

LAURIER HOME.

Tendered a Public Reception by the Citizens of Montreal.

A Brilliant River Fest and Splendid Gathering on Champ de Mars—Thousands of People Congregate in the Streets.

The Canadian Premier received a royal reception on his return to his native province. From Quebec to Montreal the different villages and towns vied with each other in the endeavor to greet him. In this city an immense gathering of the people, young and old, men, women and children, thronged every street in the neighborhood of the City Hall and Champ de Mars. The scene at the river front in the vicinity of Richelieu Pier was most inspiring. It had been arranged that a number of the river craft would form an escort to the steamer conveying the Premier and shortly after 7 o'clock they began to steam into line.

THE WELCOMING FLOTILLA.

The first boat to leave her Montreal moorings and bear away down the river to meet the Premier's convoy to meet the Premier's convoy was the steamer Hudson, of the Sincennes-McNaughton Line, which got away after 7 o'clock, with about three hundred invited guests on board, among them the Hon. J. R. Thibault, Lieut.-Col. Arthur Boyer, Lieut.-Col. Whitehead, Lieut.-Col. Starke, Mr. E. H. Lemay, Mr. John Kennedy, Mr. Alexander Robertson, Hon. A. W. Ogilvie, Mr. Angus Hooper and Mr. L. B. Pigeon, ex-Mayor of Lachine. The company, feeling that the display along the river which was to welcome the Premier's home-coming would afford citizens a most enjoyable outing, placed the Hudson, which, by the way, is one of the finest boats on the river, at the disposal of as many guests as she could comfortably entertain, and Captain G. W. Matthews, the president of the company, was most unflinchingly in his endeavor to make the occasion an enjoyable one.

As the Hudson swung out into the current from her dock at the foot of McGill street, the night shadows were already beginning to envelop the river, and the Chinese lanterns and transparencies which were plentifully bestowed throughout her rigging were already beginning to reflect their many colors against the night. A few premature bonfires were playing here and there in the gloom along the shores in front, and a gaily decorated little steamer from Longueuil, which had shot suddenly out of the shadows of the docks, advertised her port in fiery lettering, which shone out over a brilliant display of lanterns.

INScribed IN FIRE

along the river front of Maisonneuve were the words, "Vive Laurier, Ville Maisonneuve," a large cross dividing the clauses. On Isle Ronde, in lettering which seemed to lie close over the water, "Honneur à Sir Wilfrid"

blazed out against the blackness, and a prominent design showing the word "Welcome" could be seen glowing from the Grand Pier from several miles down the river. Longueuil was throwing beautiful colors into the air. Along the northern bank, the flutilla passed through an almost continuous arch of light. Sommer Park was beautifully illuminated, and the steamers lying at the docks showed colored lights, and some of them sent up salvos of rockets as the flutilla passed along.

The following boats took part in the excursion:—Barthier, Montreal, Cultivateur, Hossana, Duchess of York. The John Pratt, James, Aberdeen and St. Francis, of the harbor fleet, also accompanied the excursionists, as well as the yacht Diana and one or two smaller craft. The Hudson, as before stated, was placed at the disposal of invited guests, of whom there were about 300 present.

On the way up the river Sir Wilfrid was tendered a reception at Three Rivers and Sorel, being joined at the latter place by the Hon. Messrs. Fielding, Sir Oliver Mowat, Sir Henri de Lotbinière and Hon. Messrs. Scott, Tarte, Fisher, Patterson and Blair, who went down on the Government steamer John Pratt during the forenoon.

On the Champ de Mars.

When the procession reached the eastern end of the Champ de Mars the immense crowd gave vent to the feelings that it had been reserving for the previous couple of hours. The cheers were long, and they were sustained, almost without intermission, until Sir Wilfrid had ascended the electric-lighted, flag-bedecked platform that had been constructed for the occasion, and on which a number of citizens had already gathered. With these Sir Wilfrid, who looked somewhat pale and fatigued, shook hands smilingly; and when the sea of faces that was gathered in front of the platform saw the tall figure, clad in light gray overcoat, of the Premier of the Dominion they again broke into cheering, which was taken up by those who crowded the tiers of steps that extended from end to end of the Champ de Mars, and the cheering was echoed by the dense mass of people that filled the square formed by Notre Dame street, the City Hall and the Court House. Sir Wilfrid bowed his acknowledgments.

