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Canadians in Washington To Honor Vincent Massey

Planning Royal Reception For Canada's First Minister to the United States—Date of the Reception Not Yet Fixed But it Will Likely Take Place on March 14th—Big Gathering of Canadian Notables is Looked For.

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

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17—Canadians in Washington "in honor of Canada's admission to Statehood" are planning a royal reception to Canada's first Minister, Vincent Massey, who has just arrived here.

While details have not yet been completed due to the already crowded calendar of the new envoy, the Canadian Club of Washington, has plans under way to afford such a reception to their diplomatic representatives as is seldom accorded anyone here.

The date for the reception and dinner of welcome has not yet been fixed, but it is expected that on or before March 14 Washington will witness one of the largest gatherings of Canadian notables in the history of the Capitol.

ST. JOHN MAN WAS ACQUITTED AT AMHERST

Had Been Charged With Issuing Bogus Checks to the Terrace Hotel.

Amherst, Feb. 16—A session of the County Court Judges Criminal Court for District Number Five was held here this morning, with Judge Allan MacDonald, on Antigonish, presiding.

The case of M. R. Edgar, commercial traveller, charged with obtaining money under false pretences, on a cheque which had been given to the Terrace Hotel, here, on November 30 last, and which had been adjourned from February 8, was continued.

Wm. Stewart, acting manager of the branch of the Bank of Montreal at No. 2 King street, Saint John, took the stand on behalf of the prosecution and gave evidence in reference to the standing of the account of the accused on November 30 last, when the accused issued the cheque in question. Mr. Stewart testified that on November 15 the account of the accused had been balanced by the accused giving to the Bank of Montreal his personal demand note in the sum of \$337.00. He also said that out of a remittance of 19.28 made to the bank by the Maritime Publishing Company Limited, on or about November 30, to be credited to the account of the accused, the bank had applied the sum of \$18.00 on the demand note mentioned. He further stated that the demand note had not been presented for payment, and had not been charged to the account of the accused.

On cross-examination, Mr. Stewart stated that the accused had been charged interest on over-drafts at various times, the highest of which amounted to 43.00.

On the second charge, that of obtaining money under false pretences, on the giving of a cheque on December 3 to the Terrace Hotel, the same evidence as that used on the first charge was admitted, thus obviating the necessity of calling the same witness a second time.

Mr. Milner, counsel for the prosecution argued in favor of a conviction.

Judge MacDonald, after referring at some length to the evidence, said that considering all the circumstances of the cases, he could not reasonably infer that the accused was guilty of an intent to defraud, and that in addition to that there was a reasonable

FEW TARIFF CHANGES ARE EXPECTED

Budget to be Brought Down Tomorrow—Income and Sales Tax May Be Cut.

Ottawa, Feb. 16—Its omissions rather than its contents will be the chief provocation to date on the budget which will be introduced in the House tomorrow afternoon. The intimation given by Hon. James A. Robb, minister of finance, came without the usual warning.

Because of its introduction so early in the session there are likely to be few if any final tariff changes proposed, the principal reason being that only a few of the applications heard by the Advisory Board on Tariff and Taxation have been reported to the minister of finance. Of those few the only one which may be acted upon by the minister would be that relating to a seasonal tariff on fruits and vegetables. While the granting of the application of the Fruit and Vegetable Growers would be pleasing to Eastern Canada, it would be equally displeasing to the western supporters of the government.

As to the reduction of taxation, it will be difficult for the government, in view of the large outlays, chiefly of a capital character, proposed in the main estimates tabled yesterday, to fulfil its promises to the electors in the last campaign and effect any considerable lightening of the burden upon the taxpayers. It is generally expected that there will be a cut in the sales tax of probably from 5 to 2½ per cent and further downward adjustment of the income tax. It is possible, too, that the business profits war tax, now somewhat of an obsolete impost, will be abolished. While there is a strong agitation in favor of a reduction of 50 per cent in the excise tax on whisky, which is now \$10 a gallon, it is doubtful if the government will go that far.

WILL BE BRIEF.

Ottawa, Feb. 16—A feature of the coming budget speech will be its brevity. Probabilities are that it will be one of the shortest in years.

doubt in connection with the two cases which justified him in acquitting the accused, and he, therefore, found the prisoner "not guilty."

PRINCE WENT SLUMMING IN THE EAST END

Scared a Group of Night hawks Who Wanted to Call the Police.

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

London, Feb. 17—The Prince of Wales latest slumming journey into the East End of London almost resulted in a call for the police by a group of frightened night hawks who wanted their visitor put in jail.

Wales last Tuesday chose to visit a coffee shop, a cheap type of cafeteria at about midnight. The door was closed and Wales knocked for admittance, none inside expected such a midnight visitor, and after deliberation it was decided that the best thing to do would be to call the police. Wales hammered on the door again and finally persuaded someone to open it, whereupon he was recognized and all was well.

TELEPHONE GROWTH GREATEST SINCE 1914; N. B. TELEPHONE CO. ANNUAL MEETING HERE TODAY

Report of Hon. F. B. Black as President Optimistic—Telephone Conditions Barometer of General Business Conditions—Improvement in the Province—Expenditure of \$350,000 During Coming Year on Improvements.

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Telephone Company was held here today. The directors were in session in the Telephone Building, Carleton street, this morning and this afternoon the shareholders' meeting was held at which the new Board of Directors was elected.

Hon. F. B. Black of Sackville, President of the Company in his annual report was optimistic with regard to 1927. For the past year he reported that there had been marked growth, in fact the greatest since 1914. The telephone business being considered a barometer of business conditions in general, it could be taken that New Brunswick was moving onward and upward. Earnings for 1926 showed an increase of \$51,185 and expenditures an increase of \$24,738. The President's report made reference to alterations and increases in Provincial and Municipal taxation. For 1927 an expenditure of \$350,000 was forecasted which would include construction of 350 miles of new copper circuit.

