

LARGE CROWDS GATHER TO WISH DELEGATES TO IMPERIAL CONFERENCE GODSPEED

Southampton, Eng., July 14—An immense crowd on the Southampton docks raised loud cheers as the giant Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain cast off her lines and moved slowly away on the start of her voyage to Canada with the British, South African, Indian, and Rhodesian delegations to the Imperial Conference.

The liner is due at Quebec on July 18, and the large number of statesmen, including seven British Cabinet Ministers, with their official and unofficial advisers, trade and industrial representatives, will proceed immediately to Ottawa, where the conference opens on July 21.

With strong sunlight glinting on the waters of Southampton harbor the Empress of Britain made a triumphant departure, vessels at the docks and out in the harbor dipping their flags and shrilling their sirens in salute as the liner steamed outward bound, shortly after one o'clock this afternoon.

Delegates Arrive

A crowd had been waiting at Southampton for the arrival of the boat train from London, which was run in duplicate. It carried Stanley Baldwin, Lord President of the Council and leader of the British delegation; Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer; Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade; Sir John Gilmour, Minister of Agriculture; Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, Secretary for Colonies; and Lord Hailsham, Minister for War. The remaining member of the British Cabinet ministerial delegation, J. H. Thomas, Secretary for Dominion Affairs, reached Southampton by motor car to board the Empress.

In addition there were the South African delegation, including N. C. Havenga, finance Minister; Piet Grobler, Minister of Lands, and A. P. J. Fourie, Minister of Mines and Industries; the Indian delegation, including officials and members of the British and Indian sections of the Government in India, headed by Sir Atul Chatterjee, distinguished Indian statesman; and the Southern Rhodesian delegation headed by Premier H. U. Moffat.

The mayor of Southampton was on hand to bid departing delegates bon voyage, but in deference to Mr. Baldwin's wishes there was nothing in the nature of a formal send-off.

The transfer of the delegates and their mountains of baggage from train to steamship was accomplished smoothly. Getting on board the Empress of Britain the British ministers expressed delight at the arrangements made for their travelling comfort. Special telephone exchanges between their various rooms had been installed, with direct connection with overseas wireless telephones.

Stanley Baldwin and his wife were installed in a suite de luxe with a verandah and sun parlor.

Noted Newspapermen

The Empress also carries a large body of distinguished newspapermen with special representatives of a number of other Empire newspaper groups.

On To Ottawa

"After Lausanne — Ottawa," was the message of Mr. Baldwin as the ship sailed.

With his cabinet colleagues he stood on the boat deck for final press photographs and interviews.

"We are leaving," Mr. Baldwin said, "with the full hope that we shall be able to add a further step towards the revival of world trade, to crown the first year's work of the National Government by agreeing at Ottawa, upon a policy of free trade which will lay the foundation of a great expansion of Empire trade to the mutual advantage of us all."

"While we are at Ottawa we shall be seeking to promote the interest of our country and the Empire overseas. We look to the people at home to play their part in the task of national restoration by giving overwhelming support to the great Conversion Loan, thus helping our industries on the path of recovery and strengthening Great Britain's position in the eyes of the whole world."

At Waterloo

London, July 13—It was a happy throng that threaded its way through mountains of baggage labelled "Ottawa" at Waterloo station today to catch the special boat for Southampton.

With the exception of prime minister MacDonald himself, ordered by his doctors to rest, practically the whole British Cabinet was present to bid Godspeed to the delegate Ministers travelling from Waterloo.

With the South African, Indian and Southern Rhodesian delegates also in full force, and all the delegates outnumbered by large staffs of advisers, secretaries and the like, it was necessary to run the boat train in duplicate, and the crowd pressing around the coaches was finally so great that some good-natured bystander seeing the plight of the travelling statesmen, called "give them air."

Everybody was in the best of spirits, and the morning was a lovely summer's one. Cabinet Ministers and their wives getting on board the train beamed with smiles.

Stanley Baldwin, former Prime Minister, now Lord President of the Council and right hand man of the Prime Minister, snatched the opportunity to give a brief farewell interview to importuning newspapermen.

"It is a very great occasion indeed, it is a vast opportunity, and it will be grasped," Mr. Baldwin firmly declared.

The great clock was fast approaching the train time when Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, finally arrived and got a big cheer.

SHAWINIGAN WATER AND POWER COMPANY CUTS DOWN EXPENSES AS REVENUE DIPS

(Montreal Star)

The Shawinigan Water & Power Company report for the first six months of 1932 gross revenue of \$6,442,652, compared with \$6,842,238 for the corresponding period of 1931. Net income available for dividends, after operating expenses, interest, exchange of \$303,387, depreciation (set up in 1931 on basis of \$600,000; calculated in 1932 on basis of \$800,000,) and estimated taxes, amounted to \$1,159,381, compared with \$1,968,674 for the first six months of 1931. This was equivalent to 53 cents per share on the common stock, compared with 90 cents per share earned during the first six months of last year.

During the second quarter, the company made progress in reducing operating expenses, which showed a decrease of \$53,349.70, as compared with the previous quarter. Fixed charges during the second quarter, however showed an increase of \$29,100, representing interest on the new 7 year 6 per cent secured notes.

