

Trainmen, held at Buffalo, N.Y., October 18 to 20, inclusive, 1910. I would draw your attention to resolution on pages 9 and 10 expressing appreciation of action taken by the officials of the government, especially Sir Frederick Borden and yourself. This resolution had the unanimous endorsement of the meeting.

It will be observed that this letter is dated December 31, so that the feeling it expresses was not simply that which Mr. Berry entertained just at the moment after the strike was settled, but the opinion he continued to have up to the end of the year. The resolution referred to by Mr. Berry is as follows:

Resolved, that we express our full appreciation of actions of officials of the Dominion government in their untiring efforts to settle the strike, and we especially commend the efforts of the Minister of Militia, Sir Frederick Borden, and the Minister of Labour, the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, who did so much toward restoring peace and harmony.

This resolution was passed at a joint meeting of the Eastern Association of General Committees of Railroad Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, held at Buffalo from October 18 to October 20. Then, in a communication from Mr. Barry, dated August 15, on behalf of the Canadian members, I find the following:

In conclusion, I wish to take this opportunity of expressing to you on behalf of myself, other officers of the Order of Railway Conductors, and especially our members employed on the Grand Trunk and Central Vermont railways from Portland to Chicago, and the Canadian membership in general, the profound obligation under which we lie for the services of yourself and your associate ministers of the Dominion government in connection with the settlement of the strike upon the above-named railways. I feel, and sincerely trust, that the ready recognition and untiring efforts of Sir Frederick Borden and yourself will not be forgotten by the Canadian citizens, especially our membership, and that they will in the future make that reciprocation thoroughly apparent.

Again thanking yourself and associate ministers on behalf of the membership of the Order of Railway Conductors, and with highest personal regard, believe me, sincerely and gratefully yours,  
 (Sgd.) S. N. BERRY,  
 Vice-president O.R.C.

Those communications speak for themselves. I might also quote from the official journals of these organizations. Here is the 'Railroad Trainman,' the official journal of the Brotherhood of the Railroad Trainmen, at page 797 of the September issue, I find the following with regard to the settlement:

The settlement was effected principally through the efforts of the Minister of Labour, Mr. King, assisted by the Minister of Militia,  
 Mr. KING.

Sir Frederick Borden, to whom full credit is given for their efforts in bringing about the settlement.

Also in the 'Railway Conductor' which is the official journal of the Railway Conductors Brotherhood, I find at page 718 the following passage:

Mr. WILCOX. What date?

Mr. KING. September, 1910. This is what that journal says:

In connection with this settlement the thanks of the Canadian membership and of our entire organization as well, are due and tendered to the Hon. Mackenzie King, Minister of Labour, and Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia, for their untiring efforts on behalf of the men, for the influence they brought to bear on the Grand Trunk Railway management contributed in no small degree in producing a satisfactory result and ending the controversy.

My purpose in reading these resolutions is not in any way to record on 'Hansard' communications which one might be pleased to read concerning his own work, but I am forced to read them in view of the resolution moved. My hon. friend says that no effort was made by the government to put an end to the strike during its continuance. That is the charge which he brings against the government in general and the Department of Labour in particular. In order to reply, I feel it necessary to quote the words of the men themselves who, better than any one else and as well at any rate as the company itself, knew who had rendered them good service.

Not only did the parties themselves believe that the government had rendered the men a service, but the people of the country also. I have a telegram from my hon. friend's own constituency for I believe he is a resident of Belleville. I am not sure whether he is a member of the Board of Trade of Belleville, but on August 3, I received the following telegram from that body:

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King,  
 Ottawa.

Executive Belleville Board of Trade thank you for effective work in settlement of strike.

W. B. DEACON,  
 President.  
 W. N. PONTON,  
 Secretary.

Will my hon. friend say that the board of trade in his own town was mistaken when it sent a telegram congratulating the government on its effective work?

Mr. NORTHROP. They did not understand the facts then.

Mr. KING. I think my hon. friend does not understand them yet. Here is a telegram from the mayor of Hamilton, dated August 3: