

MR. WARK'S BIRTHDAY.

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greater part of your life, and that you first entered public life as a representative in the House of Assembly from this constituency. We remember or at least some of us do your advent to the town of Richibucto, fresh from your native home in London-derry, Ireland, and your entry on the work of life by first teaching school, and afterward engaging in mercantile business, in both of which occupations you were eminently successful. We remember your entry into political life in Dec. 1842, when as colleague of the late Judge (then Mr. J. W. Weldon) you were elected to the house of assembly from Kent. We remember your second election which took place in June, 1846, when Mr. Weldon and you were again returned and sat in the legislature for Kent until 1850, when you retired, and a short time afterwards was appointed to a seat in the legislative council of the province, where you remained until confederation, of which grand scheme you were one of the most active and able promoters. Owing to the decided stand you took on that great question, you were honored by having your name placed in the original proclamation carrying that scheme into a practical existence, and you were one of the first named from this province for the distinguished position of senator.

We congratulate you on the stand you took on that great question, and on the fact that you have lived to see the grand result of the union which you helped to bring about. It is given to very few men to reach the one hundredth mile stone, and it is given to still fewer to see a sturdy young nation spring up from a work in which they themselves took a part. You who helped to carry out the project have since given your time and services in building up this great fabric, and now with one hundred years on your head you are still almost as active and vigorous in the services of your country as you were half a century ago. We recall the fact that most of those who were your associates in your first years of political life have since passed away, and we realize that you were in active life when many of those now your associates were in their cradles or had not been born. You enjoy the unique distinction of being the oldest legislator in the world. We feel that notwithstanding the success you have achieved in public life we would not be doing justice to you if we omitted to refer to the high Christian character which you ever maintained in the community and the assistance you invariably extended to every cause having for its object the advancement of the best interests of all classes of the community. We are confident you still take more than a passing interest in the County of Kent, and that you have still a warm feeling towards it and its people.

We heartily congratulate you on attaining the hundredth anniversary of your natal day, and we trust and fervently pray that in the dispensation of an All Wise Providence you may be vouchsafed a further decade of life in the possession of health and every other blessing you may desire.

(Sgd) Robert Hutchinson,
Auguste Legere,
Wm. D. Carten.

On behalf of the citizens of Richibucto.
15th February, 1904.

Senator Replied.

Senator Wark replied to the address from his old Kent County friends as follows:

James D. Phinney, Esq. K. C.

Dear Sir—I sincerely thank you and the citizens of Richibucto for this very kind address which I receive as a proof that they have not forgotten me and I assure you that I have not forgotten them. When I hear of the good crops, good fishing, or any other proof of prosperity, it gives much more pleasure, if coming from Kent, than from any other part of the Dominion or Empire.

I hope that when the empire gets well united and Kent fairly represented in the new Imperial Parliament, that your prosperity will be greater.

David Wark.

Address From the U. N. B.

The next address was from the Chancellor, faculty and students of the University of New Brunswick as follows:

The University,
F'ton, N. B., Feb. 16.

To the Honorable Senator Wark, LL. D.,
Fredericton, N. B.:

Venerable and Dear Sir,—We, the faculty and students of the University of New Brunswick, desire to join in the tributes of congratulation and respect that are now being laid at your feet by friends and well wisher from far and near. You have always been a true and powerful friend to our Provincial University. By your voice in the Legislature,

by your pen in the public press, and your money in a generous gift you have upheld the cause of the higher education in New Brunswick. The University looks upon your influential support with pride and gratitude. Your long life is a noble example to us of plain living and high thinking, and we one and all beg you to accept our heartfelt congratulations on your attaining your hundredth year. With the deepest respect we beg leave to remain:

Yours very sincerely and affectionately.

The address was signed by Chancellor Harrison, members of the faculty and all the students.

The address was tastefully and artistically engrossed by C. A. McVey of the board of works office. The lettering was executed in red, blue and gold and reflected great credit on the artist.

Senator Wark in happy terms thanked the Chancellor for the address.

At the conclusion of these proceedings the gentlemen present were entertained to a tasty luncheon by Miss Wark and Miss Coburn assisted by a number of young lady friends.

The Church Address.

At 5 o'clock Senator Wark received the Session and Trustees of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, who presented him with an address read by the pastor, Rev. Willard Macdonald. This will be found on our first page with the civic address.

The Senator in reply spoke briefly returning his hearty thanks for the kind wishes and congratulations from his fellow church members.

Congratulatory Telegrams.

The following telegrams were received during the day:

Ottawa, Feb. 19.

Hon. David Wark, Fredericton:

My colleague, the Hon. H. R. Emerson, will be in Fredericton today to offer you the congratulations of the Canadian government on the occasion of your one hundredth anniversary. At the same time I beg to join my own personal voice to the voice of all your fellow citizens in thanking Providence that your life has been spared, and in hoping that by God's blessing it will still be preserved for many years.

