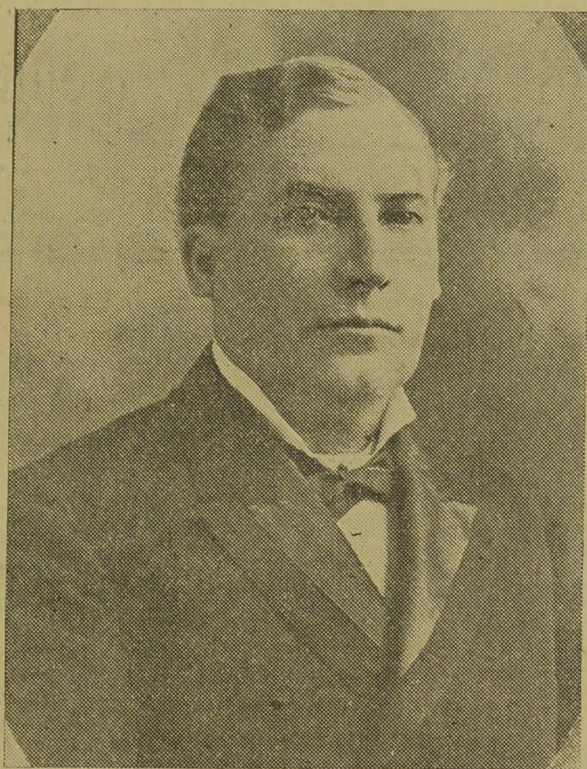


PREMIER WELCOMED HOME

Miramichi's Popular Reception to its Favorite Son.

MR. TWEEDIE IN A NEAT SPEECH OUTLINES HIS VISIT TO EUROPE.



Hon. L. J. Tweedie, the popular premier of New Brunswick, and his estimable lady received a very hearty welcome on their arrival at their home in Chatham Thursday, from attendance at the King's coronation. The town was gaily decorated with flags, and in the evening the citizens by hundreds thronged the premier's grounds, headed by the Citizens' band and extended their welcome.

After the band had been thanked in felicitous terms by the premier, who spoke from the portico steps, the musicians were suitably entertained and the spacious parlors were filled by a party representative of what was best in all classes of the community.

Welcomed by the Mayor.

Mayor Snowball, addressing those assembled, expressed the pleasure they all experienced in welcoming Premier Tweedie and his estimable wife home again from the coronation of the king, to which they had gone on the authority of the legislature to represent New Brunswick. He referred in felicitous terms to the gathering of friends which a few months ago had assembled where they now stood to mark the 25th anniversary of Mr and Mrs Tweedie's marriage, and said that those not hearing that event in mind would never this evening imagine that Mrs. Tweedie had been so long out of girlhood. All were glad to realize how much she must have enjoyed the trip to England. The mayor, who has himself traveled quite extensively in Great Britain and on the continent, referred to the advantage the premier's tour and his observations would be to him in the way of adding to his already large store of knowledge of public men and public affairs, and said they all felt that these experiences would be utilized for the benefit of the province in the promotion of its welfare.

The Premier's Reply.

Premier Tweedie, in reply, thanked the mayor for his expressions of welcome home to Mrs. Tweedie and himself, and for the hearty manner in which those assembled had endorsed his remarks.

He referred briefly to scenes and incidents of their travels in Great Britain and on the continent—in England, Ireland and Scotland, Norway, Holland, Germany, Belgium and elsewhere, and declared that he had come back with a greater love for and appreciation of the Dominion of Canada, particularly of his own province of New Brunswick.

The postponement of the coronation ceremonies had, of course, disarranged their programme somewhat. He had determined to leave on the 24th of July for their return home, but when it was announced that the coronation would take place on the 9th of August, he felt that, as he had gone on the authority of the legislature to represent New Brunswick on the historic occasion, it was his duty, to remain and participate in it.

