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The pledge to be taken by his son reads like this:

"Will you solemnly promise and swear to govern the peoples of Great Britain, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa, of your possessions and the other territories to any of them belonging or pertaining, and of your Empire of India, according to their respective laws and customs?"

Tomorrow King George VI. will be crowned not only King of Great Britain, but King of Canada as well. His predecessors were Kings of Canada because they were Kings of Great Britain. But in our new King we have a sovereign who is King of Canada by a new title; we have a King in our own right, who rules over us in accordance with the views of his responsible ministers in this Dominion.

It is for these reasons I suggest you are passing through a great epoch in Empire history. With the new order Kingship has taken on a more varied and greater responsibility. The Crown has become the symbol of Empire and of the free union of many people of diverse races under one flag. More than ever before the solidarity and cohesion of the Empire depends on the character and qualities of him who wears the insignia of Kingly office.

We are happy indeed to have a King and Queen possessed of high qualities of heart and mind. Above all others three characteristics of His Majesty stand out and carry promise of a successful reign over a United Empire. Well might they serve as inspiration for us in our humbler roles.

First comes devotion to duty. From his boyhood days our King has devoted himself with diligence to every task that confronted him. In his studies, on the playing field, during his naval training, in the discharge of his social obligations and in the performance of such affairs of State as devolved on him he has been painstaking and conscientious to a degree. He has never shirked. Born a second son he found himself through fortuitous circumstance with a great responsibility resting upon him. Is it not fortunate for the Empire that he did not spend his youth in idle ways, but fitted himself in all points for responsibility.

Again he has that strong simplicity and honesty which is the bulwark of character and dignity. His very appearance inspires respect and the belief that he would do nothing unworthy.

Then too he shares with his wife, our Queen, a happy domestic life. The home life of their Majesties is a belief one of their greatest attractions to men and women in this age of distractions and has gained for both of them respect and admiration without measure.

In this new world of ours how best can we prepare ourselves to discharge our three-fold responsibility as sons and daughters of New Brunswick, citizens of Canada and British subjects? None of us was born to rule over an Empire; but it is the destiny of each of us to play a part in the life of the Empire. To become useful citizens and good neighbors one to another can we do better than to take on that armor which our King has chosen, these virtues I have mentioned, devotion to duty, honesty in thought and deed, simplicity of soul and purity in private life.

At this time more than ever before young Canadians can share with fervor the prayer that tomorrow will resound around the globe—God Save our King.

COLORFUL PAGEANTRY MARKS LOCAL CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF CORONATION

Thousands Take Part in Impressive Program Carried Out in Fredericton Yesterday Afternoon

BIGGEST DAY IN HISTORY OF THE CITY

THOUSANDS of patriotic citizens, young and old, thronged the streets of Fredericton yesterday to take part in the greatest demonstration of loyalty to the King-Emporer ever witnessed in New Brunswick's historic capital. Featured by a colorful procession and the firing of the royal salute, the day's celebration was brought to a fitting climax by a brilliant pyrotechnic display held in front of Parliament Square in the evening.

The procession proceeded through streets lined with thousands of interested spectators, while the business buildings and private residences, gaily bedecked with flags and bunting, provided a colorful setting for the parade which was the largest and most spectacular ever held in this city.

Church Services

Special services in three of the city churches marked the religious observance of the occasion. Probably the outstanding highlight of the entire program was the radio speech delivered by the newly crowned monarch to his millions of subjects throughout the British Empire. Those who remained at Parliament Square after the parade heard the address through amplifiers erected for that purpose. Hundreds of citizens listened to the broadcast in their homes. The entire coronation program was broadcast from the heart of the Empire and carried to Canadian listeners through the facilities of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

The king's message to his people was the essence of simplicity and was marked by a sincerity which made itself felt in the hearts of the millions of loyal subjects in all corners of the vast empire. On behalf of Queen Elizabeth and himself, he spoke appreciatively of the expressions of loyalty and love received, assuring his subjects that both he and his queen would endeavor to serve their people well.

Following the radio address, the crowd dispersed from Parliament Square to return again in the evening to witness the fireworks display. This feature provided a fitting conclusion to a day of celebration which was unparalleled in the history of the city.

Special holiday features were presented in the local cinema houses, while other forms of entertainment were also held. The chief social function was the Coronation Ball held in the Armory. Nearly five hundred persons were in attendance and the affair was acclaimed as one of the most successful functions of its kind ever given here under the auspices of the local militia.

The Parade

The parade formed at Queen Square at 1.30 o'clock and proceeded along Queen Street to Westmorland street, thence to Brunswick Street and to Parliament Square via Church Street. It was heard by a contingent of six men from the detachment of Royal Canadian Mounted Police under the command of Sergeant O'Con-

nell. Col. Lounsbury, resplendent in a colorful uniform, led on horseback. Next in the parade was "A" Company Carleton and York Regiment Band and a strong contingent of artillerymen from the 90th and 104th Field Batteries of the 12th Field Brigade, R.C.A.

