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Premier King Praises Peoples' Self-Reliance

Leader of Government Joins in Ceremonies at Niagara Falls and Queenston, and Lauds Forebear and Those Associated With Him in the Battle for Freedom in Canada.

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NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., June 19.—The debt Canadians owe to the pioneers who brought her responsible government can best be paid by a realization of their duty "to maintain in bonds of unity and fraternity as heritage to future generations, the nation that our forebears have bequeathed to us," Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King said here yesterday.

Mr. King, accompanied by Transport Minister C. D. Howe and Senator Raoul Dandurand, government leader in the Upper House, came here to join in two ceremonies particularly dear to Mr. King because both were linked intimately with the name of William Lyon Mackenzie, his grandfather.

But while lauding Mackenzie and those associated with him in the battle for freedom in Canada, Mr. King declared that even more deserving of praise were the common people of that day, people whose names are not written in the nation's annals but who were a self-reliant people "not looking for government to do everything for them."

Battle Against Oppression.

It was here on the Niagara frontier at Queenston that Mackenzie started his long eventful battle against oppression by the Crown's agents of the people of that day, against the denial of self-responsibility.

It was at Queenston Mackenzie began publication of the Colonial Advocate, destined to become a leading weapon in the fight against autocracy, and it was on nearby Navy Island that the short-lived but not altogether futile republic of Canada was proclaimed. Mr. King remarked that few centers in Canada are so rich in the nation's vital history.

At Queenston Mr. King was presented with a golden key and with it he opened the restored building that housed the Advocate, declaring it fittingly symbolized the

probably built by United Empire Loyalists, little dreaming it would be used in a battle against the Crown.

"Insofar as any one spot in Upper Canada can be said to be the birthplace of responsible government, it is here recorded by an historical association on stone," said Mr. King. "Mackenzie himself is an example to men and women of all generations of an unimpeachable patriot. What better could he have bequeathed us?"

Mr. King hoped that the restored plant and the Clifton Memorial arch would serve as a testimony to succeeding generations of an endeavor by one family to be true to the traditions of public service over a century.

The ceremony at Queenston was quiet. Mr. King was accompanied by members of the Niagara Parks Commission. At the ceremony at the Garden Theater, overlooking the Falls, there were thousands on hand for the unveiling by Mr. King of the Clifton Memorial arch. There were occasional drops of rain but the crowd stayed.

U.S. War Vets Attend.

Many hundreds of Canadian and United States war veterans visiting Niagara Falls, N.Y., for a Magna Carta Week parade and celebration attended the ceremony.

The arch, the inspiration of Hon. T. B. McQuesten, chairman of the Niagara Parks Commission, was first conceived as a memorial to Mackenzie and associates in the rebellion and inscribed on it are the names of 28 hanged for their part in the uprising.

The arch finally became a memorial to a larger company, to the common men and women who settled the district and performed the common task without praise or glory.

The gathering marked the 100th

anniversary of the founding of responsible government in Canada, said Mr. McQuesten. The arch honored "the humble and unremembered folk of the land." Their appreciation of freedom's principles was bound to result in constitutional government. No other service equalled theirs.

Senator Hardy Speaks.

Senator A. C. Hardy of Brockville, Ont., said it was a thrilling thing that the descendants of those who fought Mackenzie should join in honoring his memory. The arch was the first public acknowledgment of his great work.

Chief Elijoff Moses, council representative of the Six Nations Indians, Brant county, recounted the part the Iroquois played in making Canada securely British. It was Chief Joseph Brant, leader of the Six Nations, who induced the Indians to stand by the British Crown in several conflicts. Had it not been for Brant and his allies, there might today be no political entity of Canada.

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead

"Who never to himself hath said
"I'd love to be an Indian," quoted and revised the chief.

Senator Dandurand—names of two of his ancestors are on the monument among those hanged—recalled the constitutional strife that led to the rebellion of 1837 and said the rebels were faced with the unhappy alternative of leading an uprising or suffering oppression meekly.

"But there are scaffolds that are pedestals," he said.

"STUPID" MOVE.

TORONTO, June 18.—Walter Allward, celebrated Canadian sculptor, said Saturday that draining of the water around the William Lyon Mackenzie monument in Queen's Park was "stupid."

Hon. Colin Campbell, minister of works, announced yesterday the water was drained from around the memorial as a safety measure to prevent any danger from children falling in the water.

Mr. Allward said he designed the memorial with the water surrounding it to reflect the memorial. The water was intended as an important part of the memorial "I am indignant about this," Mr. Allward said.

The sculptor said he would take up the matter with the government before proceeding with the figures that are to be added to the memorial.

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