

Fredericton When George Became King 1910

When King Edward Died and King George Became Ruler — On May 6, 1910, King Edward Passed Away and the Prince of Wales Assumed Control — Was Proclaimed King On May 9—Local Government and City Council Took Oaths of Allegiance.

On May 6th, 1910, the word flashed around the Empire and throughout the world that King Edward VII, beloved sovereign of the British people had died at 11:45 London time and that the then Prince of Wales immediately became King, assuming the title of George V. He took the oath of office on that day.

The word of King Edward's death came here early in the evening — about eight o'clock, Fredericton time. The tidings were bulletined by The Daily Mail and the sad tidings spread quickly about the city. Very Rev. Dean Street ordered the Cathedral bell to be tolled and by an order of the Mayor Chas. H. Thomas, the bell on City Hall was tolled. St. Dunstan's and the Methodist Church soon joined in this mourning tribute to the late King.

The Daily Mail of that day said: Today flags are flying at half mast from every staff. The Royal Standard is displayed on the staff of the Officers' Square and also over the Armory. Owing to the fact that the day is Saturday, the draping of public and private buildings has not been general. On Monday such draping will in all probability be done.

Tomorrow (Sunday) the death of the Sovereign will be referred to in all churches and in some special sermons on the sad event will be preached. The bells of Christ Church Cathedral will be muffled and during the day the chimes will ring dirges.

The City Council will meet in committee at four o'clock this afternoon to consider the action to be taken to show the regret and grief felt by the city on account of King Edward's death. It is likely that arrangements will be made for the draping of the council chamber and of the entrance to the City Hall. It is also probable that a telegram of condolence will be despatched to Earl Grey



His Gracious Majesty George V. When He Was Crowned King.

at Ottawa to be forwarded to London.

Mr. J. J. Howe Dickson, clerk of the Executive Council, was summoned to Saint John by Premier Hazen, and left this morning. His Honor the Lieutenant Governor is at present in Saint John and it is expected that he will issue proclamation shortly in connection with the demise of the King.

According to statute, all commissions issued during the reign of Edward VII continue in force under George V. It will be necessary however, that all holding such commissions take the oath of allegiance to the new sovereign. The executive council will very likely take the oath here.

As soon as it is known when the funeral of the late King will take place, arrangements will be made for a joint-memorial service in which St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, the Methodist Church and the George Street and Brunswick Street Baptist churches will take part.

The period following the death of King Edward was one of mourning for the departed monarch rather than for rejoicing for the new one, which was natural enough. The Daily Mail on May 7th, said:

"In compliance with instructions received in the despatch through the Secretary of State the Lieutenant Governor will take the oath of allegiance before the Chief Justice in the Legislative Chamber on Tuesday

Message To The People of New Brunswick

The Silver Jubilee of the Accession to the Throne of Our beloved Sovereign, King George V, is near at hand. This most notable and glorious anniversary will fall upon the Sixth Day of May in this Year of Our Lord, Nineteen hundred and thirty five. Throughout the whole Empire plans are in preparation to celebrate the occasion in a fitting manner.

Loyalty to the Crown resounds through all the history of our ancient Province; it is a high and splendid tradition of which we are truly proud. But especially do we rejoice to show our devotion to their Majesties, the King and Queen, whose incomparable and faithful service to the State and their people has been the chief glory of their reign. Their public and private life is a shining light whose beams penetrate the furthestmost parts of our great Empire. And our people without distinction of race, lift up their hearts in gratitude to Divine Providence for the blessings and privileges we enjoy under their wise and benign rule.

So I say let this memorable anniversary be one of joyfulness and thanksgiving and diligence in good works by support of the Cancer Fund, entered into by all, old and young, in town and in country, a loyal and single hearted tribute from all our people.

May we strive to attain the high ideal of service set before us by our Sovereign and so cultivate those qualities of character which alone make a nation great.

Your friend and well wisher.
MURRAY MacLAREN

afternoon at 3 o'clock. His Honor will then administer the oath of all the members of the Executive Council.