The vast mass of human beings pushed each other in all directions of the compass, whilst Sir Wilfrid and those who

accompanied him in the same carriage—Mayor Wilson-Smith, Sir Oliver Mowat and City Clerk David—as well as the Cabinet Ministers, Harbor Commissioners, etc., who occupied other carriages, ascended the platform. The crowd surged, now back, now forth, whilst the Mayor spoke a few words of welcome to him whom the vast mass of citizens had turned out to honor. It was not until Sir Wilfrid, bareheaded, stepped upon a chair and commenced his reply to the address, that the restlessness gave place to quiet. The vast majority of those present could not hear even an echo of his remarks, and to thousands even his features were invisible; all that they could see was a tall straight figure, ever and anon covering and uncovering its head, and on the cool breeze was borne the sound of the acclaim of those who were within hearing of that figure's voice. But even with that they were contented; they had seen "Mr. Laurier," and that was enough.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

Amongst those on the platform with Sir Wilfrid were His Worship the Mayor, L. O. David, city clerk; R. B. St. Hon. J. Israel Tarte, Sir Oliver Mowat, Hon. R. W. Scott, Hon. S. Fisher, Hon. Felix Marchand, Mr. Richard Gowing, secretary of the Cobden Club, London, Eng.; Dr. Liberge, ex-Mayor Grenier, James McShane, Lutterell, Lomer Gouin, Bourbonnais, M. L. A.; R. Lemieux, M. P.; W. Mercer, J. D. Goss, of Ottawa; Col. Caverhill, J. A. Drouin,

which animate the Canadian people; you have contributed largely to the brilliancy of the memorable demonstration which will constitute such an important page in the history of the sixtieth year of her most glorious reign. It was with feelings of pride that the people of the country learned that among the great and distinguished personages congregated at this eventful time around the throne, none more than yourself received more frequent and sincere marks of attention and public sympathy at the hands of the English people.

You occupied a position among the distinguished statesmen of Europe with a brilliancy which cannot fail to redound to the honor of Canada; you have given eloquent expression to ideas and sentiments which have attracted the attention of the whole world towards us; you have prevailed upon the Government of Her Majesty to modify its relations with foreign powers and thereby give effect to the legislation adopted by the Parliament of Canada at its last session.

Your name has thus become identified with an event, the results of which must have an influential bearing upon the destinies of Canada and of the other British colonies, and which will occupy an important place in the history of this Dominion.

We rejoiced when we heard of the honors conferred upon you by our Most Gracious Sovereign, and we rejoiced at the sympathetic welcome, the enthusiastic ovations which were accorded you

those who had witnessed both gatherings would, he was quite sure, corroborate his words. (Cheers.) "There was no division," he added, "amongst us tonight, for English and French, Catholic and Protestant, Liberals and Conservatives, had turned out in order to testify their love of Canada. He said that, when he left home at the invitation of the British Government, he was proud of the country he had left behind, and, although he had a most happy and pleasant visit to the Motherland, he had to tell them that he experienced the happiest moments in returning to his native Canada. (Cheers.)

"I love my return," he said, "a hundred times better than my departure," a sentiment which evoked another ringing cheer from the multitude. Sir Wilfrid Laurier then went on to express the hope that he had been able to bring back something of value to this country. He did not refer to the decorations that had been conferred upon him by Her Majesty the Queen of England and Empress of India, and by the President of the French Republic. These he would offer to the people of Canada, for he did not consider that they were offered personally to him, but to the representative of England's first colony, the Dominion of Canada. (Loud cheering.) He believed he had brought back another degree of liberty to his country, a liberty to his country, a liberty which was now more complete than ever before. (Loud cheers.) Sir Wilfrid declared that for

office which you now so honorably fill, and in which I sincerely trust you may long be spared to exercise those qualities of heart and mind which have made your name known and respected among all classes of our community.

In view of your past record in this city, it is not in the least surprising that all classes of the population hail your preferment with the most profound satisfaction. I can assure you that as an English-speaking citizen of another faith than your own, that your elevation to the Archbishopric of this Archdiocese has been regarded with pleasure by those who do not belong to your own church and nationality.

Nor can I omit to express my personal pleasure at the honor you have received. The intimate relationship into which I was thrown with Your Grace during the arrangements for Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee gave me an appreciable idea of your personal qualities and rare talents, and it was one of the pleasures of this Jubilee year for me to make the acquaintance and to be associated with one of such varied and conspicuous accomplishments and broad ideas.

Trusting that you may long be spared to be not only a blessing to your own flock but a valued contribution towards the elevation of the moral character of the whole community, believe me, Your Grace's obedient servant, (Signed) R. Wilson Smith, Mayor of Montreal.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Negotiations have been begun by representatives of John W. Mackay, of California, with the authorities of Greenwood Cemetery, for the purchase of a plot of ground large enough to erect a mortuary chapel. As Greenwood is non-sectarian the question of consecration has been considered. According to existing Roman Catholic requirements, the whole cemetery would have to be consecrated before the chapel can be built; but, as the Greenwood authorities will hardly allow this, Bishop McDonnell will, it is said, apply for a dispensation permitting the consecration of only the plot on which the chapel will stand. It will be remembered that Mr. Mackay's son was killed in Paris not long since by being thrown from his horse. The body was brought here and interred at Greenwood. The chapel is to be built in order that Mass may be said daily for the repose of his soul. If the difficulties about consecration are overcome, one of the handsomest chapels in the world will be erected, and a priest will specially be assigned to say Mass in it every day. He will be attached to one of the Brooklyn parishes.

