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Banquet to Hon. Mr. Veniot And Col. Ralston at St. John

Federal Cabinet Ministers Honored at Non-Political Function—Premier Baxter Proposed the Health of the Guests in a Stirring Speech, to Which the Ministers Replied Eloquently—The Banquet an Epoch Making Event.

ST. JOHN, June 16—An outstanding demonstration of the unity of the people of New Brunswick, regardless of station, creed or political affiliation, was given last evening at a complimentary dinner in the Admiral Beatty Hotel, tendered to Hon. P. J. Veniot, postmaster general, and Colonel the Hon. J. L. Ralstone, C. M. G., D.S.O., minister of national defence in the Federal Cabinet, under the auspices of the Saint John Board of Trade.

More than 200 men from all parts of the province attended, and the spontaneous applause which greeted the speakers, showed clearly that the broad national sentiments voiced by them found ready response in the minds of their hearers.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, premier of New Brunswick, proposed the toast to the guests of honor, both of whom responded. It was particularly notable that the thoughts expressed by Premier Baxter, and his immediate predecessor at the head of the New Brunswick Provincial Government, were almost identical in so far as they referred to the severing of political allegiances when the questions of well-being and prosperity of New Brunswick and the Maritime Provinces were at stake. Colonel Ralston brought his audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm with his resume of what already had been accomplished and what there still remained to be done.

Seated at the head table were Col. A. E. Massie, chairman, Colonel the Honorable J. L. Ralston, Minister of National Defence; Hon. Dr. P. J. Veniot, Postmaster General; Lt. Governor W. F. Todd; Hon. Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, Premier of the province; Mayor W. W. White, Saint John; Mayor W. G. Clark, Fredericton; Alexander Johnston, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries; Col. W. B. Anderson, C. O. M. D. No. 7; Hon. Dr. W. E. Foster and Dr. J. C. Webster, Shediac.

Colonel A. E. Massie, the chairman, in his opening remarks made reference to purpose of the banquet to honor the two men who had done so much towards the implementing of the Duncan report. Much had been accomplished, he said, but only the half way mark had been reached.

Colonel Massie then called on Premier Baxter to propose the toast to the guests.

Premier Baxter.

Premier J. B. M. Baxter said in part:

"Mr. chairman, my friends the guests of the evening and the gentlemen who are assembled, I suppose somebody would think that I ought to preface the address more or less short, more or less long possibly, that I shall have to inflict upon you, by the statement that I am not here to talk politics or that I do not want anyone to attach any political significance to what I may say tonight. On the contrary, I say that I am here to talk politics and I do not want anything but political significance to be attached to any remarks that I may make tonight. For the politics that I propose to discuss are not the politics which divide Canada, but the politics which unite the Maritime Provinces.

Gathering is Unique.

"This gathering is, as the chairman has already remarked, unique in its character. While I do not intend, and I trust before I get through, I shall make it clear that in no way do I disparage our guests of the evening, yet without offence to them I can say that this gathering is not so much because of the men as because of a great idea which has taken possession of this community and the Maritime Provinces in common with this community. And the gentlemen whom you honor tonight we honor as being in a position today to give practical effect

to those ideas with which I am sure they are in the most absolute and perfect accord.

"Men of Saint John, turn your minds back a few years in the past, go back with me if you will only a handful of years ago when, pardoning me for any personal reference, I first obtruded myself upon the deliberations of the Common Council in 1892. What was our attitude then?

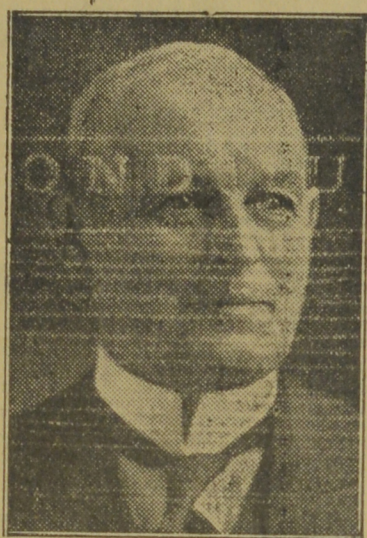
"Why, if I had met our genial friend Ralston at that time I would have been in duty bound as a citizen of Saint John to have hissed at him and he would have been bound to bark at me, for I would have been Saint John and he Halifax and that east and that west could never meet. What was fathering this unholy spirit and furthering it all the time? Why that institution, blessed institution against which we must say nothing even under our breath, the daily press of the land. There could not be a Saint John newspaper true and loyal to Saint John unless it defamed Halifax and declared that all the fog in the world was centred in Halifax and the Halifax paper retaliated and said they knew we had the real article at our very gates.

