

# MESSAGE TELLING OF THE ABDICATION OF KING EDWARD FROM BRITISH THRONE RECEIVED IN CANADA WITH PROFOUND SORROW

## King Edward Has Abdicated From British Throne

Official Announcement in House of Commons This Morning

Signed Document Witnessed by Three Brothers

Hopes Against Delay of the Duke of York as Successor

His Majesty King Edward VIII formally abdicated today in an official announcement which was read to the House of Commons at 4.00 P.M. (English Time). The text of the announcement of Abdication was as follows:

I, Edward the Eighth by the Grace of God King of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, after long and anxious consideration, have decided to renounce the Throne bequeathed me by my father. This constitutes my final and irrevocable decision.

After long and anxious consideration I have decided to renounce the throne. I ask for the consideration of my people. I will not enter into the private feelings which have led to this decision, or of the heavy burden upon a Sovereign. I am not overlooking my duty to the Empire which will be my constant care. I consider that I can no longer discharge this, therefore

I, Edward the VIII, by the Grace of God King of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, do hereby declare my abdication and renounce all claim to the Throne for myself and my descendants.

This document is witnessed by my three brothers, the Duke of York, the Duke of Gloucester, and the Duke of Kent.

I have fully pondered the various appeals made to me in the past few days and have given them anxious consideration, but I feel that further delay would be injurious to the interests of the Empire.

I am deeply sensible of the consideration always extended to me. I am most anxious that there be no delay in executing this instrument and that his Royal Highness the Duke of York ascend the Throne.

EDWARD R. I.

## PREMIER KING SAYS SILENCE IS JUSTIFIED

OTTAWA, Dec. 10—Despite the day's stirring developments, Mr. Baldwin's statement in the British House of Commons, and a barrage of questions from Canadian and American newspapermen, Prime Minister Mackenzie King tonight maintained his refusal to disclose the position of the Government of Canada in respect to the constitutional crisis.

The Canadian Prime Minister argued that the statement of Premier Baldwin today had justified his own (Continued on Page Four)

## POPE PIUS XI HAS SUFFERED A RELAPSE TODAY

A despatch from Vatican City today says that Pope Pius XI has suffered a relapse and that his condition is serious.

## IRISH FREE STATE REFUSES TO ACCEPT THE NEW KING

DUBLIN, Dec. 10—Ireland refused today to accept the new King George VI as their King and threaten to withdraw from the Empire.

## ONTARIO WILL URGE BANK NATIONALIZATION

TORONTO, Dec. 10—Complete nationalization of the Bank of Canada will be urged by the Ontario Government at the interprovincial financial conference which opened yesterday, it was learned at Queen's Park.

Discussion of the Bank of Canada as now constituted is one of the major items on the conference agenda, and is expected to elicit widely differing views. British Columbia wants nationalization along the lines urged by Mayor G. G. McGreer of Vancouver; Alberta wants the national bank to open up with new loans; Saskatchewan and Manitoba are said to be fairly well satisfied with the present set-up, with the Maritimes and Quebec offering no very positive views. Ontario, it is said, wants a national bank in the sense of a nationally owned institution responsible to Parliament.

Assumption of the entire cost of old age pensions by the Dominion Government also will be seconded by Ontario's delegates, it is reported. They will contend it is unfair this burden of taxation should fall on

municipal property, in view of the heavy present cost of unemployment relief to property owners. It is felt, it is said, that distribution of the burden would be equalized if the cost came out of the national purse; also, some economies of administration might be effected.

The effect on Canada of the recent gold clause decision of the British Court of Appeals is another subject on the agenda said to be of particular interest to Chester S. Walters, Controller of Finances.

### SPEAKER TONIGHT

Paul Martin, M.P. will speak this evening at the Normal School, under the auspices of the local League of Nations Society. The lecture will commence at 8.15 p. m.

The Gibson Memorial United Church of South Devon is holding a food sale at the office of W. W. Maxwell, York street on Saturday at 3.30 o'clock. Be sure and make a visit for there you will get good cooking. Advertisement in this paper.

