

## EXPANSION OF CANADA SEEN BY ENGINEERS

Notable Gathering in London Marked by Optimism

### MONTREAL HARBOR MEN

Banquet at Completion of Tour Brings Out Opinions of Experts as to Great Future of the Dominion

(Times Special Correspondence) London, May 29.—The completion of the enquiries in Great Britain and Europe by W. G. Ross, F. W. Cowie and M. P. Fennell of the Montreal Harbor Commission, as to modern practice in dock and harbor construction and management was made the occasion of a banquet at the Savoy Hotel on last Thursday. Nominally this was given by Mr. Cowie to Mr. Ross, but it was converted into an assemblage of the most eminent civil engineers in the kingdom, and of men whose achievements in the world of transportation have been notable during the last quarter of a century.

Mr. Cowie's paper read to the Institute of Civil Engineers, too, has aroused a great deal of discussion in this country and his graphic presentation of the details of the transportation problems in Canada, already dealt with and awaiting solution, has claimed the close attention of experts in an unusual degree.

It was surprising, however, to find a reversal of position in the character of the speeches. Usually Canadians visiting this country who are called upon to make speeches supply all the ebullience and enthusiasm required. For once in a while, however, it was eminent Englishmen who excelled in unreserved optimism as to Canada's future; and when C. F. Jacobs, C. E., said that Montreal must grow more rapidly than New York, Winnipeg and Chicago, and Vancouver than San Francisco, the observation carried the weight of a remark of an expert.

It was the optimistic note which dominated the speeches no less than the eminence of the speakers which made the evening notable. From the Atlantic to the Pacific ports, Canada's transportation questions were passed in review, and by different but converging lines

of thought the speakers arrived at the same point; viz., that Canada's expansion would be very marked and that towards her development scientific transportation would play no small part.

Mr. Ross and the two officers of the Montreal Harbor Commission came to Europe to benefit by nothing what had been done on this side. It must therefore have been encouraging to them to hear from such eminent authorities that in some respects, particularly in the handling of grain, those in charge of the ports of the United Kingdom had a great deal to learn from what had been accomplished by Canadian engineers. The splendid facilities for handling grain at Port Arthur and Montreal, for instance, cannot be matched in Europe, and the cost of handling this article in Canada is much less than at any port in the United Kingdom or on the continent, notwithstanding that wages and general port charges are higher in Canada.

Cumberland Lowndes, general manager of the Port of London authority, who spoke for Lord Devonport, said that in the great changes which were being made on the River Thames with a view to cheapening the cost of landing cargoes, they were much indebted to the work of such men as Mr. Cowie, and that the improvements made on the St. Lawrence river had occasioned widespread interest among experts on this side.

Among the Canadians present were W. J. Griffith, secretary to the Canadian

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government in London, and E. A. Cassels, London manager to the Bank of Montreal. Since Lord Strathcona's death, Mr. Griffith has been called upon to make many speeches, and in his forceful address, he reminded those who were pessimistic as to Canada's future that the dominion had shown far greater development than the United States in a less period of time, and that even now with its eight millions of people it is a railway larger than the United States had when its population was twenty-eight millions. Chicago, St. Paul, and Minneapolis, he said, were yet to be reproduced in Canada.

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James K. Hackett, actor, tells the story of a merchant who had been traveling some months and upon his return was informed of the death of a valued friend. A few days later he was called on by a reaved widow to offer his expressions of sympathy. During the visit he remarked: "I was a good friend of your late husband. Is there not something of him which I could have as a memento of him?"