Directors Present.

Directors who were in attendance at this morning's meeting were: Senator F. B. Black, Sackville; Richard O'Leary, Richibucto; H. P. Robinson, J. M. Robinson, W. C. Allison, Col. J. L. McAvity, Saint John; F. R. Sumner, Moncton; E. W. Mair, Woodstock; J. E. Macpherson, Montreal; Que.; R. B. Hanson, Fredericton.

The financial statement for the year closing December 31, was as follows:

ASSETS	
Plant	\$3,736,016.40
Supplies	115,876.61
Cash and Deposits	112,522.98
Accounts Receivable	143,785.10
Investments	321,138.50
Prepaid Charges	32,573.68
	\$4,461,913.27

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$3,116,990.00
Capital Stock Subscribers (New Issue)	209,320.18
Bonds	7,500.00
Premiums on Capital	

WAR VETERAN HAS GIVEN UP EIGHT RIBS

Has Far Outclassed Father Adam in This Line.

HE DID IT TO SAVE HIS LIFE

Dismissed His Pall Bearers on Leaving the Hospital.

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

Elyria, Ohio, Feb. 17—C. H. Perry, thirty-two, a world war veteran, has far outclassed Adam in the matter of giving up ribs.

Where Adam dispensed with but one Perry is minus eight.

But he had more at stake. The head gardener of Eden got only a wife, while Perry saved his own life.

After selecting his pall bearers Perry, who was gassed overseas, submitted to an unusual operation in which his lungs were renovated and the ribs removed, six from the right side, two from the left.

He was discharged from the hospital today and the pall bearers were dismissed.

Shanghai Defence Forces at Hang Chow Have Been Routed

Defence Troops are Reported to Be Streaming Out on Board of Northbound Trains—U. S. Destroyer With 1,300 Marines on Board Has Been Ordered to Proceed to Shanghai.

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

SHANGHAI, Feb. 17—Reports from Hang Chow today indicated that at the rout of the Shanghai defences there had been complete and it was announced at the United States Consulate that the U. S. transport Chaumont had been ordered to proceed direct to Shanghai with 1300 marines aboard.

Troops of Marshal Sun Chuan Fang, Chinese defender of Shanghai against the advance of the Cantonese Nationalists from the South, today were reported to be streaming out of Hang Chow aboard northbound trains.

Sun, so far as could be learned today, still was at Nanking, 150 miles northwest of Hang Chow and about the same distance West of Shanghai.

No word had been received from Sun today as to his plans, if any to stem the Nationalist tide.

EASTERN STAR MEMBERS WILL GO TO THE COAST

A Personally Conducted Tour Has Been Arranged Over the Canadian National.

(Special to The Daily Mail.)

Montreal, Feb. 17—Arrangements for the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of confederation of the Dominion by the holding of an inter-provincial personally conducted tour from Montreal and Toronto to the Pacific coast and return have been concluded between the C. N. R. and the grand officers of the order of the Eastern Star, it was announced this morning. The tour, which will be under the auspices of the order of the Eastern Star, will leave Montreal on Wednesday, July 20 and Toronto, July 21. The journey will take travellers through the "finest scenic areas of Canada both east and west and will include stop overs at such points of interest as Wainwright Buffalo Park, Jasper National Park, Prince Rupert, Vancouver and other places. Steamship journeys down the Pacific coast and down the Great Lakes will be included and a special radio equipped train has been arranged for the party which is limited in number to 136 people members of the Eastern Star order, Masons and their friends.

R. C. BISHOP TO GET MONEY FOR MASSES

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

Marshall, Mich., Feb. 17—Eleven thousand dollars found tied in three cloth sacks and scattered among rags and under the pillow of Miss Nora Nolan, 64, who was buried here, will go to the Catholic Bishop of Chicago for masses, according to her will.

Miss Nolan and a sister, have for 33 years conducted a dressmaking establishment in Chicago. The sister died last June.

Died This Morning

Mrs. Gordon Kelly died this morning at her home, Charlotte street after a long illness. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon at an hour to be announced later. Miss Margaret Kelly of this city is a daughter. Two sons also survive John in British Columbia and Charles in Toronto.

OPENING OF HOUSE TO TAKE PLACE MARCH 10

Announcement Made Last Night by Premier Baxter—Three Weeks From Today—Making Preparations.

The House of Assembly is to open three weeks from today for the session of 1927. As usual Thursday is the day selected. The Albert County by-election will be over by that time and the new member will be able to take his seat completing the representation of all counties.

Premier Baxter announced the date Wednesday night. The choice had lain between the 3rd and the 10th.

The Opposition will present a new leader to the House Hon. P. J. Veniot having been elected to the Federal House of Commons during recess. Hon. A. A. Dysart, M. L. A. for Kent is expected to be selected House-leader the day before the House opens. Hon. W. P. Jones of Woodstock has been mentioned as Provincial Opposition Leader. A convention to select such a leader is to be held shortly probably after the close of the session.

Preparations for the opening of the House are being advanced. The Provincial Government during its session this week has been at work on estimates and departmental annual reports are in course of preparation. Renovation and improvement at the Parliament Building also is underway.

SAYS BOYS ARE COMPOSED OF DIRT AND NOISE

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

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 17—A boy is phenomena composed of dirt and noise, W. Gibson, founder of the National father and son week movement, said in an address here.

"Any boy who is not noisy and dirty most of the time should be examined by a physician" he said. "If your son's uproars and lack of neatness worries you, just recall you often used a towel instead of soap to wash yourself."