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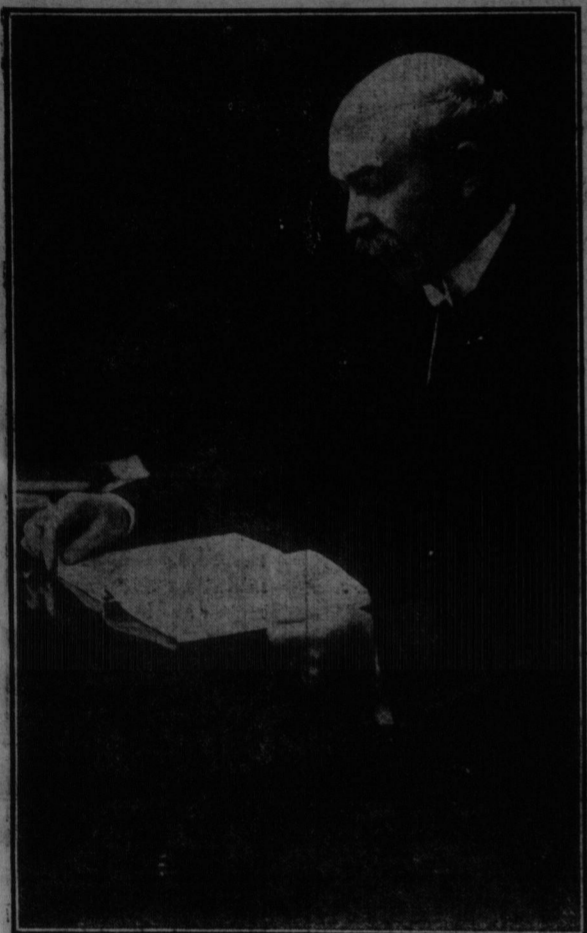
THE FAST LINE

The Royal Liners Direct to and from St. John Start December 3rd

HON. ROBERT ROGERS,
MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS

SPLENDID RECEPTION TO VISITING MINISTERS SETS NEW RECORD FOR ST. JOHN

HON. J. D. HAZEN, MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES



"The Man Who Does Things"—Came out of the West and announced the Government's generous policy towards this port.

The welcome tendered Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, and Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works, at the banquet in Kelt's assembly rooms last evening showed that the people of St. John have faith in the Conservative government and are in no way fearful of this port being passed over for the sake of any other.

The banquet chamber was crowded to the limit and although covers had been spread for upwards of four hundred the press was so great that hundreds could not be accommodated and after the different courses had been served the tables were cleared from part of the room and chairs placed for the people who had been unable to find a place at the tables.

The demonstration was the most enthusiastic ever tendered a cabinet minister from St. John. The different speakers were given close attention and when the points of their remarks came out the applause was generous.

The reception given Hon. Mr. Hazen when he started his speech showed that he still held a warm place in the hearts of his constituents, and when he announced the sailings of the Canadian Northern steamers direct from this port to Great Britain, the applause was deafening. The followers of Mr. Hazen had expressed their faith in their leader in the face of the announcement of the withdrawal of the C. P. R. Empress boats from St. John and their trust was shown to be just. It didn't require the assurance of Hon. Mr. Rogers for the people here to know that Mr. Hazen ever had the welfare of his constituents at heart, and that he was working solely in their interests, and that he was in close touch with the affairs of the port.

Mr. Hazen announced that arrangements had been completed for the Royal Edward and Royal George and the turbine steamers Victorian and Virginian to sail direct from St. John to Great Britain carrying mails.

Hon. Robert Rogers certainly made a fine impression on his first visit to St. John and his remarks received close attention. He showed himself

to be a forceful speaker with a vein of humor. He pointed to the interests taken in St. John by the Conservative party, who in two years had spent more money here than the Liberals had in fifteen long years. He announced that \$2,000,000 had been spent here last year and that a larger sum would be asked for work in St. John harbor.

