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THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE HAS OPENED AT OTTAWA

Delegates From All Parts of the British Empire in Attendance
—Lord Burnham Elected Chairman—Addresses Delivered
by Hon. Mackenzie King, the Opposition Leader, and Premier Meighen.

Ottawa, Aug. 5—Proprietors and executive heads of newspapers published in every part of the far-flung British Empire met here today in the first Imperial Press Conference ever held outside of Great Britain. According to the chairman, Lord Burnham, proprietor of the Daily Telegraph, London, England, it is the first Imperial Conference of any kind ever held outside of the British Isles, and he expressed the hope that the press as leaders of public opinion would in this instance take an additional step and become leaders of official opinion as well. The word "Imperial" constantly occurred in the addresses and discussions made during the first day, and on the initiative of Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, the chairman and other prominent visitors felt called upon to define the terms empire and "Imperial."

The incident occurred after His Excellency the Governor General and Premier Meighen had said the usual pleasant words to indicate how hearty was the welcome accorded the visitors. Hon. Mackenzie King as leader of the opposition followed, endorsing every word already said and adding a cordial "bienvenu" on his own account.

He, however, did not like the word "Imperial", believing that after the late war it smacked too much of Kaiserism and autocracy and wanted "British" in its place. The portion of speech containing this suggestion was as follows: "If I may be permitted, there is one point I should like to raise, not in any spirit of criticism, but rather by way of inquiry and suggestion. It is concerning the use, if not the substitution of the word 'Imperial' for the word 'British' in the characterization of this conference."

"There may be reasons for preferring the word 'Imperial' to the word 'British', but may I submit that with the struggles of the recent past the word 'Imperial' has come to denote a kind of centralization in all matters of organization and in method autocracy rather than democracy and as such is not adequately expressive of the spirit of the several democracies that comprise the nations of the British Commonwealth."

The word British on the other hand is suggestive of spirit rather than form. It speaks of an attitude that is synonymous with freedom, justice and liberty, fair play and right and as such it tends to give a large and finer meaning and significance to everything with which it is associated.

"Moreover it is all embracing and would encircle and it is, above all else, distinctive. No nation or group of nations or peoples other than those comprised within the British Empire can appropriate it."

"There can be other Imperial entities, like those which have been swept away in the past but there can only be one British people. It signifies all that is symbolized in the British flag."

Defends "Imperial"

Viscount Burnham, who was elected chairman at the outset of the meeting on the motion of Lord Atholstan, took immediate occasion when replying to the addresses of welcome to defend the use of the word "Imperial."

He said: "We are proud of Great Britain and not ashamed of the British Empire. It stands for peace, justice and liberty. It has nothing in common with the ramshackle empires of the past. We did not use the word 'British' because there are communities represented here not entirely British. The Empire of India is represented here today, and so is Malta. A Canadian writer present had said that some people forgot their British traditions to such a point that they were too British to be good Canadians."

Robert Donald, a succeeding speaker, spoke in the same vein. There was the deepest interest taken in all references of the kind, and the chairman throughout subsequent discussions made each speaker state definitely

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what he meant if he used some obsolete term which did not indicate whether or not he referred to the overseas nations or not.

Robert Donald, for example, once used the words, "This country." "Do you mean Canada," asked Lord Burnham quickly.

"I should have said England," said Mr. Donald correcting himself.

The best of spirits prevailed and though the discussions on the practical means of cementing the various parts of the British Commonwealth by securing cheaper rates and better facilities for the dissemination of news from all parts of the British world to every other part as quickly as possible were very keen it was all with the idea of securing the end in view. There was little evidence of differences of opinion on policy. There were long discussions on a motion moved by Robert Donald, vice-chairman of the British delegation and seconded by J. W. Dafoe, of the Winnipeg Free Press, with respect to securing government assistance in the direction of getting lower rates for cables and more facilities, and so many emendations were made that the discussion was left over until tomorrow morning in order that the resolution might be redrafted to include all the improvements agreed upon.

Premier Meighen

Premier Meighen told the Imperial Press Conference at the government banquet given the newspapermen in the Chateau Laurier tonight that the only aspiration this country has is equality of nationhood within the British Empire.

"Self-government we have long enjoyed," he continued. "Indeed, self-government is the chief cornerstone of the whole structure. No construction of our autonomous rights could ever be suffered for a moment, and as Canadian interests expand, particularly Canadian interests abroad, the term self-government takes on from time to time larger and larger meaning. Nor can we be unmindful that the exercise of national rights involves corresponding responsibilities. But no development of self-government and no problem of the sharing or responsibilities can ever be allowed to menace the integrity and essential oneness of this Empire. If the British Empire, the first league of nations, should fail and fall apart, I would not have much hope for the second and larger pattern."

Newspaper Work

After talking for a quarter of an hour on the necessity of newspapers striving to the utmost of their power to give the public the news read with an absolute fidelity of truth, the Premier continued: "There never was such overwhelming necessity as now to direct the currents of British public opinion and expression toward the ends of peace and goodwill among men as there is today. It never was quite as true as it is now that Britain's greatest interest is peace. In order to make lasting peace a possibility and bring order out of the chaos of the eastern hemisphere in order to hold up her end of the white man's burden, a ponderous end it is, she joins hands with every real friend of peace in the world to police and protect communities who cannot protect themselves. She maintains now, though drained and exhausted with war, an army in Egypt, an army in Constantinople, an army in Cologne, an army in Anatolia, an army in Palestine, and that list does not include the most distressing and onerous of her obligations."

ATTRACTIONS AT THEATRES

The week-end play at the Opera House is "Heart of Gold," with Louise Huff the featured player. And the children's favorite, Charlie Chaplin, will be seen in "The Rink."

The week-end play at the Gaiety is "The False Road," with Enid Bennett in the leading part.

When a criminal has completed his term of servitude, he is free to meet his underworld sweetheart. His announced intention of going "straight" and asking the girl to do the same, astonishes his old pals. She refuses, and he goes to a small town to work as a gardener for a banker who believes in the honesty of his attempt to reform. The bank is robbed, and he suspects his girl. His pretense at again becoming a criminal aids in the recovery of the money and leads to the wedding of the lovers, after a complete reformation of the feminine crook.

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