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## POST MASTER GENERAL VENIOT BANQUETTED AT SAINT JOHN; WARMLY PRAISED BY MAYOR WHITE

Saint John, Oct. 1.—That the Mackenzie King Government would deal promptly with the report of the Duncan Commission on Maritime matters was one of the outstanding statements by Hon. Dr. Peter J. Veniot, Postmaster-General, in addressing a banquet tendered him by the Young Men's Liberal Association of Saint John in the Admiral Beatty Hotel last evening with upwards of 150 present. "It is not my intention to deal with this question tonight," Hon. Dr. Veniot said, "because the Duncan Commission only completed its report on the day before the new Government was sworn in at Ottawa and it is now before the Government and will be dealt with without delay. Therefore it would be out of place for me to say anything on this matter tonight, save this, that I have the promise of the Premier of Canada that he will leave no stone unturned in our efforts to remedy existing conditions in the Maritime Provinces."

The gathering was highly enthusiastic and tendered the former New Brunswick Premier a flattering ovation when he rose to speak. New Brunswick's representative in the Federal cabinet spoke in his usual vigorous and trenchant manner and was frequently interrupted with applause. He prefaced his remarks by saying how deeply he appreciated this tribute and said it was not directed so much to him as to the Prime Minister of Canada, Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, in designating to a son of New Brunswick the care of one of the most important portfolios of the federal cabinet.

**Speakers of Evening.**

R. St. C. Hayes, president of the association, presided and other speakers of the evening included Hon. Dr. Walter E. Foster, former premier who was tendered a striking reception; His Worship Mayor White, William M. Ryan and R. T. Hayes, Liberal candidates in Saint John-Albert in the last election; R. P. Elmer McLaughlin, Liberal candidate in Charlotte county; F. M. Thompson, of Hillsboro, and Dr. W. P. Broderick, Liberal standard bearer in the 1921 elections.

Seated at the head table were E. J. Henneberry, F. M. Thompson, Dr. L. M. Curren, Dr. Foster, Mr. Ryan, Hon. Dr. Veniot, Ralph Hayes, R. T. Hayes, Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, former Minister of Health in the Veniot government at Fredericton; Dr. Broderick, Dr. A. F. Emery and Dr. J. B. Gosnell. Hon. B. M. Hill, former Minister of Public Works; Rudolph G. Betencourt, Cuban Consul, were among those present. The arrangements for the banquet were highly satisfactory, the chairman expressing the thanks of the gathering to Mr. Henneberry, Dr. Gosnell and T. E. O'Leary, secretary.

**Mayor White's Tribute.**

Mayor White's tribute to the qualities of Hon. Dr. Veniot, coming from one of an opposite political faith, was one of the features of the meeting. "I may confess, gentlemen," he said, after being given a hearty reception "that I am for Saint John first and all time, but the interests of this great port and the Province of New Brunswick are so closely intertwined that they must go hand in hand. It would be a very strange world, indeed, if we all saw eye to eye, but only a man lacking in common sense would withhold credit from where it was justly earned and I am glad to say that it is highly satisfying to New Brunswick to be represented in the Cabinet council by a man of such proven ability as Hon. Dr. Veniot." Stirring applause greeted this remark.

**Hearty Cheers.**

A tremendous outburst of cheering greeted the new Postmaster-General as he rose to speak. "Allow me," he said on rising, "to respond to this toast in my honor, to express the feeling of thankfulness that surges in my breast over this hearty and warm reception given me. I take it as a tribute to the Prime Minister of Canada in designating to the care of a son of New Brunswick one of the most important portfolios in the Federal cabinet."

Continuing, he referred feelingly to the pressure that had been exerted at Ottawa on his behalf to secure his appointment to the cabinet to represent New Brunswick, mentioning the names of Hon. Dr. Foster, and Hon. Mr. Hill. From all sections of the province telegrams had been sent urging his selection, and he took this opportunity of again thanking his English-speaking friends for uniting in his behalf. It was another link strengthening the bonds between the two great races of this province.

Hon. Dr. Veniot said he fully recognized the great responsibility he had undertaken and he assured Saint John that so far as he could display the energy with which he had been en-

dowed, he would make every effort to see that this port received its just due. He said he did not think it was his place tonight to anticipate any dealing by the cabinet of the Duncan Commission on Maritime matters, further than that it would be given prompt treatment.

He said he was proud of the Young Men's Liberal Association for on them depended the future of Liberals, and he asked them to take courage, for they were laying the foundation for victory in the near future in Saint John. This port was the gateway to Canada and if we could only forget for a time the petty, small political differences, he believed we could obtain what was necessary for Saint John's development. The country had been going through a period of depression, but he felt the Maritimes must put forth greater efforts on their own behalf on the road to prosperity. He discussed the needs of agriculture and lumbering and said there should be greater production.

**Budget to Be Re-enacted.**

The legislation passed last winter known as the Robb budget, he said, would be re-enacted. He referred to the coming of the new Governor-General and said he felt Canada was honored in this matter. In conclusion, he expressed the hope his actions would always reflect honor on the Liberal party. He was loudly applauded when he resumed his seat.

The toast to the guest of the evening was proposed by R. T. Hayes and seconded by W. M. Ryan. Mr. Hayes said they were gathered not as a defeated party but as a victorious one that had a strong mandate from the people. He praised the work of the Foster-Veniot government and criticized the handing over of the Grand Falls resource to private outside interests.

