

# SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES OPENS THE EXHIBITION

### Declares Canada Is Sheet Anchor of the Empire—Tribute to Dominion War Efforts—British and American Interests Intertwined by a Million Ties, Ambassador Declares—Ideal Weather Attracts Large Crowd.

Toronto's big annual fair, now known round the world as Canada's National Exhibition, was officially opened for the forty-second time on Saturday, under the happy augury of rainless and cloudy skies, large and smiling crowds and the benediction of an empire statesman, Sir Auckland Geddes, who punched the button which figuratively set the machinery in motion for its two weeks' run.

The gates were opened at 10 o'clock, at which time a large crowd was already waiting for admission, and by noon thousands of visitors thronged the grounds and the buildings where Canada's wealth of production was displayed on a vaster scale than ever before. The history of the great fair has been one of unbroken progress, and this year's fair is no exception. It is essentially a presentation of Canadian industry and natural resources, the announcement of which is a lively appreciation of the need of providing healthy amusement for the crowds. Every kind of entertainment has been provided for this year, and the thrilling, such as motor car races and firing stunts.

#### Directors' Luncheon.

Previous to the opening ceremony at the central band stand, a luncheon, tendered by the Exhibition directors, was held in the administration building with Sir Auckland Geddes as chief guest. Sir Thomas Lipton was also present and about 150 prominent Canadians.

Only five-minute speeches were included in the luncheon. After the president had delivered a brief speech, Sir Auckland Geddes followed with a five-minute address.

Sir Auckland said he appreciated the warm reception, and added that he was glad to get back in Canada. Like Rip Van Winkle, he had found very great changes since his last visit. Speaking of the Canadian spirit, he said he had seen this spirit represented in the splendid pictures on the walls of the exhibition gallery. "No nation can be great and by being yourselves you will attain a greatness all your own," he concluded.

At the opening ceremonies, the president addressed Sir Auckland Geddes as follows:

#### President's Address.

"Your Excellency—With a deep sense of the honor you have conferred upon the Canadian National Exhibition, the board of directors and members of the association share with you the privilege of extending to you a hearty welcome on this the occasion of the opening of the 42nd annual exhibition.

"As a soldier, diplomat, statesman, administrator, and citizen, your long and distinguished service to His Majesty and to humanity is known and admired, but perhaps nowhere has the empire had your progress been followed with closer attention than in Canada, where, because of your residence amongst us, we feel we have a peculiar claim upon you.

"Your knowledge of and profound interest in Canada, its welfare and development, qualify you well, sir, to enter into the spirit of the Exhibition and to appreciate the evidence concentrated within these grounds and buildings of the marvelous wealth and possibilities of our natural resources, of the scientific, artistic and industrial skill and adaptability of our people and of the fertility of our fields, all of which, together with our manhood, were consecrated to the empire and civilization during the recent war. A potent force in that great conflict, Canada is striving to be an equally powerful factor for the King and empire in the glorious new era just dawning.

"You are not actually a citizen of this Dominion you are at least, sir, a very near and very dear neighbor whom it is a delight to honor, and we are convinced that during your residence in Washington you will do much to cement that cooperation, kindly feeling and spirit of comradeship so much desired between the two great Anglo-Saxon races, peoples with the same ideals and institutions, between whom no distrust or misunderstanding should exist."

#### Ambassador's Reply.

In reply, Sir Auckland Geddes spoke as follows:

"To us who are citizens of the British Empire, some of whose fellows can at every moment watch the sun climb from behind the shoulder of the whirling world, the past years of strife inevitably brought hours of anxiety and days of danger. Not yet, and not for a long time, will the spirit of peace be re-established in the hearts of men. We cannot hope to remain in splendid isolation. We cannot insulate ourselves from the thought currents of humanity. Whether we will it or not, whether we like it or not, we must be prepared to meet every jar and to endure every shock and every blow which every man, disappointed man, mad man can deliver to the framework of society. That there will be jars and shocks and blows is as certain as the fact that winter will follow summer, and spring, winter. To meet them, to endure them without flinching is an evidence of the spirit made strong by faith in some great ideal—the ideal of ordered freedom. But to meet and endure them without failure requires not only spiritual fortitude, but material preparation. Four years of bloody war made heavy inroads on the accumulated wealth and seriously impaired the prosperity of the empire. It will take all our efforts to regain the ease and comfort and the times of quiet leisure for holidays, for art, for study, for research and for invention that were ours before the war. To you, whose proud privilege it is to be Canadians, is granted a great opportunity of helping that restoration to an extent and in a measure that is not granted to any others of our fellow-citizens."

