

Lord Willingdon Honored by McGill



Lord Willingdon, Canada's new Governor-General, was honored by McGill University in Montreal recently, when the honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred upon His Excellency at the McGill University Convocation. His Lordship paid his first official visit to Montreal when he arrived for the ceremony on October 6th. He was met at the Windsor Street Station by E. W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway and Chancellor of McGill University, and Sir Arthur Currie, Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Crowds lined the short route of the procession along the University campus and the street bordering the University grounds. The vivid colors of the full academic gowns were seen, his Lordship, tall and impressive, in scarlet and white robes and black velvet cap of the LL.D. The honorary degree was conferred by the Chancellor. Lord Willingdon's great services to India and to the Empire were cited by Sir Arthur Currie when he rose to present His Excellency for the degree of Doctor of Laws. When the degree was bestowed the entire assemblage stood while His Lordship signed the book of honor. In a brief speech he said: "I rise for one moment only as visitor to this University, and by that office, as I understand it, the representative of our beloved Sovereign King George, to express to you, as Chancellor of this university, my sincere appreciation of this high honor that you have done me today in giving me the honorary degree of LL.D."

The University was, continued the Governor-General, taking him much on trust, as they knew very little about him beyond hearsay. "I can only say here and now that I sincerely hope that the future years may show that I am worthy of the trust you have given me this afternoon."

The photograph shows from left to right, Lord Willingdon, E. W. Beatty, Chancellor of the University, Monsignor A. V. J. Piette, Rector of the University of Montreal, and Sir Arthur Currie, Vice-Chancellor, in full academic gowns.

Masons Attend Service At Cathedral Sunday in Large Numbers, Fine Sermon

Service by Very Rev. Dean Neales and Sermon by Rev. C. Gordon Lawrence, Grand Chaplain—Grand Lodge of N. B. and Subordinate Lodges Represented.

Members of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons to the number of several hundred attended service Sunday afternoon at Christchurch Cathedral in this city. The service was by Very Rev. Scovil Neales, M. A., D. D., Dean of Fredericton, Past Grand Chaplain of the Order and the sermon by Rev. C. Gordon Lawrence, M. A., Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick attended with the subordinate lodges of Fredericton, Devon, Woodstock and St. Stephen present and others represented.

The members of the craft assembled at the Masonic Building shortly before three o'clock and with music by the York Regt. Band marched to the Cathedral by way of Carleton and Queen streets. The march was viewed by large numbers of people and the assembled lodges made a fine appearance. The return march was by way of Brunswick street.

Order of Service.

The order of service was as follows:—Organ Prelude, Reverie, Sir A. Herbert Brewer, by Brother W. J. Smith; Processional Hymn, O Worship the King; Psalms CXXXIII and CL; First Lesson, I Kings V; Magnificat, Smart in D; Second Lesson, I Peter II, 1-17; Nunc Dimittis, Smart in D; The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, Prayer for His Majesty, Prayer for the Fraternity; Anthem, Praise Ye the Father, Gounod; Sermon; The Offering; Hymn, Great God to Thee our Hearts We Raise; The Benediction; God Save the King; Recessional Hymn, Blessed City, Heavenly Salem; Organ Postlude, Pomp and Circumstance, Elgar, by Brother W. J. Smith.

The Two Textbooks.

The Grand Chaplain, Rev. Mr. Lawrence, preached from the text, Acts VIII, 30—"Understandest Thou What Thou Readest?". He said that there were two great textbooks commended to each craftsman early in his career in Masonry without which no one could go deeply into the mysteries. They were the Book of Nature and the Book of Revelation.

Book of Nature.

From the first textbook one learned concerning the nature of the Supreme Architect, not only the Builder of the universe but also the Designer. The beauty of the design bore witness to the qualities of the artist. Might and power were shown by various phenomena, the power of the sun in holding the planets in their courses, the power of the tides exercised twice each day, the power of the earthquake. From them the might of the Creator were to be learnt. Yet by the same laws of Nature one learnt how orderly was the mind of the Great Designer. In Him were Wisdom and Strength combined.

But Beginning.

The Book of Nature still was beyond our comprehension. After the centuries we still were like little children. The telescope had revealed much yet had been discovered but a short time ago. By the microscope other undreamed of realms had been opened. Chemistry in its modern sense was a new science. The discovery of radium had been made but a few years ago. New elements were discovered and forces found to exist which made necessary the entire reconstruction of science. Let them turn from their bank books, order books, ledgers and catalogues and take time to admire the works of creation and adore the Creator.

