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PREMIER MEIGHEN WAS GIVEN CIVIC WELCOME ON ARRIVAL IN THIS CITY THIS MORNING

MAYOR REID WELCOMED NOTED VISITOR

Appropriate reply by the Premier—Reception for Mrs. Meighen and Himself in City Council Chamber—Many citizens paid their respects to Leader of Canada's Government.

Fredericton the capital city of New Brunswick paid her respects to Canada's Premier today, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen accompanied by his wife, F. B. Stacey, M. P. for Chilliwick, B. C., and J. E. Sexsmith, M. P. for East Peterboro Ont, arriving by C.P.R. this morning. The Premier's visit is political in nature being a portion of the by election campaign now in progress in York-Sunbury, but the reception tendered him by the Mayor and City Council was on behalf of the citizens and was the measure of respect which is deserved by the leader of Canada's Government. The members of Parliament accompanying him are farmers who are supporting the present administration.

Many at C. P. R. Station

Several hundreds of people were at the C. P. R. station this morning when the train from St. John arrived having attached to it the private Canadian National car which is used by the Premier and his party. His Worship Mayor Reid and the aldermen of the city greeted Premier Meighen and Mrs. Meighen as they stepped from the train, the Fredericton Brass Band playing the National Anthem. After the formal greetings the Premier's party took places in a motor and headed by the band, a procession of motors went to the City Hall by way of York Street.

In the Council Chamber

Those desirous of meeting the premier and his wife soon filled the Council Chamber. Union Jacks were used for the interior decoration. His Worship took the chair and Premier and Meighen were heartily applauded when they entered the chamber and proceeded to reserved places at right of the Mayor's chair. Before reading the formal address Mayor Reid informed those present that it was to his great pleasure that the Premier of Canada was present. The City Council felt itself honored to be able to present an address of welcome. The remarks of His Worship were followed by the presentation of flowers by little Miss Betty VanWart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. VanWart. The little girl was rewarded by a hearty kiss from Mrs. Meighen.

Mayor's Address.

The address by Mayor Reid on behalf of the city was:—
To the Right Honourable Arthur Meighen, K.C., B.A., Prime Minister of Canada.

On behalf of the people of Fredericton, the Capital of the Province of New Brunswick, we have the pleasure and honour of extending to you, the Prime Minister of Canada and Mrs. Meighen, their most hearty welcome to our city.

We understand that this is not your first visit to Fredericton and therefore it is not as an entire stranger that

we welcome you today. The honour of your visit on the present occasion however, is enhanced by the distinguished position which you have been called upon to occupy as the head of the Government of the Dominion of Canada.

It is not our purpose to enumerate the splendid qualities of mind and industry and perseverance which have marked your professional and public career. The high office to which you have attained, when still a young man, is sufficient evidence of your energy and ability and your rapid rise in the service of Canada has in it the elements of greatness and true success.

It constitutes an example worthy of emulation by the best type of young Canadian in every sphere of activity. We congratulate you most sincerely on your attainment to the high and honourable office of Premier of Canada. From Confederation to the present time Canada has been most fortunate in the character and spirit of her first ministers. They constitute a line of succession of which all may be proud. We believe that you will carry forward this record of service with satisfaction to the people and credit to yourself.

We are honoured by your presence here today. The citizens of Fredericton unite in offering you a genuine welcome and the sincerest of congratulations. We trust that your stay may be most pleasant and that, in less busy times you may soon take the opportunity to come again.

Dated at Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, the 23rd day of May, A. D., 1921.

J. A. REID,

Mayor.

Premier's Reply.

Premier Meighen replied as follows to the formal address of welcome:—

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen.

My feelings are difficult to express and if I spoke the truth, I am more affected than I care to say, by the excessive kindness of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Fredericton in the expression which has just been given my wife and myself. This visit is my second to Fredericton. The first was during the early progress of the war and it may not be inappropriate if I stop and say a word of appreciation for the services rendered by the city and district in the war, the greatest struggle of history. That visit was not connected with politics. This is. It is a relief which I can express to you, to get away from the antagonistic atmosphere of Ottawa and get out to places where the people are not so worked up over politics. Fredericton is the same size as the city in western Canada in which I live and to which I removed to make my start in life. Coming to this city I find myself more at home than I do in larger centres. You have prosperity here. There are signs of that everywhere and nowhere better shown than in the fine appointments of this council hall. I must congratulate you upon having such a place for the deliberations of your Council. It is a credit to the City.

This is all I can venture to say at this time. If I see the same faces this afternoon I will be in a better position to discuss certain matters. It is my intention to say something on behalf of the government of which I have the honor to be head. I will endeavor to avoid offending the feelings of opponents no matter how bitter.

I have in Fredericton friends whom I have known for years. I cannot now

HON. MR. WIGMORE'S LETTER WAS MORE THAN A CRIME SAYS A MONTREAL PAPER

New Brunswick Minister Displayed As Much Delicacy As A Stevedore Would In Reaching For A Barrel Of Salt-Pork --- Letter Was Grossly Unethical --- Montreal Standard's Comment.