## Postal Service Terrible

A FEW day ago The Daily Mail referred in this column to the poor mail service which was being given to the residents of Doak Settlement and Wilsey Road. It was pointed out at the time that this section, which is practically in the city limits and within two miles of the post office, was only receiving a three times a week service, and that considerable dissatisfaction was being expressed by the residents who thought that they should have a daily service. The conditions in the extreme east end of the city are much worse in regard to mail service than we were led to believe at the time the article was published.

It has now been ascertained that not only have the residents of Doak Settlement and Wilsey Road had to put up with a three times a week service, but the residents of Victoria and Morrison's Mills, which district is within a mile or more from the post office, have no mail service at all. Up to a year ago through the kindness of the manager of Victoria Mills all mail for the 700 or more families residing in this extreme eastern part of the city went to the office of the Fraser Companies, Ltd. The work of handling this mail became so heavy that the officials of the company were obliged to discontinue it as it was taking a lot of their time for which no remuneration was given to anybody. Since that time it has been ascertained from residents of the Mills that every person living below Salamanca has been obliged to come to the city post office for his mail. Whilst Fredericton has a free mail delivery service it does not extend that far from the post office, so far as the east end of the city is concerned.

Several months ago when the Fraser Companies got tired of handling all this mail, an application was made to the postal authorities for a sub-postoffice to be stationed at Morrison's Mills, or at Victoria Mills. It was contended that this post office could serve all the residents of that section of the city including Morrison's Mills, Victoria Mills, Doak Settlement and Wilsey Road. A survey was made by the postal authorities at Saint John but nothing was ever done in regard to giving these people an adequate service. Most of the people in this end of the city are working people who are employed up to six o'clock in the evening. In many instances by the time they go home and get their supper and come up to the post office in this city the delivery window is closed and they are unable to get their mail. When it is considered that the large number of families mentioned in this section of the city are without a mail service, it is wonderful that they have put up with this condition of affairs for so long.

In connection with this very unsatisfactory service it is pointed out that the residents of the extreme western end of the city, from Smythe Street to the city limits, above Ryan's brickyard, have a free daily delivery service the same as is enjoyed by the people in the centre of the city. The residents of Victoria Mills and that section naturally ask: Why the discrimination? The residents of the extreme west end of the city above Smythe Street are entitled to the service which they are getting. Why are not the people in the extreme eastern end of the city, which is even more thickly populated, entitled to the same service?

The Daily Mail submits these facts to the postal authorities at Saint John and at Ottawa and also requests our local representative in the Federal Parliament to look into the matter and to see that justice is done to the large number of people in the extreme end of the city who have put up with this unsatisfactory mail service for far too long a time.

## A TRAGIC LOSS, A GOOD COMRADE PASSES

Edward the Eighth was born on June 2, 1894, at White Lodge, Sandringham. He was christened Edward after his grandfather, Albert to please his great-grandmother, George to please his mother and England, Christian to please his Danish grandmother, Princess Alexandra of Wales, and Andrew, Patrick and David after the patron saints of Scotland, Ireland and Wales. He received the best instruction in his youth and was taught to never ignore an opportunity to do a kindly act when possible. We have a striking picture of Edward not yet ten years of age as he gazed out of the Palace windows deep in thought. A quick soldierly step sounded behind him. "What are you thinking about so seriously?" asked the kindly voice of England's soldierly hero.

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## MAN DROWNS NEAR CHATHAM WHILE SKATING

CHATHAM, Dec. 10—In the first drowning accident in the Miramichi River since the forming of the ice bridge this season, Claude Kingston, Ferry Road, lost his life while crossing the river last evening about dusk from Chatham en route to his home. Kingston lost his life when he skated into a hole not far from the Mill bank shore.

In the afternoon, Kingston had skated across to Chatham, hauling a sled on which to carry supplies. He spent the remainder of the afternoon in town, made purchases and as darkness was gathering resumed his skating trip for his return, with the sled and supplies. On his failure to arrive home, a search of the ice was made, and skate tracks led directly to an open spot where it was be-

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## "GIVE KING TIME," COUNSELS LAURIER

"Amazed" at Mackenzie King Becoming "Dictator," Plumed Knight Recalls Friendly Relations With Press.