The gathering in the assembly rooms last night was truly a representative one. While many people of St. John were present the other parts of the province were well represented and practically all districts were represented.

Hon. J. K. Fleming, premier of New Brunswick, J. Norton Griffiths, contractor for the harbor improvements in Courtenay Bay, and other prominent men of the province spoke.

A musical programme was also carried out. An orchestra led by Professor Tapley rendered selections, while John W. Myers, of the Imperial Theatre, and D. B. Pidgeon contributed vocal numbers.

Senator Thorne called the gathering to order. He was proud of the Liberal Conservative party and of the representatives assembled here to do honor to Hon. Mr. Rogers (applause) and our own Mr. Hazen. (Applause.) He was pleased to see such a large gathering, the largest and most enthusiastic he had seen in St. John. He felt that the people of St. John were not local in their feeling towards the rest of the country. No local issue stirred up by political opponents could at present influence them. He referred to the large number of distinguished persons present. He apologized for the lack of accommodations, but the number of visitors from outside points had exceeded the estimate.

Besides Hon. Mr. Rogers and Hon. Mr. Hazen there were present, Hon. J. K. Fleming, premier of New Brunswick and J. Norton Griffiths, who was the contractor for the largest contract ever let by the government of Canada, and that work was going on in Courtenay Bay, St. John. There

Nothing Like Last Evening's Gathering Ever Seen Here — Hon. Mr. Hazen, in Best Speech of His Career, Announces that C. N. R. Liners Will Take Place of the Empress Steamers.

MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS DECLARES GOVERNMENT WILL EXPEDITE HARBOR WORK

Hon. Robert Rogers Makes Fine Impression on First Visit to This City Proves His Right to the Title of "The Man Who Does Things"—A Great Day for St. John and for the Government.

would be only one toast, that to the King. This was honored in the usual way. Senator Thorne then called upon Hon. Mr. Rogers, Minister of Public Works.

Hon. Robert Rogers expressed his thanks for the reception given him and apologized for this being his first visit to the winter port of Canada. He had come to St. John in company with his colleague, Mr. Hazen, for the purpose of inspecting the harbor and other public works here.

"I believe," said the minister, "that the work in your harbor shows the great difference between the political parties of Canada, for we believe in a government noted for doing things and our opponents were noted as the party just going to do something."

"When I first became a minister of the crown I was visited by Hon. J. K. Fleming, your provincial premier, who presented to me plans for various immigration to New Brunswick, and I feel that the plans adopted by the Dominion government have helped this province."

"We have in our opponents those who in season and out of season misrepresent conditions both local and national.

Liberals to Blame.

"You have conditions here that give concern to the people of St. John. After inspecting your harbor and piers I am compelled to acknowledge that it is behind what it ought to be, but it is the fault of the old government. In the last two years the present government has spent about as much as the Liberals spent in fifteen long years. (Applause.)"

"This condition here brings me to a point to which I wish to refer. You as citizens are interested in your national port. I am also deeply interested. I have a common interest with you and I will see that no injustice is done to affect your growing city."

Conditions Misrepresented

It would be disappointing to me and to the citizens of this country, who have witnessed the development and

progress here to have some local condition misrepresented, a condition which will be explained by Mr. Hazen before this meeting is over. (Applause.)

The Liberal party today is not what it was twenty years ago. Then it was noted for truth, now no one will acknowledge it as a party of truth. It has only one plank and that is misrepresentation. No one can point to one public work completed by the Liberal government. It is true they tried to build a transcontinental railway. When they went to parliament they asked only \$51,000,000 to complete the road, but this road will cost the people of Canada \$200,000,000. I am here to say that a large part of that amount has been wasted through the mismanagement of the Liberal government.

"The people of Canada needed this transcontinental road in order to bring transportation costs down, but what chance have they with a railway tied down with such a load of debt. What factor can such a road be in making down rates?"