Book of Revelation.

In the Book of Revelation was seen God reflected in the mind of man. The first period of man's conception of the Deity was that of fear. Then followed a period of reason. In it great problems were considered such as explaining of apparent injustice to those of exemplary lives. That was an inscrutable mystery never solved. Finally the ideas of might and uprightness became tempered by the realization that these were combined with tenderness and love. In the reign of the Roman Caesar Augustus there came one who went into the mysteries deeper than had anyone else and who taught that God was Love. Throughout the ages preceding the heart of man had been undergoing changes so as to receive this impression. There was always in the

heart of God the feeling that Man was turning of his own free will to his Creator.

These were the two great text books of Masonry by which were taught the Greatness, Holiness and Loving Kindness of the Great Spirit in whom we live and move and have our being. Neither book was yet complete. There was no reason to believe that God had ceased to plan or to create. Because the first degree was wonderful was there any reason for believing that the next degree would not be more wonderful still? Awaiting mankind were all the possibilities which could originate in the loving mind of an infinite God.

Himself the Guide.

Inability to interpret or to read aright was very common. "How can I except some one to guide me?" was the common query. But by unseen hands and by unseen paths God had called upon those who would guide. Mankind was being led to something grander and better all the time. The Supreme Architect would answer the prayer by Himself being the Guide.

Many Masons Motored Here. Many of the visiting Brethren motored here for the service coming from Saint John, Woodstock, St. Stephen and other places. The weather was very fine and the number of Masons who attended was the largest at a gathering of the kind in some years.

INVENTIONS BRING PEACE; MORE NEEDED

West Orange, N. J., Oct. 23—Thursday was the 47th birthday anniversary of the electric light.

Thomas A. Edison, 84-year-old wizard of Menlo Park, who fathered the phonograph, motion picture and electric railway as practical achievements, considers the inventions that underlie the \$7,500,000,000 electric light and power industry his most important work.

For Universal Peace.

The aged inventor also is convinced that his profession blazes the way to universal peace.

"Invention has not led to war" he told the Associated Press in the office of his laboratory building. "Invention has produced a reasoning and a questioning age. People are becoming, because of the changes brought about by invention, more intelligent, and will not stand for exploitation by emperors and kings and societies. There is more reasoning and questioning today than ever before. We are in the process of discarding those things which in the past have been breeders of war and oppression."

If he had his life to live over, the inventor said, he would again turn his attention to the field of invention.

"The field is unlimited," he asserted. "If I were to begin my career over again I would turn to electric light, heat and chemical reactions. The young man so inclined should have no hesitation in taking up invention as a profession, provided he has imagination and the will to work."

Edison, stopped by age, carelessly dressed, with a faded white rose drooping from the lapel of his old office coat, took time from his work, a rarely granted privilege, to recall the days that followed his discovery that a loop of carbonized sewing thread, sealed in a bulb from which the air had been pumped, and connected with electric current, would burn for 48 hours.

On New Year's eve, 1879, he remembered 3000 persons traveled to Menlo Park to view the amazing new lamp from which developed one of the world's greatest industries, but it was not until 1882 that the first central generating station, in Pearl Street, New York, was placed in operation.

More to Be Done.

Much has been done since that day in developing electricity, but even more remains to be done, he declared. Farm power he believed the most pressing need, meaning by that the extension of transmission lines so that electrical power would be made available to every farm in the country at low cost.

The inventor's talk was spotted with the word "cost." His energies are constantly directed toward reduction of cost so that the benefits of invention may be available to more people.

"No one can tell where experimentation in the various fields of invention will lead," he said. Apparently he was thinking of scoffers who minimize research and invention which does not immediately lead to practical results.

"The helium atom has been broken into atoms of hydrogen," he continued. "It is a theoretical step at present, but it has great possibilities. How great no man can tell. You remember when Faraday discovered a means of getting electricity from induced magnetism and was asked what good his discovery was, he replied: 'What good is a baby?'"

Although Edison was born 84 years ago, he told his interviewer with a smile that he really was 135 years old. "The average man," he explained, "would need that many years to put in as many hours work as I have in my 84."

CANADA'S OLDEST MAN.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 22—Charles "Dad" Quick, probably Canada's oldest white inhabitant, celebrated his 106th birthday today. Messages from Lord Willingdon, Governor-General of Canada, and Hon. R. Randolph Bruce, Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, offering congratulations, were received by "Dad" this morning.

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