The New York State authorities are puzzled over a very serious problem. The Mattewan Insane Asylum, though only four years built, is found to be an all too constantly increasing army of the insane. It was originally designed to accommodate five hundred patients but has now over one hundred over that limit. Many of the more recent admissions are homicidal or suicidal, or inclined to attempt at arson, and there is proper lack of classification from want of room. Whatever opinions one may hold concerning the cure by the State of the insane in general, it is certain that liberal and insufficient accommodation should be provided for that class of the insane who are a menace to society by reason of criminal tendencies or homicidal or dangerous delusions.

TALK OF A BRICK COMBINE.

The latest combine or trust talked about is that of one among the manufacturers of bricks. This however is denied by many of those interested. One well known manufacturer has this to say:—"Demand and supply are very nicely adjusted in the brick market now, but certain unfortunate trade conditions which I will not specify have prevented the normal outcome. Had the prevailing conditions not obtained the price of bricks would have been 50 cents a thousand better for the seller than it has during the season. As it is, the product has sold this year for 50 cents a thousand less than it has done any year since 1893. The trade is imbued with the idea that some reform is needed."

FUNERAL OF FATHER DOWLING.

The funeral of the late Rev. Father John F. Dowling, late assistant rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, took place on Friday last. The solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. William Jackson, assisted by the Rev. Patrick Scully as deacon, the Rev. Charles Murphy as sub-deacon, and the Rev. Arthur J. Kenny as master of ceremonies. The funeral oration was delivered by the Rev. Dr. John Woods. Father Dowling was twenty-eight years old, and was graduated with the class of '88 from the College of St. Francis Xavier. He completed his theological studies at St. Joseph's Seminary, in Troy, and four years later became an assistant priest at St. John the Evangelist. He is survived by his father and mother, who were present at the funeral.



LADY LAURIER.

RIGHT HONORABLE SIR WILFRID LAURIER

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C. Laurier, of St. Lin; M. Snetsinger M.P. for Grenville; Ald. B. Vassell, M.P.; J. Holston, Robt. Mackay, Ald. E. Goff Penny, M.P.; R. D. Underhill and Charest, M. L. A.; Richelieu, M. L. A.; Fred. Smith, Lieut.-Col. Butler, Julia McRobson, Aldermen Stevenson, McBride, Oimmet, Miraldis, Grothe, Connaughton and Wilson, Hon. J. D. Rolland, Major Cook, Henry J. Cloran, J. Faucher, J. X. Perreault, John McKernan, president of the Board of Trade; A. Racine, Alex. Mitchell, W. A. Wair, M. L. A.; J. P. B. Cagrain, Hon. Mr. Duff, Mayor L. B. Brédar, M. P.; Rabbi Weiss, Thos. Gies, Legis. M. P.; Ehlert, M. P.; E. H. Lemay, ex-Ald. Clendinning, and others.

THE CIVIL WELCOME.

The Mayor preceded the reading in English of the civic address by speaking a few words of welcome to Sir Wilfrid, referring to his trip to England as Canada's representative to Her Majesty's diamond jubilee, assuring him of the pride which all felt of their Dominion premier, and touching especially on what he had done in bringing about the discontinuance by England of the German and Belgian treaties. His Worship then read the following address:—

To the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G.C.M.G., etc., Prime Minister of Canada:—

Sir.—In olden times, when a man distinguished by some glorious deed visited a city, it was customary to tender him certain highly coveted privileges and the enjoyment of such honorable franchises, as the community in question could tender. The city of Montreal desires to bestow upon you a token of its high appreciation of the distinguished services you have rendered to our country, and of the honor done to Canada by the brilliant manner in which you have represented the Dominion on the occasion of the celebration of Her Majesty's diamond jubilee. This fair city considers it not only a pleasure, but a duty to offer you in return for this service, an unstinted measure of open-hearted hospitality and most sincere congratulations.

The citizens of Montreal, in common with the population of the whole of this broad Dominion, irrespective of origin, creed or party, cheerfully acknowledge that you worthily fulfilled the mission with which you were entrusted.

You have been the powerful and eloquent exponent of the deep feelings of affection, loyalty and devotion to the person of Her Most Gracious Majesty

by the English people, because we saw therein a mark of sympathy towards Canada.

We also take pleasure in extending our congratulations upon the honor conferred upon you by France, through her President, in creating you a grand officer of the Legion of Honor. We recognize that this decoration could not be conferred upon one more worthy by the Motherland of your ancestors.