#### Knows Canadian Spirit.

"I know your spirit for I have lived amongst you. I never forget that by deliberate wish and choice I was one of you. I know your great country and its wonderful natural richness, for, in days before the war, with pride I called it mine, but now that I am the servant of the whole empire, the servant of India, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, no less than the West Indies, of Canada, of the British Isles, I can see you as the great part of a great whole and realize how much for us all depends upon your efforts and upon your success. 'Work and prosper' is a motto of no limited application. It is the motto which must be made to ring in the ears of all the British peoples, the ring in the ears of England and the dominions beyond the seas. If it did not ring in the ears of the British people, the population that will come, that is

possible national practice. America, with all her power, owes much to England, but let us not forget that we all owe much to America. Her interests and ours are interwoven thru a million ties. It is vital for her I believe, for us I know, for the whole world, that we should be and we should work together in friendship based on mutual respect and understanding. You, Canada, are her nearest neighbor. An inviolable line, unfortified, unguarded, separates you and her along thousands of miles of frontier. You have one great opportunity of interpreting to us her and her to us. Your prosperity must, for many years to come, be closely linked with hers. You and she are here neighbors not potentially to affect each other, but actually to affect each other, and as you grow more powerful and prosperous that action and reaction must increase in intensity. Were it possible to destroy by an effort of will all the other reasons which make friendship between all the English-speaking peoples essential, there would remain the all sufficient reason that you, a member of the British family, and she, great and legitimately proud, are such close neighbors as to be almost economically inter-dependent, while you and her ideals and ambitions run on paths so closely parallel that not even the watchman on the tower can see a reason why, with prudence and statecraft on both sides, they should ever clash.

"But I have no fear for your future. During the war with deepening pride I watched and heard of the doings of your fighting men. The nations, whose sons were such heroic fighters, the men who did the dour duty deeds, the story of whose doing stands in the annals of the Canadian corps, is not and are not of the sort that is going to fail. You are winning back fast to prosperity. This great Exhibition shows that the springs of confidence and energy have not run dry in Canada. What have you to fear? Your land and its resources we know. Your climate and its vitalizing properties are the joy of all who have experienced it. The rest is in your own hands. What the red man failed to do in the millenniums you will do in the decades, for you are workers, workers by brain and hand. You have the great opportunity to serve yourselves, to serve Canada, the empire, humanity. Take it, and may God go with you."

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found a new attraction in greeting Sir Thomas Lipton.

"The world's greatest sport," as a woman in the crowd designated him, came out among the crowd and was soon surrounded. He shook hands with men, women and children indiscriminately and seemed to be particularly drawn to the wee tots, one of whom he lifted up while he had his photo taken by one of the camera men.

"Speech Tommy! Speech Tommy!" was shouted out by someone in the crowd, and the Sir Thomas established the gathering by mounting to the band stand, where all could see him, sailor-like, he declined the speech. Notwithstanding this, he was the cynosure of all eyes, while on the stand.

"That's him with the peaked cap drawn down over his face. He's not a bit like his pictures," said a woman whose tone indicated that she found the hero much more satisfying in real life than when viewed from the pages of the paper.

When leaving someone called for three cheers, and then a tiger for Sir Thomas, the response being heartily given, with the addition of a final heroic cheer for "better luck next time."

Reception to V. C. Men.

A notable feature of this year's Exhibition is the V. C. Day, an occasion

ly springlike weather with which the province has been blessed this summer. The weather was really delightful, and added to the comfort of those on the grounds.

Electricity and all it represents has this year a building of its own. And, naturally, the inventive genius of the Hydro-Electric and other outstanding factors in the electrical world are presented here to their best.

A rather imposing feature of the transportation building this year is the fact that it houses practically two million dollars worth of automobiles and accessories of the best and most modern type. This building is housing only passenger automobiles, and the other types of useful motors, trucks are housed in two other buildings. It will readily be understood how immense the automobile industry has become in Canada.

Then again, one finds further afield the far reaching lesson of railway transportation in the exhibits of the Canadian National Railways, as well as those of the C.P.R. Besides these one notes also the exhibits of the Canadian merchant marine, a truly wonderful series, indicating the advance of the marine services.

Always the Midway is a source of amusement and entertainment. This year this feature will be especially noteworthy, being a considerable improvement upon all former occasions. This year there is a sense of instruction coupled with the other features of entertainments, and the best of its kind has been infused into the undertakings operated by the John Jones interests, which have charge of the Midway exhibits.

As a fitting accompaniment to the many impressive features of the C.N.E. noted this year have been the art galleries and the war memorials, to which many fine additions have been made. And, added to all others, will be noted the general excellence of restaurant facilities and the bands. Creator's and other notable bands taking part. Perhaps most impressive of all is the display of keen initiative and daring shown by two branches of sportsmanship, the cult of the automobilist, and that of the aviator. The dozen in Canada of both arts are present at the "Ex." and both Colonel W. A. Bishop and Colonel Eber are again giving the public a chance to see what is being accomplished in the most modern and most wonderful of sciences, aviation.

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