Birth of Idea.

"Somewhere, somehow, there was the birth of an idea in both cities, the idea that possibly there might be more for Saint John, more for our future if we got together and stopped this insane fratricide strife, and we have stopped it, and if you look at the press of the two cities today you will find, if anything, a rivalry in goodwill and human understanding of the problems of each other and a determination to join in furthering the aims of both, realizing a largeness of view that has come to us, realizing that there is plenty in this Dominion of Canada for both ports no matter how great they may become and our business is to get all we can for these ports and other ports in the Maritime Provinces when the time comes for development.

Movement in Parliament.

"The idea first developed a few years ago in parliament; there was a movement from a very small group, but the movement was towards a better understanding. It progressed so far that practically all the members from the Maritime Provinces met on several occasions in one room in the House of Parliament and discussed questions pertaining to the welfare



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of these provinces. An offer was made to the party at that time in power that the small group would keep silence if silence was the best way to play the game, or would speak if speech would be of value. That small group put itself completely in the hands of the larger group and simply asked for directions and asked the larger group to use its influence within its own party which was dominant in order that things might be accomplished for the Maritime Provinces. It was realized it might mean possibly the extinction of a political party, but the idea was that it was better that a party should be extinguished if by no other means we could obtain for the Maritime Provinces that which was our just due.

Tribute to Stewart.

"Committees were struck on transportation and immigration, and I would like here to pay a tribute to a gentleman who passed through the city the other day, and I am sorry I was unable to meet him as I was out of the city. I refer to the Hon. Charles Stewart, who at that time was head of the immigration department and was preparing while he held that office to take a deep and vital interest in the problems of resettling the Maritime Provinces. The scheme, however, was wrecked. I shall not go into the details, but the wrecking of it was because of an unfortunate mistake made by one man who is not now in public life. But the idea is persisting. It is persisting under the get-together of the people of these provinces, the mutual support that was given in the presentation of our claims before the Duncan Commission. It has got to a wonderful extent in the daily press which is now speaking not for parties but for the Maritime Provinces as a whole. It has got into the minds of the Boards of Trade where the political element has practically disappeared. It has got into the minds and hearts and souls of the every-day people of these Maritime Provinces, who want us to play less politics and instill more business into the administration of our affairs.

Words Recalled.

"Some time ago I was speaking in the presence of our friend the Hon. Mr. Veniot in this room. It was at an earlier stage of this battle which is going on for the rights of the Maritime Provinces. I said then that whatever members of any particular party might desire, and each party desires that it shall be the one in power and have the dominion of the affairs of the country, yet there is a duty upon those who are out of power, and that duty is to abstain from misrepresentation or what is, perhaps, more dangerous still, a policy of criticizing every effort that is made by those who for the time are charged with the affairs of the country. If men are in power—and one party or the other must be—for Heaven's sake back them up. Don't start with misunderstandings, don't misrepresent. The moment you get that sort of unnecessary division, that moment you give the people in other parts of Canada through their representatives in parliament or in any cabinet, the opportunity of saying: 'Why do you expect us to do anything for you people down by the sea when you cannot agree among yourselves as to what you want?'

THE CANADIAN MARCONI STOCK IS GOING STRONG

**May Soon be Listed on
New York Stock
Exchange.**

**RUMORS OF A
BIG DEAL**

**Radio Corporation of
America Said to be
Interested.**

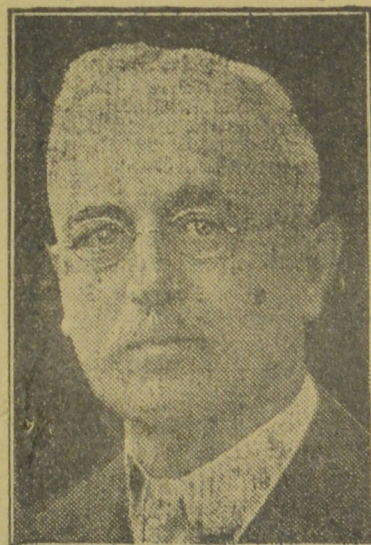
(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

London, June 16 (By Herbert Bailey)—The recent sharp increase in the price of Canadian Marconi shares on the London Exchange is causing the greatest interest. The Daily News attributed the rise to the announcement that the shares are soon going to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The recent buying has been substantial and the city believes that this is due to American financial operations here. There is much mystery regarding the movement.

