

Zhu Rong

Besides Kwan Yin, the Goddess of Mercy, and Shen Nung, the patron of farmers markets and herbalists, the other statue enshrined in the Chinese Temple (joss house) in Lytton, B.C. was Zhu Rong, patron of firefighters and travelers.

The temple of Zhu Rong in Quandong city, Quangzhou Province, China, is located at the confluence of two rivers (Pearl and East Rivers). It is surely no coincidence that the statue of Zhu Rong was enshrined in the joss house in Lytton, at the confluence of the Fraser and the Thompson Rivers.

Zhu Rong was a sage who taught the people the proper and careful use of fire as well as water conservation.

He set up weather prediction stations and protection for travelers by sea from Guangdong (Canton).

Travelers would stop at his temple to pray for a safe journey and no doubt when they arrived in Lytton they would go to the joss house to give thanks for safe arrival.

The temple in China was considered to be his office - work place where he carried out his daily job of protecting the people. The joss house in Lytton would have been his branch office.

That is what Zhu Rong, the god of the South Sea, is doing in a joss house in Lytton, B.C.

Zhu Rong Temple in China:

<http://www.absolutechinatours.com/Guangzhou-attractions/guangzhou-south-sea-god-temple-fair-3442.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Upb4Q-rcu9k>