The School Floats

One of the striking features of the procession was the floats of the various city schools. Fredericton High School entered an artistically beautiful float. It was a veritable fairyland of color; red roses and greens being cleverly arranged against a background of snowy white. Girls, garbed in white costumes, were seated amidst the array of flowers, each girl representing one of the colonies of the Empire.

The float entered by St. Dunstan's school was probably one of the most interesting parts of the procession. The scene depicted the "Death of Wolfe," after the famous painting by Benjamin West. The British general who fell in the Battle of the Plains of Abraham, was seen lying on the field; supporting him were two English officers while in the foreground was an Indian warrior squatter on the ground. The effect produced was most realistic and the scene was historically correct to the minutest detail.

Smythe Street school presented a float entitled "A Loyalist Home." The scene depicted a family group, as might be found in a pioneer home of the late 19th century. A spinning wheel and weaver were much in prominence, while an apparatus for crushing corn was also seen in the setting. The family, all garbed in the quaint costumes of that period, were industriously engaged.

York Street School entered a float bearing an arch, surmounted by a crown. The names of the colonies were inscribed separately on each piece of masonry. The display was a most interesting one and the pupils are deserving of high commendation for their work.

"Magna Charta"

"The Signing of the Magna Charta," the historical document signed at Runnymede which robbed King John of absolute power and brought

freedom to the English people, was the title of the float presented by the pupils of Charlotte Street school. The scene depicted the historic occasion and was most realistic in effect.

The Model School entered a float entitled "A Hudson Bay Trading Post." It showed a cabin scene in the far north with Indians and trappers lounging in front of the small log structure. This float was also most interesting and elicited much favorable comment.

The float entered by Marysville School showed the "Imprisonment of Richard Coeur de Lion." The "warrior king" was seen peering through the bars of the dungeon, while outside the massive door paced two guards, carrying spears and garbed in the costumes of foot soldiers of the mediaeval period.

The Devon Boy Scouts presented a most interesting float, depicting the various phases of scouting activities. The floats entered by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were also most colorful and interesting. The local Jewish Society's float depicted "Holy Land" and its social and industrial advancement under British rule.

Other Floats

A miniature replica of the proposed new museum building to be constructed here was seen in the float presented by the York and Sunbury Historical Society. A fishing scene was depicted in the float entered by the Fredericton branch of the Fish and Game Protective Association, while the local Boy Scouts entered a float entitled "Going Camping."

"St. George and the Dragon" was the original and interesting float entered under the auspices of the Fredericton branch of the C.C.F. organization. The scene showed the legendary hero, clad in armour, standing over the giant dragon which he had killed. A "Camp Scene" was the title of the attractively decorated float entered by the Girl Guides.

A. T. Sweed, prominent local merchant, entered a float which represented the British dreadnaught "H. M.S. Hood." The replica of the battleship was cleverly constructed and its appearance contributed much to the success of the parade. J. Donahue's float represented a prairie schooner and was most realistic in design and effect. A large trailer, built by W. A. Gill, was another feature of the parade which attracted much interest.

The following firms and individuals had decorated cars and trucks in the parade: Buttermut Bread, Limited; Valley Motors, D. and D. Motors, Limited; Ryan's Brick Company; Universal Sales; Phillips and Pringle; Creighton and Smith, Mrs. J. E. Johnston.

One of the most interesting parts of the parade was the band of Indians from the Kingsclear Reserve. Garbed in their tribal costumes, the braves and maidens presented a fine appearance. The warriors were daubed with war-paint and carried their weapons of warfare.

Parade Marshal, Sergeant Major Herbert Endall, D.C.M., M.M., was assisted in directing the procession by Sergeant Whitehead and Corporal Sirm of the Fredericton Detachment of the R.C.M.P. Four constables of

the Mounties under the command of Corporal L. P. Ryder assisted the City Police Department in traffic control duty.

Fredericton units of the non-permanent active militia of Canada played a prominent part in the day's activities. A militia detachment, provided by the 90th Field Battery, Howitzer, and the 104th Field Battery, both of the 12th Field Brigade, R.C.A., paraded in the afternoon, taking part in the big procession from Queen's Square, through the business section of the city and back to Parliament Square. 'A' Company of the Carleton and York Regiment shared in the afternoon's activities by providing its bands for the parade.

The firing of a Royal Salute at high noon, in honor of the crowning of Their Majesties, was the first role played by the militia during the day. The saluting detachment was provided by the 90th Battery, and for the first time, an artillery salute in Fredericton was fired by the 4.5 inch howitzers with which the unit is armed.