This evening a special edition of The Royal Gazette will be issued. This edition will contain the telegram of condolence sent by the Lieutenant-Governor to the Royal Family through the Governor General and also a proclamation concerning the death of King Edward and the accession of George V.

Telegrams from the Secretary of State, Charles Murphy, have been received here by Private Secretary R. S. Barker on the behalf of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor. These telegrams contain the official announcement of the late King's death, the accession of George V, and instructions for the observation of today with the ceremonies usually to the throne. In obedience to these instructions the Union Jack was hoisted to the masthead on the Officers' Square today. As there is no artillery here no salute was fired.

The City Council met Saturday afternoon and decided to engage Mr. Norman A. Edgecombe to drape the entrance to the City Hall with purple and black and also to drape the council chamber and Mayor's Office. This draping is being done today.

A committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor Thomas, Ald W. G. Clark, and the City Clerk was appointed by the council and drafted and forwarded to the Governor General the following telegram:

May 7, 1910.
To His Excellency the Governor General, Ottawa.

The mayor and aldermen of the city of Fredericton, New Brunswick, on behalf of themselves and citizens of this city most respectfully desire your excellency to convey to Queen Alexandra and the Royal Family their profound sorrow and grief occasioned by the sudden demise of our noble and illustrious sovereign King Edward VII, with the undoubted assurance of their continued and devoted loyalty to the Crown of Great Britain and to his present Majesty King George V.

No instructions have yet been received concerning the draping of either provincial or Dominion buildings. The provincial government will meet here tomorrow and will very likely take some action in the matter. Post-



Her Majesty Queen Mary in Her Coronation Robes When She Became Queen.

master Edwards is awaiting instructions from Ottawa concerning the draping of the Post Office building. It is expected that such instruction will be received tomorrow.

Many of the places of business have been draped with purple and black. Portraits of the late King are frequently used in the scheme of draping."

On the morning of May 9 George V was proclaimed King, the ceremony taking place in Saint James' Palace, London in the presence of dense crowds.

According to law all public officials were supposed to be sworn in anew under the new sovereign and to take the oath of allegiance. The Daily Mail of that date, says:

"His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor Tweedie took the oath of allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth at three o'clock this afternoon and immediately afterward administered the oath to the members of the executive council. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of spectators.

"The oath was taken by His Honor and by the members of the Government in the Legislative Chamber at the Parliament Building. Hon. F. E. Barker, Chief Justice, administered the oath to Governor Tweedie. The chamber was draped for the occasion. The throne and canopy were covered with black, with a few relieving touches of purple. The pillars supporting the galleries and the front of

the galleries were also draped with black and purple.

"The Chief Justice, while administering the oath, stood in front of the throne. The Lieutenant-Governor stood in the same position. The ceremony occupied but a few minutes.

"The Lieutenant Governor, Premier Hazen and Hon. J. K. Flemming reached the city last night. Hon Robert Maxwell and Hon. D. V. Landry arrived this morning and other members of the government at noon."

In glancing over The Daily Mail files of twenty years ago it is interesting to note that many of the concerns then doing business are still doing business today. These include Colwell & Jennings, Shute & Co., Lemont & Sons, C. H. Burt, J. S. Neill & Sons, Hall's Book Store, J. Clark & Sons, Fredericton Business College, J. J. Weddall & Son, McMurray & Co. Others who were in business then included Peter Farrell, R. Chestnut & Sons, A. Murray, W. E. Farrell, W. A. Lindsay, Walker Brothers, the latter business is continued by Karl Walker; Murphy's Bakery, Tweedale & Co., Fowler's Jewellery Store, Tennant & Holder, Hunt & MacDonald, G. T. Whelpley, C. Fred Chestnut, R. T. Mack, E. G. Hoben, McFarlane, Thompson & Anderson, J. A. McKinnon, Anderson & Walker, Miss Morgan, Misses Young, F. S. Williams, E. Parker Baker, Monitor Manufacturing Co., Bijou Theatre.

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