**Vets Organize at Minto.**

The ex-service men of Minto and vicinity met there Thursday and organized a branch of the Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League. Officers elected are:—President, W. Burton Wisely; 1st Vice-president, Harry Webb; 2nd Vice-president, Geo. Slater; Secretary, Hazen H. McCartney; Treasurer, Arthur Lyons. Addresses were delivered by C. R. Hawkins of Fredericton, Provincial President, H. Priestman of McAdam, Provincial Secretary and Messrs. Mavor and Brewer of Fredericton Branch.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

Mrs. Ross and daughter wish to thank their many friends for their kindness and sympathy during their recent sad bereavement.

The floral tributes were as follows: Pillow, Wife and daughter; Basket, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Ross; Crescent, Isaac Ross and James Ross; Basket, Ladies' Aid of Wilmot United Church; Basket, Wilmot United Church Sunday School; Cross, His Friends; Basket, Smythe St. Teachers; Basket, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Staples; Wreath, Grade VII, Smythe St. School; Flat Bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. John A. McNabb; Flat Bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pinnamore and family; Flat Bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ross; Flat Bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. George Flewelling; Flat Bouquet, Miss Vera Ross; Flat Bouquet, Mr. Frank Dunphy; Flat Bouquet, Miss Dorothy Wilson; Flat Bouquet, Miss Helen A. Young; Flat Bouquet, Mrs. G. L. Gibson and Fern; Flat Bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cameron; Flat Bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Fraser.

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## JUDGES' DINNER THURSDAY NIGHT FEATURE OF STANLEY FAIR; PROMINENT SPEAKERS

Hon. C. D. Richards and J. M. Scott, M. L. A., Representing Provincial Legislature, Promised Support to the Exhibition—Customary Grant Forthcoming Next Year—Hauling Match Thursday Afternoon Won by Barry Wilson.

(Special to The Mail.)

Stanley, Oct. 1.—The big Stanley Fair officially the Nashwaak Valley Exhibition came to a close last night after two very successful days. Over nine hundred people were present on Wednesday and over one thousand paid admission yesterday and over five hundred attended the dance last night. The feature of the last day's Fair was the Judges' Dinner last night when a large number were present and enjoyed a unusually good dinner. Dr. A. Sterling was toastmaster and had on his right Hon. C. D. Richards, Minister of Lands and Mines, James G. Thorburn president of the Stanley Agricultural Society was on the chairman's left. The toast list was a long one, some very interesting and practical speeches were made by the different speakers, all of whom spoke in glowing terms of the wonderful showing made at this year's Fair.

**Toast List.**

The first toast of the evening was that to The King, followed by the toast Provincial Legislature responded to by Hon. C. D. Richards and James M. Scott, M. L. A. Hon. Mr. Richards expressed regret on behalf of Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture, who was detained at Albert County on departmental business. R. B. Hanson, K. C., M. P., the Federal representative also sent regrets he being detained at McAdam.

**Hon. C. D. Richards.**

Hon. Mr. Richards made a very pleasing and interesting speech amid applause. He again assured the committee that the five hundred dollar Provincial grant would be forthcoming for next year. The speaker said he was very glad to be present at the Stanley Fair. For him it was like coming home. Stanley had the men and women who worked together in interest of the annual fair and were willing to give their time to the success of the annual event. Mr. Richards congratulated the president and directors on the grand success of the 1926 Exhibition, on the vast improvement in all departments from year to year, and on the excellent work they are doing. He said a better and larger building was needed for roots, vegetables, apples, women's work and dairy exhibits. Hon. Mr. Richards spoke in the highest terms of the excellent supper served.

**J. M. Scott, M. L. A.**

James M. Scott, M. L. A., said he was not a public speaker, but took a

great interest in the Stanley Fair. He said he attended the first day and was so much interested that he came back again. He said he had enjoyed the hauling match. Mr. Scott promised to do anything he could to help the Stanley Fair.

**Mrs. Arthur Pringle.**

A toast to the Women's Institute was responded to by the President, Mrs. Arthur Pringle, who on behalf of the Institute thanked all for their kind words.

**Joseph Thorburn.**

Joseph Thorburn was the next speaker introduced. He said this was the 63rd Stanley Fair he had attended and he had been going to the Fredericton Exhibition for the past seventy-one years. He was glad to be able to be present at the Judges' Dinner tonight. Each year he thought would be his last but as the time rolls around he was always ready and anxious to attend.

**Fred Brown.**

Fred Brown the next speaker said he first attended the Stanley Cattle Show sixty-six years ago. There have been a lot of changes since then especially among the ladies, particularly in their dress. (great applause) When he was young the girls wore barrel hoops, heavy boots, and homespun dresses. It was different today. Mr. Brown spoke of the time when old Dr. Dow was president of the Agricultural Society at Stanley. In those days they had a beauty contest, but he said it was harder to judge the women than the butter, because one could taste the butter. Mr. Brown's speech was the best heard at the Judges' Dinner for sometime.

**The Guests.**

The next toast was to the guests and was responded to by Geo. H. Clark, Fredericton, Walter Walker, Marysville, Councillor Fred Seymour, Douglas, Ex-Coun. Fred Embellton, McAdam, Fred Youmans, Saint John, Harold Young, Devon, T. A. Best, Secretary of the Stanley Fair; Robert Forbes and Gilbert Henry, Devon. All made interesting and pleasing speeches, congratulating the president and directors upon the very successful Fair and excellent dinner served. An outstanding feature of the evening was the presentation by Hon. C. D. Richards on behalf of the Stanley Agricultural Society of the Silver cup to Master Gulliver, who has won it.

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