OTTAWA, Dec. 10—Strangely enough three of the principals in the clash between the King and his Ministers concerning his Majesty's desire to marry the woman of his choice were likewise principals at the unveiling of the Laurier statue on Parliament Hill, which took place in the year of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation.

They were the Prince of Wales, now Edward VIII; Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin and Prime Minister Mackenzie King. The Prince of Wales and Prince George were amused, and Mackenzie King was mortified, as the workmen strove to drape the naked statue of the great Canadian statesman, when the Royal Party hove in sight. Mrs. Baldwin enchanted and perturbed by the eloquent oration of Rodolphe Lemieux, remarked to her husband, "Yours will sound so poor after this."

The writer communed with the Spirit of Sir Wilfrid Laurier today in an effort to learn what he thought of the constitutional crisis. The revered Liberal Chief was always a strong believer in the Constitution, and without a moment's hesitation declared that the King ought to be guided by the advice of his Ministers. But he qualified that by adding that the Ministers should not attempt to rush his Majesty into making a rash decision.

"My policy always was to appeal to the heart and not attempt to coerce

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## Premier Baldwin Delivers Abdication Message to House

Outlines, Steps, Interviews Leading to Final Decision

Relations Always Friendly, Even in Good-bye

Dangers of Divorce Proceedings Pointed to the King by Premier

## Canada's Regret

OTTAWA, Dec. 10—At Ottawa this afternoon both Rt. Hon. Premier King and Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice expressed sincere regret at the abdication of the King and the circumstances which led His Majesty to take this step.

### CLOSING EXERCISES

The closing exercises of the Evening Vocational classes will take place in the high school building this evening from 7.30 o'clock until 9.30 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

C. H. McDonald, A. J. Hunter and F. R. Toole of Saint John are guests at the Queen Hotel.

J. E. Pawkes and J. E. Hendricks of Toronto are in the city, staying at the Queen Hotel.

J. H. Ferrie of Montreal is among the guests at the Queen Hotel.

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Dec. 10—After the speaker had read the King's message, Mr. Baldwin arose and asked the consideration of the House. He stated that no more grave message had ever been received by Parliament and that no more repugnant task had ever been forced on a Prime Minister. He wished to give a brief statement. He would neither criticize in praise or blame. He stated that he himself and His Majesty, King Edward VIII, had been friends for many years and that friendship had ripened into affection. When they said good-bye on Tuesday night both felt that that friendship would last for life.

Continuing, Mr. Baldwin outlined the interview which he had had with His Majesty the King. He stated that when he returned in October from a two months' holiday he had found on his desk a vast volume of correspondence from United States and Canada and throughout the Empire expressing uneasiness in regard to what was appearing in the Am-

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## Londoners Divided in Sentiment But All Intensely Agitated by Crisis

LONDON, Dec. 10—It was "Mrs. Simpson" on the lips of almost every Londoner today.

On the surface, at least, the simple human drama of a man and woman in love seemed to occupy the attention of the man and woman in the street far more than the grave constitutional crisis that has grown out of King Edward's friendship for Mrs. Wallis Simpson.

"It's not the first time a woman got a man into trouble," shouted a little old Englishwoman in Hyde Park. A bespectacled bookkeeper shook his cane furiously.

"What do I think about it?" he roared. "I am disappointed in the King, very, very disappointed. I could take this and beat him where it would do the most good," he continued, brandishing his cane.

A middle-aged, gray-haired speaker took the rostrum in Hyde Park while the cold wind beat about the shivering crowd.

"I'm for this Anglo-American Union," he said hoarsely. "I don't care if she has been divorced twice. The King wants to marry her. We need the friendship of the United States."

Several people in the crowd heckled the speaker:

"Keep her out of the country!"

In the movie houses statements were flashed on the screen saying, "We've decided not to deal with this subject until the crisis is settled. Our sympathy goes out to the King in these anxious hours."

The theater audiences were silent during the brief announcements but roared applause at what followed—a picture of Edward astride his horse



HIS MAJESTY THE KING

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