During the stay of Mrs. Tweedie and himself on the other side of the Atlantic they were present at many entertainments and much was done to make the time pass agreeably, but he must confess that at times he was homesick and longed

for the accustomed home scenes and associations on which his mind often dwelt amid the festivities and changing experiences of their trip. One might see kings and queens and dukes and earls and great potentates from the world over, and great cities and new peoples, but their ways were not our ways.

When he saw the people stand around Buckingham Palace waiting listlessly to see some lord or duke, or other great personage come out, he could not help comparing them with our own active Miramichi boys working in our mills or shops or on the logs, and thinking how much more usefully and independently they were employed, and he was sure that they would not waste their time in such occupations.

He referred at some length to the contrasts of social conditions in Great Britain and on the continent, and while he deprecated the prevalence of intemperance amongst a certain class of working people of both sexes in some of the cities of Great Britain, he thought that the conditions in that regard in Germany and Holland demonstrated that those countries had practically solved the temperance question.

He was most favorably impressed with the old world's public recognition of the necessity of providing parks and beautifying resorts for the people and thought our people had something to learn and imitate in that regard, for there was a uplifting force and influence in thus educating the tastes of the masses by beautifying their surroundings.

Canada's Prominence.

He spoke of the prominent place which Canada and Canadians occupied in the popular mind in the mother country.

We heard much through the papers of Premier Seddon, of Australia, and Premier Barton, of New Zealand. The interests of British investors on account of the great debt of Australia led to that country being the subject of attention by the press, but the eyes of Great Britain's people are turned to Canada as the empire's greatest and most valuable member.

He said the fast line between the mother country and Canada was to be established. Lord Strathcona favored a 24-knot service, but Mr. Tweedie was rather inclined to think that a less costly one would meet our requirements for the present, as we could not expect to divert the business from New York for some time at least.

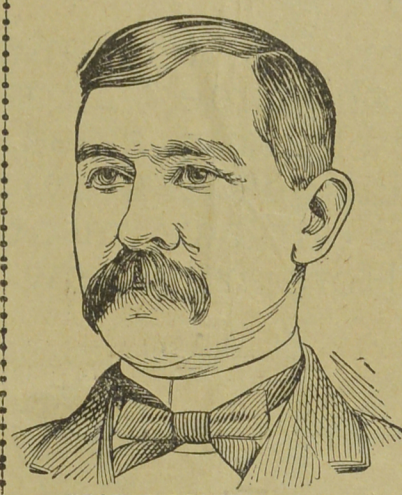
We could have the fast freight and its Canadian terminus would be St. John, for that port, with its Canadian Pacific and Intercolonial Railway facilities was the most advantageous distributing point.

Premier Laurier had been condemned in some quarters on his attitude on the question of the defence of the empire, but thoughtful men would approve of his position. There was nothing to be gained by discussing the subject at the conference of colonial premiers.

Canada was not prepared to contribute its money for maintaining imperial defences and yet have nothing to say as to how it should be spent. When the empire needed men for its defence in South Africa, Canada furnished them volun-

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terily, and she would do so again if the necessity arose, and it were better that for the present matters should remain as they are in that regard.

Canada's loyalty and the work of her soldiers were appreciated in Great Britain and we had reason to be satisfied with and be proud of our present happy relationships with the mother land.

Premier Tweedie's remarks were received with great applause and at the close of the festivities, after 11 o'clock, three cheers were given for him and for Mrs. Tweedie. The band played Home Again and Auld Lang Syne, and the celebration ended.

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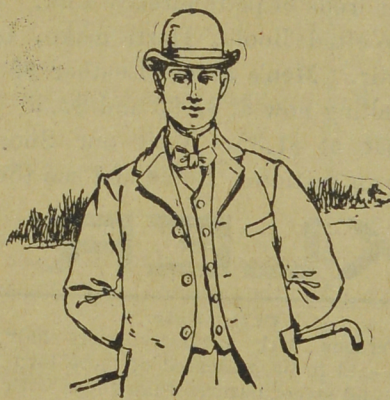
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