"You are fortunate in having an agreement to develop the natural resources of the country and its shipping facilities. It believes in railways to reduce the congestion of the west but the condition of the transcontinental railway is one we have to take as we find it."

"We are free to acknowledge that in various conditions there are difficulties. You have a difficulty in St. John. You are fortunate in having at the helm in the councils of the country a man who has won a warm place in the hearts of the citizens of St. John—my worthy colleague, Mr. Hazen. (Applause.)"

"You have a man who enjoys to the very full the confidence of every citizen in the government, no minister enjoys a fuller confidence of his leader, R. L. Borden."

St. John Well Represented

No representative ever sat in the council of Canada who had interests of his constituents so at heart. (Applause.)

It is claimed by our opponents that an agreement discriminating against St. John in regard to freight rates has been arranged between Mr. Gutelius and the C. P. R. Mr. Hazen, when he

HERE IS HIS RECORD. WHO DARES TO DENY IT?

"During the years that I have been engaged in active political life, over 20 of which I have passed in Parliament or in the Legislature, I have given to my party and my province, and to the country in which I live, the very best that was in me. My ambition has been to serve my country and to improve its government. No doubt during the course of that time I have made mistakes, for to err is human, but any mistakes that have been made have been mistakes of judgment and not of intention, and I can look you who have stood by me so loyally and so well, in the face here tonight and say with all sincerity that I have done nothing in my political life of which I am ashamed, that I have been loyal to my constituents and my party, and that when the time comes, as come it must, when I will retire from the active work of politics, I will do so with a feeling of satisfaction that I have discharged the duties of the positions to which I have been called by my fellow citizens, conscientiously, and to the best of my ability, and with a sincere and patriotic desire to serve faithfully and well the people of the province who have reposed such a generous confidence in me in the past." — Hon. J. D. Hazen, at last night's banquet.

heard of this, was at work at once. He demanded that the agreement go to the railway commission, and it is going there and it will be found out whether or not it is discriminatory.

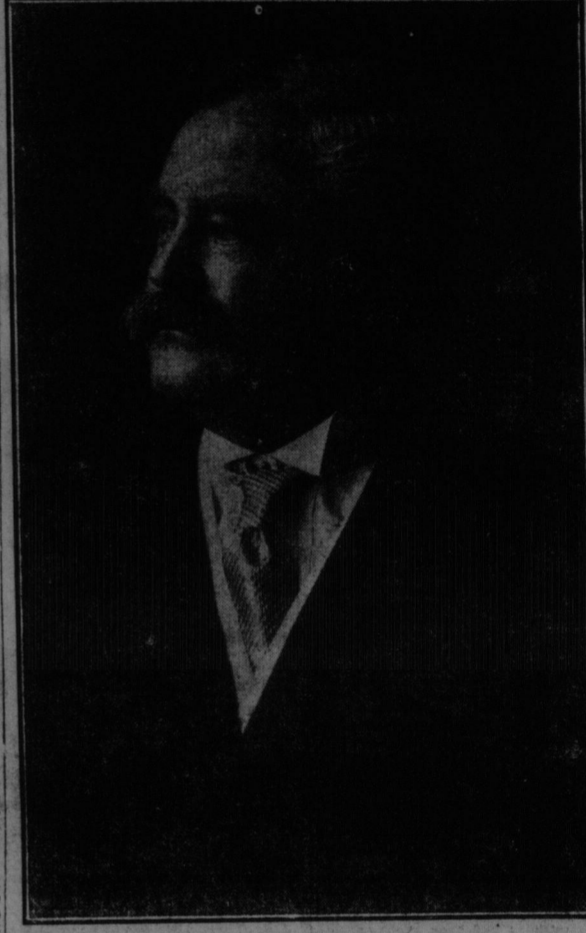
No Discrimination.

I am sure the people of St. John asks only equal treatment with other national ports. (Applause.) We will not allow any rate that discriminates against St. John or its citizens (Applause.)