In the course of one of those memorable discourses pronounced by you during your visit to England and France, in order to illustrate the feeling of union which exists in this country, you referred to the monument erected at Quebec in memory of Wife and Montcalm, who fell like heroes on the same battlefield, both fighting, one for the flag of Britain, the other for the emblem of France. The event of to-day, this immense gathering of your fellow-citizens, united by a common thought, is the consecration, the justification of your noble utterance, and shows that over and above political or race feelings there always exists, thank Heaven, a sense of justice which renders homage to true merit, talent, loyalty and patriotism.

We trust that you may long be spared by Providence to enjoy the result of the development of the patriotic ideas which you have so eloquently championed, and we pray you to convey the assurance of our deep respect to Lady Laurier, who accompanied you throughout your glorious mission, and who shared the demonstrations of sympathy and regard with which you were honored.

THE PREMIER'S REPLY.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who was received in the most enthusiastic manner by the thousands before him, said that it was not to be expected that, in the face of such a magnificent and imposing demonstration, that his voice would be strong enough to be heard by all those who had come there to night, and to give expression to the feeling of sincere gratitude which his heart felt on this occasion. (Cheers.) He had witnessed many demonstrations during his political career, and although London, the great capital of the British Empire, contained 5,000,000 souls against Montreal's 350,000, he could say, and say with sincerity, that the demonstration of that night was comparatively greater than that of the 22nd of June last. The Premier said that this statement was so astonishing that he might hesitate in making it, but

a long time he had hoped and prayed that he would not close his eyes in death until he saw Canada take her place amongst the nations. (Cheers.) That day has at length arrived, for the day England denounced the German and Belgian treaties Canada took her proper place amongst the nations of the earth. (Cheers.) He did not want it understood that Canada had insisted upon the denunciation of these treaties out of any hostility to Germany and Belgium, but simply as a measure of national existence. Although we are a colony, England has listened to our demand, and now we have the right to say that we are a nation. (Cheers.) Sir Wilfrid said that England had made a sacrifice in denouncing these treaties. The Motherland in making this sacrifice proved her affection for the people of Canada, and as the Prime Minister of this country he heartily reciprocated this affection for the Motherland. (Cheers.)

The Premier concluded his spirited address by saying that he was ever grateful for the kind words in the address regarding his wife, and if Lady Laurier was far away when it was read, she would know of its contents later on. (Cheers.) "Let me again offer," he said, "sincere thanks for all this day has brought to me, and I will ever consider it one of the happiest of my life."

Sir Oliver Mowat also made a brief speech, after which the procession reformed and proceeded by way of St. James and St. Lawrence streets to the Windsor Hotel, where the Premier will be the guest of the city during his stay.

MAYOR WILSON SMITH'S CONGRATULATIONS

TO HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP BRUCHES.

On his return to the city, Mayor Wilson-Smith addressed a letter of congratulation to His Grace Archbishop Bruches on his elevation to the Archbishopric of Montreal. It was as follows:—

His Grace the Archbishop of Montreal: Right Rev. and Dear Sir,—It is with the greatest pleasure and most sincere personal respect that I seize the first opportunity presented to me since my return to the city from my vacation, to congratulate Your Grace upon your appointment to the high and important

His Grace has replied as follows:—His Worship the Mayor of Montreal:

Honored and Dear Sir,—Among the many congratulatory messages that have reached me, from my too kind friends, since my appointment to the See of Montreal, the letter which conveys to me the greetings of Montreal's first citizen is especially appreciated.

Your exalted position, the highest in the gift of our people in this city, lends a marked significance to your words, while the expression of your personal regard increases the possibility for greater good, in this metropolis, where the varied interests, both secular and religious, of such a large population are concerned.

You very kindly allude to our association together during the preliminaries of Her Majesty's Jubilee celebration. I must state that I was then very favorably impressed with the earnestness of purpose and the entire harmony which prevailed on all sides. Such relations naturally ripen into friendship that must necessarily be productive of the best results.

No doubt, in the future, occasions will offer, where we shall be called upon to co-operate in many ways. Your Worship may always rely upon my good will to serve any cause where the welfare of the people may be at stake.

Praying that Divine Providence may ever guide you in your public life and bestow choice blessings upon your home and family.

Your Worship's devoted servant, (Signed) PAUL ARCH. OF MONTREAL.

OBITUARY.

MRS. JOHN HAMILTON.

The many friends of Mr. John Hamilton, of The True Witness composing room, will be pained to learn of the sudden and unexpected death of his wife. Deceased had been ailing only a few days when complications set in, from the effects of which she succumbed. Mrs. Hamilton was in the prime of life, and was highly respected by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. She leaves a husband and five children to mourn her loss. The funeral, which was held on Monday last, was largely attended.

Rev. Father James Kelly, Director of English classes at the Notre Dame College, will arrive in the city on Thursday from New York, with a number of students who intend pursuing their studies at the College.

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