(Signed) Wilfrid Laurier.

Halifax, Feb. 19.

Hon. David Wark, F'ton, N. B.:

Kindly accept my congratulations on celebration of your centenary birthday.

Charles E. Church
Senator.

Bangor, Feb. 19.

Hon. D. Wark, F'ton, N. B.:

Our congratulations on your one hundredth birthday. May it find your faculties unimpaired, and our sincere hope is may they long continue so.

E. R. Burpee.

St. John, Feb. 18.

Hon. David Wark, Fredericton, N. B.:

The St. John Globe congratulates you on your venerable years and honorable life, and wishes you yet many happy days.

St. John, Feb. 18.

Hon. D. Wark, Fredericton:

Heartiest congratulations from myself and from your Liverpool friends.

David McLaren.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 19.

Hon. D. Wark, Fredericton:

Congratulations on your 100th birthday.

Sarah Finlayson.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 19.

Hon. David Wark, Fredericton:

Birthday greetings and congratulations from Cloverdale.

Jane Wark Talmie.

St. Stephen, Feb. 19.

Hon. D. Wark:

Accept congratulations on entering upon a second century of a life of usefulness and honor to our province and Canada.

G. W. Ganong.

Montreal, Feb. 19.

Senator Wark, Fredericton, N. B.:

Let me offer you my mother's and my own sincere congratulations. Father was always a great admirer of yours.

David Gilmor.

An Ottawa despatch says: The Canadian club has sent a complimentary telegram to Senator Wark, and he will be tendered a complimentary luncheon on his arrival here.

Halifax, Feb. 19

Hon. Senator Wark, F'ton, N. B.

Congratulations on your long and successful life, and on your rounding off the century, that you may have a pleasant, happy, and useful time during the approaching session of parliament, and that you may yet see other sessions, is the cordial wish of the Halifax Herald. If you have any reply please wire it at our expense.

Halifax Herald.

Ottawa, Feb. 19th.

Hon. David Wark, Fredericton:

I desire to add my personal congratulations to the many which you have received on attaining the age of one hundred years and wish you yet many years. You are still twenty years younger than Moses, the last legislator to cross the century mark.

Joseph Pope,

Under Secretary of State.

St. John, Feb. 19.

Hon. Senator Wark, Fredericton:

Congratulations and kindest regards on your hundredth anniversary.

Wm. J. Parks

Mrs. Parks

Miss Parks

New Glasgow, Feb. 18.

Hon. David Wark, Fredericton, N. B.

Heartiest congratulations to Senator Wark on his attaining his one hundredth birthday from the daughter of his old friend, Senator Carmichael.

C. E. Carmichael.

Ottawa, Feb. 19

Hon. Senator Wark, Fredericton,

Heartly congratulations and best wishes.
(Senator) William Miller.

Harvey, Feb. 19.

Hon David Wark:

Mr and Mrs McLean join in Canada's congratulations.

(Rev.) J. A. McLean.

Reston, Feb. 18.

Hon. David Wark:

Accept my kindest wishes on the attainment of your one hundredth year.

W. J. Brait.

St. John, Feb. 19.

Hon David Wark, Fredericton.

Regret that engagements here prevent my being at Fredericton to extend to you my congratulations on this memorable day of your life. Accept my best wishes for the continuance of a life already full of years and honors.

F. E. Barker.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.

Hon. David Wark, Fredericton:

The Canadian Club of Ottawa sends heartiest congratulations to Canada's oldest legislator on his centenary anniversary and wishes to express its sincere appreciation of his many years devoted to the public service.

A. P. Sherwood,
President.

Ottawa, Feb. 19

Hon. Senator Wark, Fredericton.

In behalf of the government of Canada and myself, I desire to offer you our congratulation on the celebration of your centenary. Your long and useful life marked by equanimity and temperance presents an example for youth and middle age to emulate. I hope to see you next month in your place in the senate when you will receive a hearty welcome from that body in whose deliberations you have for so many years taken an active interest.

(Sgd) R. W. Scott.

St. John, Feb. 19.

Hon. David Wark:

The St. John Sun staff sends you hearty congratulations with assurance of genuine respect and cordial good wishes.

S. D. Scott.

St. John, Feb. 19.

Hon. David Wark, Fredericton.

The City of St. John extends hearty congratulations on the one hundredth anniversary of your birth.

Walter W. White, Mayor.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.

Hon David Wark:

I join with the host of your well wishers in Canada in heartily congratulating you on the great event of the day.

A. G. Blair.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.

Hon. David Wark,

Kindly accept congratulations from the Evening Journal and myself.

C. W. Robertson,

Sec. Treas.

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