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## DEMOCRATIC PRINCE

Sketch of The New Governor General of Canada

MAN OF WORLD IN BEST SENSE

Has Fine Record as Soldier in Matabele and Boer Wars—Princess Will Be Great Help to Him in Dominion

Referring to the appointment of Prince Alexander of Teck, Queen Mary's brother, as governor general of Canada to succeed the Duke of Connaught in October, the London Daily Mail says:

In forty years the new viceroy has seen much of men and things. He has not led the sheltered life of a prince. He has been a soldier, a man of affairs, a favorite in all kinds of society—in the best sense, a man of the world. There was nothing to suggest in his early days that he would ever stand near the throne. When he was born on April 14, 1874, his parents, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, were living in Kensington Palace. They were not by any means wealthy. The children were allowed to run a little wild. Prince Alexander, the youngest, was also the most active and the brightest of the boys; his sister's favorite too. It was a black day when he first went off to school—a "preparatory" for Eton.

At Eton he made friends all round. He was a good-tempered, jolly school-boy, fond of games, with no hint of "side" about him. The democratic manner and outlook have never left him. At Sandhurst, when the time came for him to go there, he earned the reputation of a "thoroughly good fellow." His first regiment was the 7th Hussars. He joined them in India, where he played polo and did a lot of "pig-sticking." Then the regiment was sent to Natal, and there came Prince Alexander's first chance of active service. The Matabele War broke out in 1896. The young officer bore himself well, and better than well. He was highly commended for his handling of a party of Hussars in an attack upon the Matabele chiefdoms, which he helped to turn into a brilliant success.

Next year, at the time of the Diamond Jubilee, Prince Alexander came home, and there is a touching entry in the diary of the Duchess of Teck, then ill, telling how she made an effort to get downstairs to be the first to receive her boy.

Kimberley and Mafeking. He stayed in England until the South African War broke out. His regiment did not go at the beginning, but he could not rest at home. He volunteered for immediate service, and within forty-eight hours was appointed to the Inniskilling Dragoons. He took part in the operations round Colenso, the routing out of General Cronje, the relief of Kimberley and the march on Bloemfontein.

Then General Mahon asked for him as his A. D. C. when the relief of Mafeking was about to be undertaken. As a staff officer he proved himself active and efficient. Indeed, he was too active for his health. During twenty weeks he was in touch with the enemy every day. The responsibility and ever-constant watchfulness told on him, and he was ordered home by a medical board and was given the D. S. O. (Distinguished Service Order) to sweeten the pill.

In 1902 he went with the king and queen, then Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, on their tour round the empire, and everywhere he made a good impression. Two years later he married Princess Alice of Albany, a granddaughter of Queen Victoria, and a very faithful girl. The Princess will be a great help to him in Canada. Her unassuming charm and kindly nature will be a universal attraction. They have a son and a daughter living.

Since he married, Prince Alexander has been occupied with his military duties (he is now in the Royal Horse Guards) and with such public duties as have come in his way. He proved at once his energy and his talent for finance by the success with which he carried on the appeal for the Middlesex Hospital begun by his brother, the late Prince Francis of Teck. He surprised those who worked with him by the fertility of his enterprise and the grasp of finance which he showed. It was in brotherly pity that he took up the efforts cut short by the duke's untimely death, but the work served also to recall his own capabilities.

No one who knows him can doubt of his success in Canada. Tall, debonair, and with a ready smile, he has just the appearance for the post. From his father he inherits dignity, from his mother common sense and a cheerful spirit, and like all the royal family his sense of duty is deep and strong. With such qualifications he is not likely to fail.

PASSING OF THE WOODPILE.

Power Saw Drives Ax to Limbo With Spinning Wheel.

Boys of a generation ago who reared in healthful proximity to a woodpile will find a world of significance in this casual item, appearing in a Maine newspaper's correspondence: "H. Chute is abroad in the village with his power saw, converting into stove lengths such woodpiles as our more thrifty citizens have piled in their backyards. Hand-made woodpiles are getting to be a thing of the past. This simple little piece of intelligence, however, offered by the village correspondent as filler on a dull day, tells the whole story of the trend of modern times.

