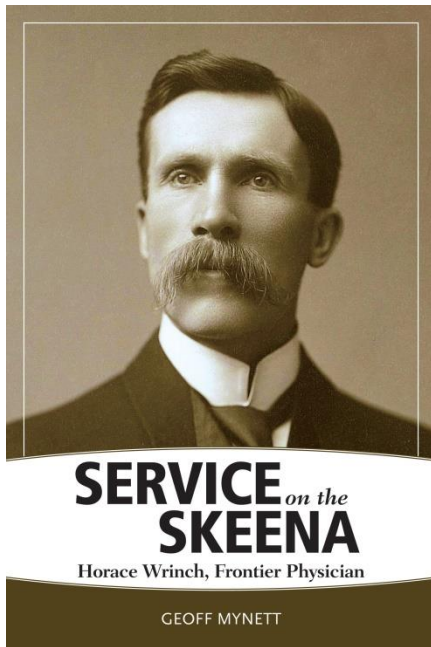
MB Retiree Becomes a Published Author

Geoff Mynett worked in head office from 1974 to 2000. Recently, he has been researching and writing *Service on the Skeena: Horace Wrinch, Frontier Physician*. This biography tells the story of a pioneer doctor in Northern British Columbia at the turn of the last century. It has recently published by Ronsdale Press of Vancouver.

Dr. Wrinch went to Hazelton on the Skeena River as a medical missionary in 1900. He built the first hospital in the northern interior, now called Wrinch Memorial Hospital. He also set up and ran the hospital farm as well as establishing a nurses training school. In the 1920s, he was an MLA in Victoria and was a champion for public health insurance in British Columbia. When he died in 1939, the *Vancouver Sun* called him one of the most beloved men in the north. This biography is based on letters, newspaper reports and other contemporaneous documents.

It is also full of stories of the frontier at the time that Dr. Wrinch arrived: sternwheelers on the wild Skeena River, the hunt for the accused murderer Simon Gunanoot, the pack-trains to the gold fields and the shoot-out in the 1914 bank robbery.

Geoff first visited Hazelton in 1979 and since then has been fascinated with this beautiful area and its inhabitants.



Geoff joined the law department of MacMillan Bloedel in 1974. In 1987 he became Corporate Secretary and saw MB through many of its changes until the takeover in 1999. He retired in May 2000. He has served as a director of the Club. He and his wife live in Vancouver.

Check out Geoff's website for the book: www.geoffmynett.com

***Service on the Skeena* is available in bookstores, as well as online from Amazon, Chapters-Indigo and from Ronsdale Press, www.ronsdalepress.com .**