MEN START FIRES TO OBTAIN WORK

Discovery Made by Forestry Officials in Oregon—Heavy Rains End Danger in Several Districts

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 17.—Forestry service officials are known to have obtained evidence that several disastrous forest fires in the northwest have been set by men who later secured employment as fire fighters. It is believed that this has become a common practice in many districts. While acknowledging that they have evidence, the officials here are trying to implicate several whole gangs before making any arrest. Suspicion was aroused when men who had fought one fire appeared about another, recently discovered in the same locality.

The usual wage has been thirty cents an hour. The forestry service alone has spent $20,000 this season, the highest known for thirty years. Three hundred men are employed by the Western Forestry and Conservation association.

Heavy rains fell eight hours over the fire-ravaged Colville reserve in northeastern Washington, and in that district, as well as in several others, the danger is passed.

East of Mount Jefferson, Oregon, however, water is still being hauled in wagons to fight the flames. In the Wallowa reserve 4,500 acres have been burned over.

Timber owners and conservationists in Oregon have begun a movement looking toward a state controlled organization to prevent such fires as those of this year.

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fires upon a portrait of Sir Wilfrid hanging above the throne. Three strands of light were draped with asparagus fern, while around the base of the galleries, red, white and blue lights were also pendant, draped with the waxy smilax. The marque at the rear of the buildings, and extending through to the historic old legislative buildings, now forming the mineral museum, was also brilliantly illuminated and with artistic taste.

The floral decorations throughout the buildings had been admirably carried out under the direction of Manager Wallace, of the Flewin gardens. Front and rear steps had been bordered with dracaenas and Boston ferns. In the rotunda the grouped blooms around the walls consisted of recent palms bordered with a splendid new begonia, the Prime Donna, and small Australian tree ferns. The reception chamber was exquisitely draped with smilax and asparagus, encircling the electric globes; about the walls were grouped stands of Phoenix, Chamerops, Kentia and Seaforthia palms surrounded with fuchsias and small ferns, alternating with groups of dracaenas, surrounded with coleas, cyperus and gladioli. The supper tables were gracefully decorated with the everfragrant sweet peas.

The entire buildings, inclusive of the many dressing rooms, the supper room, buffet, etc., had been fitted out under the direction of Chief Janitor Richard Ryan, the Shore and Anderson company providing the greater part of the special furnishings. The dressing room reserved for the private use of the distinguished guest of the evening was furnished by Mr. H. Currie, chief designer for the Messrs. Weiler Brothers, being chastely carried out in mission oak, Flemish finished. The canvas marquee utilized as the general refreshment headquarters, was fifty by one hundred feet in general dimensions, giving ample accommodation for the many who sought it during or at the close of the formal reception.

Reception Proper.

The reception proper followed closely the usual lines observed upon such occasions, save that the presentations were rather less formal. Cards were not required, but Messrs. Bromley and Musket, His Honor's secretaries, alternately announced the names as the ladies or gentlemen were presented to the First Minister. There was a clasp of the hand, a courteous inclination, a sunny smile—and the citizens had passed on.

Sir Wilfrid stood at the dais, supported by Lieutenant-Governor Paterson, and with them Mrs. Richard McBride and the (Hon.) Mr. and Mrs. Templeman.

An irrepressible statistician estimated that it required but half a second or less for the presentation—the clasp of the hand—the smile and bow—and the withdrawal.

As the presentations continued with almost startling rapidity and no interruptions for upwards of an hour and a half, it is believed that not many less than 2,000 enjoyed the honor of grasping if even for a fleeting instance of time, the hand of the foremost Canadian.