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It will be noted, too, the correspondent refers to the thrifty citizens as "thrifty." Not all citizens are thrifty these days, and it cannot be long before the woodpile, though power sawed, will pass into history along with the departed buck-saw. The village referred to happens to be one of the sturdy Maine communities that has changed slowly, clinging to its quaintness, religiously while cities less than twenty miles away have grown and thrived.—Brooklyn Times.

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## CANADA'S RELATIONS WITH BRITISH EMPIRE

Foresight of the Duke of Argyll—Americanization of the Dominion

(Times' Special Correspondent.) London, May 29.—To an unusual degree the events and discussions of the week in London have been predominantly concerned with Canada.

The death of the Duke of Argyll threw into vivid relief the measure of expansion of the dominion attained within the memory of most young men, and the announcement that Prince Alexander of Teck would be the next Governor-general of Canada offered further evidence of progress in another direction. The appointment of the next high commissioner and his probable change of status in comparison with former high commissioners is another subject very fruitful of discussion; while the alleged Americanization of Canada and the Canadian machine post have both elicited important and widespread expression of opinion, on Canadian discussion.

One of the most insistent notes in the despatches to the home government by the late Duke of Argyll, was the importance of cultivating Canadian trade. Indeed he seems to have originated most of the arguments still in use today when this subject is surveyed. There is, for instance, the same emphasis on the necessity of studying Canadian requirements. Since the day when he penned those despatches, British preference has been granted by Canada; and while its effects have not stemmed the increase in America's trade with the dominion, the measure has resulted in substantial benefits to the British manufacturer, which would be appreciably increased if he would take more seriously to heart the advice given.

It is now regarded as essential that the Governor-general of Canada be a man far removed from the arena of politics. As to the next high commissioner, most people here seem to agree that the Hon. G. H. Herby will be appointed, and that he will have interrogated claim to give that opinion on good authority. A story going the rounds is that Mr. Herby has been offered and has accepted the appointment, but cannot be confirmed in it until the imperial naturalization bill has passed the House of Commons.

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mons. He is a British subject only in Canada, and it would be most piquant, as Saxon Mills remarked, if the Canadian high commissioner possessed only the status of a foreigner in Great Britain; particularly if he was appointed a member of the imperial defence committee.

Another topic of absorbing interest is the "Americanization" of Canada. From time to time British public men have returned from Canada with the deeply impressed view that her rapidly changing conditions would result in a perceptible weakening of the sentiment for the British connection and that the increasing foreign population would bring about a deflection of the present political ideals.

This subject has now been brought to the fore-front of discussion by a weighty article in "The Times" which directs attention to the possibility of Canada becoming "Americanized." Such discussions may become either valuable or mischievous; they certainly bring into question what all Canadians are proud of, their loyalty to the empire.

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"If it is possible to regard such a tendency as is here declared with composure, it is because no contrivance or taking thought can arrest it. World forces such as are at work here will work out their own destiny in their own way. If the British connection survives it will be because it deserves to survive and not because people at home get excited at the prospect of its being broken."

## NO VOTE, NO TAXES

Suffragist Allows Town of Grafton, Vt., to Sell Her Bank Stock

Brattleboro, Vt., May 29.—Declaring that she will never pay taxes in Vermont voluntarily while women are not allowed to vote, Miss L. J. C. Daniels, a prominent suffragist in this state and Massachusetts, permitted shares in the Bellows Falls National Bank to be sold at auction at the office of town clerk J. H. Stowell of Grafton to meet the demands of the tax collector for the last three years' taxes, amounting to between \$200 and \$300.

The shares were bid in by Walker E. L. Walker for considerably more than the amount of tax bills and the balance was turned over to Miss Daniels. Miss Daniels, with her sister, Miss Susan Daniels, owns the old Daniels homestead in Grafton. Miss L. J. C. Daniels owns two other houses and some land in the town. She lives there for a part of the summer and the rest of the year spends in Boston.

## HOW THE EARTH'S RIGIDITY IS MEASURED

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