Rumors have been current in Montreal for some time that the Radio Corporation of America in association with some prominent Canadian interests have been negotiating for the purchase of Canadian Marconi. Nothing official is available and those reported to be interested are direct in their denial of these reports.

Propaganda Vindicated.

Our propaganda which has gone on for years has been a vindication of the claims of the Maritime Provinces, not to charity, but to justice, and on that we found. No one man can make the fight alone. No two men can make the fight alone. Don't blame any political party, a party must be composed of members from the whole country. The interests of this country are diverse. There are people in some parts of this country who cannot say that our claims are just or reasonable. They have their weight with any political party that may be in power. The proper way is to convince them. If they are not amenable to argument then force must be applied to move them out of the way of progress. We have got to help these two ministers by putting them far behind their



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backs. I do not propose this from the standpoint of party strategy but only from the standpoint of Maritime justice, that if there should be any resistance from the other parts of Canada, there ought to be at the same time an administration as wide as these two men, and declaring that whatever course they take they will have unanimous backing.

Another Suggestion.

"One other suggestion by the way, I have had a little experience in the past few years with work in commissions. I appointed or helped to appoint a commission a few days ago, and judging by the laugh that I hear around this room, it seems to be very acceptable. May I suggest that in that and in at least one other important matter (Continued on Page Five.)

Sentence Passed on Assassian of Voikoff Has Stirred Moscow

**Was Given Fifteen Years Imprisonment for the
Shooting of Minister—Much Indignation is
Aroused at Moscow—No Danger of War Seen
in the Situation at the Present Time.**

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

MOSCOW, June 16—Tremendous indignation was evident here today as the result of the Boris Kowderda trial in Warsaw for the assassination of Pierre Voikoff, Soviet Russian Minister to Poland.

The sentence passed, indeterminate imprisonment with a recommendation that the term be fixed at 15 years hard labor, was in no way satisfactory. Discontent also was evident regarding the type of court appointed to hear the case and because the court had chosen to regard the assassination as an isolated incident rather than as a part of the "Monarchist conspiracy against Russia".

WAR NOT DESIRED

The latter view is that taken by Moscow. Authorities did not see in the situation today any dangers of war between Russia and Poland. Soviet Russia does not desire war despite the stiff tone of its communications to Poland, relative to the assassination.

Moscow was noticeably calmer today as the recent wave of arrests introduced by the execution of 20 spies was greatly diminished if not ended.

Factories, however, were being carefully guarded against incendiarism or white terror manifestations. No hostility was evident against foreigners of any nationality here.

REFUSED TO GRANT PETITION FOR APPEAL

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

Rome, June 16—The Fascist commission of appeal appointed to consider the cases of political exiles, have refused to grant the petition of Domizio Torrigiani, former Grand Master of Free Masonry who sought relief from the five year sentence to enforced domicile imposed upon him. Torrigiani was sent to the Island of Pantollaria off the coast of Sicily.

CIVIL WAR IN CHINA TO CONTINUE

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

London, June 16—The Daily Telegraph's Peking correspondent cables that all possibility of an agreement between Chang Tso-Lin, Northern War Lord and Chang Kai-Shek, Nationalist leader for a joint campaign against the Wuhan Government has vanished, that negotiations have ceased and that the war between the North and the South will continue.

Wedding Yesterday.

The marriage took place yesterday afternoon of Miss Roberta Irvine eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Irvine and Kenneth McAdam son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McAdam of this city at home of former on Carleton Street. The marriage took place quietly, Rev. Mr. Holmes performing the ceremony, before the mantle which was artistically decorated with ferns, lilacs and pink roses. The dining room was done in a pink and white effect of pink tulles and roses and honeysuckle, offset by lily of the valley, the bride's cake centered the table. The bride looked charming in blue crepe de chine with an accordeon pleated skirt and an over-blouse of white georgette, heavily embroidered with blue and gold, and gray shoes and stockings. Dr. Irvine gave the bride away. The couple left last evening by train for Boston. They will return in time for the Canadian Jubilee celebration and on returning will take up their residence in the city. Many beautiful presents were received by the bride.

Exciting Game.

An exciting game of soft-ball took place at the Officer's Square last night in the B. E. S. L. league when team No. 4 won from team No. 2 with a score of 14-11. The game was snappy and close and when the umpire called it in the middle of the ninth inning on account of darkness with only one man down on Spencer's the batting team, a lively argument was precipitated. The discussion lasted for some time and at times reached the pitch of a battle, but the game was over the the score stood 14-11.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hollies of Toronto are in the city today. They came by motor.