Parading at the Fredericton Armory at 11 a.m., the 90th Battery, under the command of Major T. C. Barker, E.D., A.D.C., marched at 11.40 a.m. to the Canadian Legion quarters, where two howitzers, comprising one section, were in position for the Royal Salute. Twenty-one rounds were fired at noon in honor of Their Majesties, blank ammunition being used. The officers on parade, in addition to the Battery Commander, were Lieut. A. H. MacLaggan and 2nd Lieut. C. W. Johnston, with Capt. H. S. Wright as Medical Officer. Before returning to the Armory the Battery were led by Major Barker in three cheers for Their Majesties.

Members of the 90th and 104th Batteries paraded at the Armory at 12.45 p.m. to prepare for the afternoon procession through the gaily decorated streets of the city. Leaving the Armory with the band around 1 p.m., the troops marched to Queen's Square the gathering point for the parade. The whole parade marched off from the Square at 1.30 p.m. and passed through the principal sections of the city.

The militia turnout comprised about one hundred of all ranks equally divided between the two local field batteries. The militia portion of the Coronation Day parade was commanded by Lieut. A. H. MacLaggan, Adjutant of the 12th Field Brigade, other officers on parade being 2nd Lieut. C. W. Johnston, of the 90th Battery, Lieut. M. Y. MacLean and Lieut. Donald Richards of the 104th Battery. Sergt. Fred McMorris, of the 90th Battery, was on parade as trumpeter. The Battery Sergeant Major was Glenwood Kitchen of the 104th Battery. Following the completion of the afternoon's activities at Parliament Square, the troops marched back to the Armory where the parade was dismissed.

EMPIRE CHANGES SINCE LAST CORONATION OUTLINED BY ACTING PREMIER

Hon. J. B. McNair Spoke to High School Students, Pointing Out That Canada is Sister Nation With Mother Country

The changes which have taken place within the Empire since the last Coronation were outlined at the Fredericton High School on Tuesday afternoon by Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., M.P.P., M.A., acting premier and attorney-general.

Hon. Mr. McNair who had a distinguished university career at U.N. B. and also at Oxford, gave an eloquent and instructive address to the student body. He said:

Tomorrow in the heart of the Empire 3,000 miles away our King and Queen are to be crowned. Never in the history of the British nations has a coronation been attended with such grandeur and stateliness nor accompanied with so deep a spirit of satisfaction and hope.

From every corner of the globe representatives of the British peoples have foregathered to witness the high act of crowning a King performed with ancient ceremonial in the his-

wholeheartedly in to the events of tomorrow with the glorious spirit of youth.

Great changes have taken place since the last coronation was held 26 years ago. The process of Empire building has in the intervening years been hastened apace, particularly by the illustrious part played by the troops of the Dominions during the Great War. As a result of the Statute of Westminster passed in 1931 Canada, in communion with the other self-governing Dominions, enjoys a new standing and dignity as a sister nation with the Mother Country.

That Act of the Imperial Parliament gave legal form to the new relationships of the Empire which were expressed so aptly by the Imperial Conference of 1926 in language which has become historic. These are the words of the Conference Report:

"The Committee are of opinion that nothing would be gained by attempting to lay down a Constitution for the British Empire. Its widely scattered parts have very different characteristics, very different histories, and are at very different stages of evolution; while, considered as a whole, it defies classification and bears no real resemblance to any other political organization which now exists or has ever yet been tried.

"There is, however, one most important element in it which, from a strictly constitutional point of view, has now, as regards all vital matters, reached its full development—we refer to the group of self-governing communities composed of Great Britain and the Dominions. Their position and mutual relation may be readily defined. They are autonomous Communities within the British Empire, equal in status, in no way subordinate one to another in any aspect of their domestic or external affairs, though united by a common allegiance to the Crown, and freely associated as members of the British Commonwealth of Nations."

The changes which time and British genius have wrought are indicated in the coronation oath which has been changed to meet the new conditions.

The oath addressed to His late Majesty, King George V, was in this form:

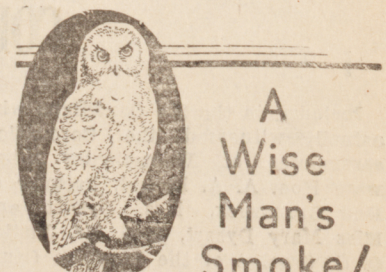
"Will you solemnly promise and swear to govern the people of this United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Dominions thereto belonging, according to the Statutes in Parliament agreed upon, and the respective laws and customs of the same?"



HON. J. B. MCNAIR, K.C., M.P.P.
Acting Premier

toric setting of Westminster Abbey in accordance with a ritual which has its inspiration in the long ago.

While the representatives of our Province and our Dominion look on we shall celebrate this great event at home. Its significance may not fully impress you at the moment, but in the years to come you will realize perhaps more fully that you have lived through the greatest days of the British Empire. For that reason it is my earnest hope that you will all cast aside your school day cares and enter



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