The Montreal Standard, an independent paper with strong cant towards the big interests, makes the following terse comment on the letter of Hon. Mr. Wigmore to the French Purchasing Commission:

"The Hon. Rupert Wigmore showed about as much delicacy in reaching for business from the French War Purchasing Commission as one of the stevedores in the employ of Nagle and Wigmore might in reaching for a barrel of salt pork."

"If Mr. Wigmore, when he was on the milk route, handled his cans with the same lack of tact as he displayed in his now famous letter we can only say that we pity the customers. Mr. Wigmore's graduation into business diplomacy appears to be far from complete. The way the honorable Minister fumbles his point suggests that he must have put his mitts on to write it. We can well imagine that the French War Purchasing Commission felt the jolt."

"Non!" we can hear them saying. "Mais ils ne doutent de rien, ces bons Canadiens!"

WORSE THAN A CRIME

"It has not been our pleasure yet to hear Mr. Wigmore speak but if he does it as briskly as he writes, Mr. Speaker will be well advised to strain all rules of procedure to head him off. Mr. Wigmore, we understand, takes the ground that the letter was no crime. The French gentlemen will probably agree to that. It was worse than a crime—it was a blunder."

"Mr. Wigmore may not have put himself within the letter of the Independence of Parliament Act, but that is a poor excuse. His letter was grossly unethical. The Premier made the best of a bad job—he stuck by his colleagues."

The Mail respectfully commends the above to Premier Meighen and trusts that he will take occasion to discuss it in his speech in the Arctic Rink this evening.

SOME EMPIRE DAY MESSAGES FROM NOTED BRITISH STATESMEN

(By Dominion News Service)

The Dominion News Service has been favored with the following exclusive messages from British statesmen.

From Rt. Hon. Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary of State for Ireland:

"On this Memorial Day the thoughts of the people of Great Britain, and especially of one, who, like myself, is a Canadian born, turn with gratitude to the Big Dominion of the West which came so loyally and whole heartedly to the Empire's assistance when Her very existence was threatened. And this Day is Ireland's election day. We would all be glad to see her a contented and self-governing partner in our great Commonwealth. This day gives her the opportunity, and I hope it will be the commencement of a new and happier period in Irish history."

From Lord Stanhope: "I rejoice that Canada intends widely to celebrate Empire Day, as by so doing, she will prove yet again to those who still desire the disintegration of our great Empire that she intends, whether in peace or war, to uphold our common heritage and our great traditions for the benefit of all mankind."

WILL STUMP IN ONTARIO

Toronto May 21.—The Globe, today, says:

The three outstanding men in the Canadian farmers movement—Crerar, Drury and Morrison—are to stump Ontario together this summer, it was learned yesterday, that the tour will begin early in July and last at least two weeks.

see an opportunity for retiring from the stress of active life, but if it should ever come, I know of no place to which I would rather come, than Fredericton.

Many of the citizens in the Council Chamber were then presented to the Premier and Mrs. Meighen, an informal reception being held near the entrance to the chamber. Later the Premier's party was escorted to the Barker House.

MR. TURGEON NOT WORRYING

Ottawa, May 22.—A statement in regard to the Veniot incident was made in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon by O. Turgeon, (Gloucester), N. B.

Rising on a question of privilege, he quoted the reference to him in the correspondence produced in the House Friday in which it was stated that Mr. Veniot would have to have a portfolio and that "to make an opening Mr. Turgeon would have to be provided for."

"Mr Turgeon," continued the member for Gloucester, "is well provided for by the electors of Gloucester. The writer of that letter, I am sure, was not well acquainted with the mentality of the electors of Gloucester or he would not have written that letter."

Mrs. H. Wiesel of St. John is in the city.

SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES WERE MADE BY HOUSE ON SATURDAY IN SALES TAX REGULATIONS

WHERE WILL YORK'S M. P. COME IN?

Ottawa, May 22.—It is expected that prorogation will take place on Saturday, May 28, in spite of the fact that the house will not sit on Victoria Day, May 24. It is understood that the business will be finished on Friday night.

Forest Protection Meetings.

The meetings in the interest of Forest Protection conducted in connection with the visit of the Canadian Forestry Association demonstration car held in the Opera House this morning, were attended by hundreds morning, were attended by hundreds of schools and of the Provincial Normal School were in attendance at the three meetings. The speakers were Col. T.G. Loggie, Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines, His Lordship Bishop Richardson and Dr. B.C. Foster. Motion pictures of various forest views were shown and explained by G. Gerald Blyth Assistant Secretary of the Canadian Forestry Association and H. Harry Allen of Penniac, President of the New Brunswick Guides' Association. The chairmen of the meetings were R.D. Hanson, Dr. O. C. Jones and Dr. H.V.B. Bridges, who also delivered short addresses.

Interment Made Here.