However, I am not going to deal with these local conditions, but I will speak of your position. You are acknowledged in all parts of Canada as their great winter port; so we have an interest in your state. In view of your private enterprise, you have imposed huge debt on the government today.

Today trade stand higher than at any time since confederation. The parliament of Canada last year spent \$3,000,000 for the development of your port, and I will be enabled to ask for more next year. I expect to ask for more next year than our predecessors spent here in fifteen long years.

Let me say that demands the work we are undertaking. You have advantage here but also disadvantage.



New Brunswick's Representative in the Dominion Cabinet "Stronger now than ever."

and one of these is the double harbor. West St. John is not long enough for all the trade that comes from the great west.

We are not spending money for St. John alone, but for the other people of Canada as well.

The contract for two piers at West St. John has not been carried on as well as it should. When I go back to Ottawa I will deal with these men, who have this contract, and if they cannot carry on the work to the satisfaction of the department we will see that someone who can do it gets the work. We made a mistake in starting the work in Courtenay Bay a year too soon.

"We should have directed our energy on West St. John development. No port can talk of building for ten years to come. You want something for the trade of today and I propose as Minister of Public Works, to see that you get it. We have similar conditions at Quebec, Halifax, Vancouver and Victoria."

"We have our difficulties, but I may say to the people of St. John that you will get good and fair treatment with other ports. We let here the largest contract ever let by the government for harbor development. These enlargements are necessary for development of the winter port. Coming as I do from Western Canada, I may say we are just as interested in your port as you yourselves."

Hon. Mr. Rogers then told of some of his early experiences in the West. He spoke of the vastness of that country and pointed out that only a small portion of it was under cultivation. Hundreds of millions of acres have yet to be utilized and when that is opened up the ports of Canada must be ready to handle its products. With the small proportion of land at present cultivated there is congestion in the West at Port Arthur and Port William. This congestion was also apparent at Quebec, St. John and Montreal.

"I have congestion now," continued Hon. Mr. Rogers, "we are wise in providing facilities for handling more."

"This year in the West we have grown the greatest crop yet and we are certain to increase in the future."

Niobe and Rainbow.

In respect to the navy policy we find a howling on the part of our opponents. But when their own policy was working it was found that the fleet they were to build, the Niobe and Rainbow, if you please, could not be sent to war without the consent of the parliament of Canada and of the Premier. Would that be the attitude of your people of St. John, the city of the Loyalists?

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WHAT WE GET FOR THE EMPRESSES



The C. N. R. Liner Royal Edward, one of the magnificent fast mail steamers to come direct to St. John.

A MOST DEFINITE STATEMENT FROM HON. ROBERT ROGERS

Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Trade made the following very definite pledge regarding the Courtenay Bay work:

Gentlemen: I wish to say now, and I say it in the presence of Mr. Griffiths, who is at this meeting, that if his company can complete the Courtenay Bay contract within twelve months, if his company can complete the contract within eighteen months or two years, I, as Minister of Public Works in the Government of the Dominion of Canada, will undertake on my own personal honor to guarantee that the money to pay for such work as may be accomplished will be forthcoming as the work is done."

HON. J. D. HAZEN ANNOUNCES BIG C. N. R. LINERS FOR ST. JOHN

"I spoke a few moments ago of a statement showing the number of sailings that there would be from the port during the coming winter. Most of those sailings are of vessels that are freight carriers and which will give very great employment to labor. In addition, there are two vessels carrying His Majesty's mails the Virginian and the Victorian, of the Allan line, and I have very great pleasure in being able to state to you here tonight that in addition to the Virginian and the Victorian, carrying the overseas mail from St. John, the two Royal mail steamers, the Royal Edward and the Royal George, of the Canadian Northern line will during the coming winter sail directly from St. John to Great Britain. The first of such sailings will take place on December 3rd, and this will add still further to the number of sailings from this port."

—Hon. J.D. Hazen at last evening's banquet.