In connection with the earnings report, Julian C. Smith, vice-president and managing director of the company announced that new contracts for primary power totalling 17,400 horsepower had been signed during the six months' period, and that a net increase

of 88,790 horse-power had resulted from new contracts for secondary power.

Then there were anxious enquiries, "where's Runciman."

"Here I am," replied Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, in a breathless voice, as he pushed through the crowd.

As the train whistle blew, Mr. Baldwin stood at the window of his coach and in the general hullabaloo tried ineffectually to read an important letter just placed in his hands. He was forced to break off half a dozen times to shake hands with ministerial colleagues and members of Parliament and friends whom he was leaving behind.

"Godspeed"

L. C. M. S. Amery, former Secretary for the Dominions who is well-known in Canada, and whose wife was born in Whitby, Ont., divided his time between the cabinet coach and other delegations higher up the train. Mr. Amery is not in the Governmental delegation at Ottawa but is representing the agricultural bodies of Britain. Lord Weir, one of the most prominent of the industrial advisers, was receiving telegrams up to the last minute and he had a large-sized batch stuck in his pockets to while away the journey. "At the minimum," Lord Weir said before getting on the train, "many extremely useful things can be done at Ottawa."

After the whistles had shrilled through the historic old station the crowd unanimously cheer and shouted "Godspeed."

Montague Norman, the slouch-hatted, goatee-distinguished governor of the Bank of England, dashed up to the train to hurriedly shake hands with Stanley Baldwin and through a small window ventilator the two exchanged hasty remarks as the train began to glide out.

Officials were forced to remain on the footboards of the coaches as the train slowly began pulling out of the station to keep back reckless farewellers.

Finally the train was lost amid the maze of tracks and was soon in the countryside speeding toward Southampton.

Tremendous Hopes

Canberra, Australia, July 13—Tremendous hopes pinned by Australia on the Imperial economic conference at Ottawa were emphasized by the Press of the entire Commonwealth today.

The opinion was generally expressed that establishment of Empire import quotas should be only supplementary to the Imperial preferences, and not alternative to them.

Australia also attaches considerable importance to the establishment of a substantial "Empire content" demanded in goods qualifying for Imperial preferences, to prevent products largely foreign in character, and merely assembled in plants within the Empire's borders, obtaining entry under preferential rates

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In April the cellophane plant of Canadian Industries, Limited at Shawinigan Falls came into operation, and already the capacity of the plant is being doubled. The primary power requirements of Canadian Industries Limited are 2,400 horsepower.

As bearing upon the power contracts with paper companies, it was officially stated that while in the case of some companies, existing conditions have resulted in a lessened use of current for power purposes, the company has been able to introduce in practically all of the newsprint plants the use of electric current for the generation of steam in substitution for their former use of coal for steam purposes. This has resulted in the making this year of secondary power contracts with the paper companies to a total of 168,800 horse-powered. This total amount is temporarily reduced by the shutdown of the Belgo division of Consolidated Paper Corporation Ltd., at Shawinigan Falls, which was already using current for steam purposes to the amount of 80,000 horse-power. The use of electricity for the generation of steam was introduced by the Shawinigan Company some years ago, and has made marked progress.

A new arrangement with the Don-nacona Paper Company, Ltd., gives the Shawinigan Water & Power Company a valuable distribution system, covering five municipalities and serving eleven hundred customers, in return for re-adjustment of their former power contract.

Before the end of the year the earnings should reflect in full the benefits from the new contracts which have been secured this year.

Regular Dividend

Montreal, July 14 — Directors of Shawinigan Water and Power Company, this afternoon, declared the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock for the quarter ended June 30. The dividend is payable August 15 to the shareholders of record on July 21.

The six-month statement showed the dividend, on its current basis, earned for the first six months of the current year, with a small margin.

SHAW SAYS HE WAS JUVENILE GANGSTER

New York July 14—The way to success, said George Bernard Shaw tonight, is chartered by that venerable sophistry, "When in Rome, do as the Roman do."

In an international broadcast from London he disclosed satirically, "I in my modest way was a juvenile gangster." He boasted that he never shaved, drank or smoked because his father warned him not to follow his example.

"If you want your children to be safe and respectable," he counselled, "you must bring them up to do nothing but what every body else does, right or wrong. The moment they depart from the well-trodden, straight and simple path they are in danger."

"This makes things very simple for parents, for instead of making little saints of their children, all they have to do is inculcate one single, simple precept—When in Rome, do as the Romans do."

There are no "great men" or "great women" in the world he said, any more than there are unicorns and dragons.

"I can write plays and you can't, that is all," he said. "If I couldn't I should probably be a tramp. As it is, I am so well off that everybody pretends I am a little more respectable than I really am."

Another feat performed, it seems, with mirrors, is where the hitch-hiking youth finally thumbs a ride and magically produces three pals from nowhere for company.

"Linseed oil is one of the staple edible oils of Russia." Have they ever tried eating a porous plaster?

Red Rose Tea

BROWN LABEL, 20¢ 1/2 lb.
Red Label, 25¢ 1/2 lb.
Orange Pekoe, 38¢ 1/2 lb.

A woman who marries for money The young ladies attending the works more than eight hours a day. Teachers' Institute put the "Queen" One can be famously indignant in Queen street yesterday. without losing his temper. Why If a mob had any sense there would be no mob.

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