The body of Mrs. Doak a former resident of this city, whose death occurred at Winnipeg, arrived here this afternoon by C.P.R. and was taken to the Methodist Church from which the funeral took place at three o'clock. Rev. J.M. Young officiating. The pallbearers were Ald. W.L. Jennings, Charles Young, F.K. Richards and George Green. The deceased is survived by several sons living in the west. Mr. and Mrs. Breen of St. John son-in-law and daughter of the deceased attended the funeral, as also did Joshua McNabb of Brookville, St. John County, a brother of the deceased. Several of the sons of the deceased served overseas during the late war.

Farmers Worked Up.

There were upwards of two hundred farmers in the markets on Saturday and much election talk was indulged in by them. Candidate Stairs made the rounds during the forenoon and found the sentiments were overwhelmingly in his favor. Had a grand vote been taken it would undoubtedly have been ten to one in his favor. The chances are that the market next Saturday, when polling takes place, will have a deserted appearance.

Had Narrow Escape.

Mr. William McLennahan, keeper of the Municipal Home, had a narrow escape from serious injury on Regent street Saturday evening. He was getting in his carriage when a delivery team driven by a boy started to drive past him. The hind wheels of the two vehicles collided and that of Mr. McLennahan's was completely overturned. But for the quick action of a bystander in catching the horse by head, the consequences might have been serious.

Tornado at Sheffield.

At Sheffield at about 7.30 Sunday night the wind reached the velocity of a tornado. The barns of Fred Parker and Sydney Burpee both were blown down fortunately the stock in the buildings escaped injury and people about the places also escaped.

C. W. Sullivan of St. John is at the Queen.

R. H. Mowat of Campbellton is in the city.

ONE PER CENT IS CUT FROM LUMBER

Government Throws a Sop to the Farmers by Removing the Tax from Cattle and Poultry Feed—Other Exemptions Made—A Turn Over Tax Suggested.

Ottawa, Ont., May 22.—Taxation proposals in the budget again held the floor in the house of commons on Saturday. The sales tax was particularly in review; and, in this regard some important changes were made. The original resolutions provided for an excise duty of the three per cent. on lumber. Under a government amendment adopted today, the tax is now two per cent on lumber sold and delivered by the Canadian manufacturer and three per cent on imported lumber. The list of exemptions from the tax was also increased. It now includes bran, shorts, oil cake, meal and grain for cattle and poultry food. Another change in the resolutions make clear that the new taxation on spirits applies to sales to the province.

Turnover Tax Suggested.

During the afternoon numerous suggestions were made. I. E. Pedlow, (South Renfrew), suggested a turnover tax. There were pleas for protection of the dairying industry—J. E. Armstrong of East Lambton advocating a sales tax on the raw materials used in the manufacture of oleomargarine—and John Harold of Brant pressed the case of binder twine manufacturers.

With the amendments indicated the sales tax resolution was then carried and a bill in conformity therewith introduced and given first reading.

A resolution was passed making permissible the sale, importation and manufacture of oleomargarine without any time limit being fixed.

AT DIVINE SERVICE.

Sons of England at Parish Church Sunday—Lodge Made Good Appearance.

Islington Lodge, No. 151 Sons of England Benefit Society held their annual church parade to Christ Church Parish church last evening, on which occasion Rev. A. F. Bate, rector of St. Ann's as well as Chaplain of Islington lodge, preached a very able and interesting sermon from Corinthians. The discourse was a splendid one outlining the connections of the Sons of England Society to the British Empire. The parade started from 'range Hall at 6.30 about fifty strong headed by the Fredericton Brass Band although the Union Jack was carried in the parade only one man saluted it throughout the city. The procession went out Westmorland street to the church, after the service they returned by the way of Charlotte, Regent and Queen.

The marching was good and the lodge turned out well. Each member wore a rose that had been presented to him by John Bebbington Sr. who for twenty-five years has been treasurer of the lodge. Mr Bebbington imported these roses from Ontario for the occasion.

Mrs. John H. Mace.

At Sussex, Mrs. Mace, widow of John H. Mace, died, Friday aged 67 years. She is survived by one son, Jack, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Harbor Grace, Nfld., and one daughter Mrs. Charles Dougherty, of Fredericton.

MINERS' STRIKE IN GREAT BRITAIN CAUSES A SHORTAGE OF BEER

London, May 23.—A shortage of beer is reported throughout the country generally as one of the consequences of the lack of coal, due to the miners' strike. This has led "Punch" to remark that it feared something serious would eventually happen.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN NOTED SCREEN COMEDIAN WILL WED IN DECEMBER

New York, May 23.—The first definite information about the reported engagement between Charlie Chaplin, noted screen comedian, and May Collins, ingenue of the movies, came East yesterday. It now appears settled that Chaplin will marry her, and the date for the wedding has been set as next December.

Miss Collins has told her friends that this is the momentous time. It is expected that they will make a tour abroad for their honeymoon.