A more brilliant throng Victoria has seldom seen, albeit the black coats of the clergy were more than commonly in evidence, thanks to the presence in the city of the massed Methodism of the Dominion. Description of the multitude of striking toilettes were sheer impossibility. But a very, very few among the many may be mentioned. Of there Mrs. McBride appeared in white shimmering satin; Mrs. Paterson petunia satin with gold trimmings; Mrs. Fulton, white satin; Mrs. Abraham Smith, pale green brocade; Mrs. Luxton, white satin with pale yellow chiffon scarf; Mrs. Perry, black satin with gold trimmings; Mrs. Eberts, mauve satin with white Brussels lace; Miss Eberts, black satin with jet trimmings; Mrs. Bowser, pale grey satin with overdress of pale grey silk net; Mrs. J. D. Farrell (Seattle,) pale pink satin with shoulder straps of green; Mrs. Laidlaw, (Spokane,) black satin, pale blue trimmings; the Misses Price Ellison, white satin; Mrs. Hasell, pale grey satin; Mrs. Frank Higgins, pale green satin; Mrs. McClure, terra cotta; Mrs. James Raymur, Nile green brocade; Mrs. Lugrin, black satin trimmed with jet; Mrs. Nathaniel Shaw, pale blue with silver trimmings; Mrs. McCurdy, pale yellow satin; Mrs. Steuart Robertson, pale grey chiffon, Brussels net, silver trimming. Mrs. Gordon Hunter, Petunia satin; Mrs. McPhillips, pale pink veiled with gold sequins; Mrs. M. S. Schell, (South Oxford,) ivory duchess satin with overdress of crepe de chine, rose point lace, crimson corsage bouquet and handsome necklace of diamonds and rubies.

Those Presented.

As nearly complete a list as it was possible to obtain of the guests in the order of their presentation follows:

Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Robert Green, Miss Mesher, Mrs. McKenzie, Judge Forin, Rev. Mr. McAllister, Rev. Warner, Miss Stewart, Miss Mesher, Mr. Bell, Capt. Hunter, Mrs. Bell, Mr. R. A. C. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. McLean, Miss Fellows, Miss Williams, Miss Lugrin, Mr. Nylands, Mr. Barton, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Wright, Rev. J. H. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Aitken, Mr. Brown, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Stumley, Mr. Burt, Miss Lucas, Mr. McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Haywood, Miss Yarling, Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Marling, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Hayward, Mr. Procter, Mrs. Sears, Mrs. Hood, Mr. Sears, Mr. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Miss Knight, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Ker, Mr. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Young, Chief Justice Hunter and Mrs. Hunter, Mr. Hickings, Mr. McCall, Mr. Wheeler, Rev. J. P. Westman, Mr. R. Hunt, Mr. Crowther, Mr. Staneland, Mr. Stower, Mr. Randall, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McKilligan, Mr. and Mrs. Brownley, Mr. and Mrs. Kent, Mr. Stedman, Mr. and Mrs. Baynes, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, Rev. Mr. Rand, Rev. W. Reid, Rev. Mr. Osborne, Miss Helen, Miss Alexander, Miss Dougal, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Miss Penny, Mrs. Penny, Miss Layman, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Willis, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Hincks, Rev. Mr. White, Mr. Wall, Mr. Nash, Mr. Green, Mr. and Mrs. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Archer, Mr. Groove, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, Mr. Gilbert Christiem, Rev. Mr. Henderson, Rev. Mr. Humber, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin, Miss Hurst, Mr. Ridout, Rev. Hermon A. Carson, Mr. Foster, Mr. West, Mr. Clay, Miss Allaston, Rev. Mr. McInnis, Mr. Vance, Dr. Watson, Dr. Allen, Mr. Noels, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gordon, Mrs. Angus, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Angus, Mrs. Gordon, Miss Angus, Mr. Gordon, Dr. and Mrs. Hasel, Miss Hasel, Mr. Walker, Dr. Newcombe, Miss Macdonald, Miss Webster, Mrs. Manson, Miss Manson, Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. Hart, Mrs. and Miss Smith, Mrs. and Miss Hart, Mr. Llewellyan, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Perry, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Page, Mrs. Perison, Mrs. Love, Mr. Collinson, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Holmes, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Ralph Smith, Ralph Smith, M. P., Mr. Hunter, Mr. Peirson, Mrs. Pimms, Mrs. David Spencer, Miss Ada Spencer, Mr. and Miss Watts, Mr. and Mrs. William Spencer, Mr. Bone and Mrs. Bone, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Logan, Mr. Clark, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. and Miss Fraser, Mr. Clark, Mr. Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Angus, Smith, Mr. Farrier, Mr. and Mrs. Burdle, Mr. Buckett, Mrs. Spence, Rev. Mr. Bond, Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Mr. Behnsen, M. P. P., Mr. and Mrs. Raymur, Mr. Hartnell, Mr. Jones, Miss Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Dier, Mr. Dier, Mr. Tower, Mr. Angus, Mr. Coburn, Reg. Mr. Williams, Mr. MacDowel, Mr. Brown, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Joseph Andrews, Mrs. Sinclair, Mr. Weir, Mr. Hick, Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Waters, Mr. Langton, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Stevens, Mrs. and Miss Ryan, Mrs. Ricketts, Mr. and Mrs. Houston, Mr. Bayliss, Mr. Clark, Miss Heyland, Mrs. Richdale, Mr. Riddell, Mr. and Mrs. Richdale, Mrs. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Black, Mrs. and Miss Mead, Mrs. Mead, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Robinson and Miss Robinson, Rev. Mr. McNeill, Rev. Mr. Bell, Mr. Bowser, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Bishop, Rev. Mr. Taylor, Rev. Mr. Wellwood, Mr. Jameston, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Paddock, Mr. Henderson, Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard, Mr. Cubbert Holmes, Mr., Mrs. and Miss McLure, Mr. Williams, Mr. Bennett, Miss Bennett, Miss Ellison, Mr. Locks, Rev. Mr. McCoy, Mrs. and Miss McCoy, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Mr. Bender, Mr. and Mrs. Glover, Mr. McLeod, Miss Dumbleton, Mr. Cuthbert Holmes, Jr., Mrs. Sinclair, Miss Hugh, Mr. W. B. Smith, Mr. Shipton, Mr. Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Eberts-Smith, Mr. McGill, Mr. and Mrs. Breed, Miss MacDonald, Miss Lawson, Rev. and Mrs. Thompson, Dr. Young, Mr. Feeland, Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Perry, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Raymur, Mr. Raymur, Miss Robinson, Mr. and Miss Salmon, Miss McCandlish, Mr. and Mrs. Goodeve, Mrs. Morley, Mr. Gray, Mr. Algernon Dobson, Mr. Langstotton, Miss Morley, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, Miss Ashdowne-Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Futcher, Mr. Tully, Miss Tully, Mr. Fall, Mr. Bowhan, Mr. Parry, Mr. Munn, Mr. Allan, Mr. Andrews, Mr. James Bell, Mr. Denny, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Base, Mr. O'Farrell, Mr. Crease, Mrs. Willy, Mrs. Dickinson, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Hargey, Mr. Kervey, Mr. Hall, Mr. Blurton, Mr. Watson, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Hood, Mr. Gill, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Fultcn, Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy, Mr. Somers, Mr. Day, Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Shakespeare, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Elworthy, Miss Evans, Miss Turner, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ditchburn, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. LePage, Miss Russell, Miss Alexander, Mrs. Langley, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Shaver, Miss Hill, Mr. and Miss Spet, Mr. McGill, Mr. Blackwood, Miss Blackwood, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. and Mrs. Fleet-Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Gill, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Hodginson, Miss George, Rev. Dr. Carman, Dr. T. Albert Moore, Dr. McLaren, Mr. Sandford, Mr. Duplos, Mr. Allison, Mr. Brown, Mr. Nicholson, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Jackson, Rev. Mr. Hall, Mr. Hawks, Mrs. Vantreight, Mrs. McIntyre, Mr. Fawcett, Mr. Ross, Mrs. Watts, Mr. Burwash, Rev. Curvey, Charles H. Gibbons, Rev. Dr. Haigh, Rev. Curtis, Mr. Grice, Mr. Croot, Mr. Parry, Rev. Mr. Maxwell, Rev. Mr. Hager, Mr. Sexsmith, Mr. Ney, Mr. Brown, Mr. Reyburn, Mr. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Burdick, Mr. Hopper, Rev. and Mrs. A. N. Miller, Mr. Hazelwood, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, Rev. A. E. Roberts, Rev. Mr. Wood, Rev. Mr. Ireland, Mr. James Welsh, Mr. Smith, Mr. Somley, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Forrest, Mr. Nash, Mr. Gunn, Mr. Knott, Mr. and Mrs. Yates, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Malkin, Miss Wilmott, Mr. Clark, Mr. Wilson, Mr. asd Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Barryington, Rev. Mr. Cooley, Mr. Barwood, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Archer, Mr. Cook, Rev. Mr. Johnson, Mr. White, Mr. O'Leary, Mr. Cook, Mr. Stewart, Rev. Mr. Knight, Rev. and Mrs. Craw, Rev. Hinnells, Mr. and Mrs. McDermott, Mr. and Mrs. Sutcliffe, Mr. Bonycastle Dale, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Curtis, Rev. Hogg, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Stafford, Rev. Mr. Collier, Mr. Lindsay, Rev. Mr. Watt, Mr. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. Morley, Mr. Clark, Mr. Fowler, Mr. MacGregor, Rev. Mr. Young, Rev. Mr. Hardy, Mr. Ward, Mr. Henry, Smith, Mr. Redding, Mr. Morley, Mr. Riddell, Mr. and Mrs. Crosby, Mr. Burton, Miss MacGregor, Dr. and Mrs. Milne, Miss Bowker, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Lee, Mr. Payne, Miss Preston, Miss Smith, Mr. Johnson, Miss Smith, Rev. R. Dobson, Miss Smith, Mr. and Miss Jones, Miss Smith, Mr. Alger, Mr. and Mrs. Langton, Mr. and Mrs. Major, Miss Hook, Mrs. Norris, Mr. Baker, Mr. and Miss Pooley, Mr. and Miss Purley, Rev. Mr. Wilson, Prof. Alice, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Fisher, Rev. Mr. Wood, Mr. Palmer, Mrs., Alexander, Mr. Fall, Mr. Wilmott, Mr. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Burt, Mr. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton, Mrs. Fulford, Mr. Hanford, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Sargeant, Mrs. Sargeant, Mr. Smithson, Mr. Maryin, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. MacKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. O'Meara, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Leighton, Miss Gilbert, Captain Clark, Mr. Taylor, Dean of Columbia and Mrs. Doull, Mr. Todd, Mrs. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Butchart, Mr. Butchart, Mr. Laughlows one who is and Mrs. Alexander, Mr. MacGregor, Mr. Robinson, Rev. Mr. Curtis, Mr. Jackson, Miss Blick, Miss Reilly, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Carlow, Mr. M. Carlin, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Woodside, Rev. Mr. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. McLeod, Dr. H. H. Cooley, Miss Huron, Mr. Carson, Mr. Noels, Mr. Cheeseman, Mr. and Mrs. McLean, Mr. Wooton, Mr. Willott, Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Hall, Mrs. Greenwood, Mr. Prescott, Mr. and Mrs. Leeming, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Harris, Mr. Lambeth, Mr. Humble, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Kimberley, Miss Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Finch, Mr. and Mrs. Finch, Mr. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Fell, Mr. Vandersar, Stunby, Miss Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Burns, Mr. Dingman, Rev. Goodwin, Rev. Mr. Knox, Mr. Crowl, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Lossee, Mr. Long, Dr. Chowan, Mr. Minto, Mr. Craig, Mr. Topps, Mr. Kelburn, Mr. Hillard, Mr. Palmer, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Watson, Mr. Lethbridge, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Cummings, Mrs. Allen, Miss Allen, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Gleason, Rev. George Kerley, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Davey, Mr. Smith, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Behnson, Mr. Edgar Fawcett, Mr. and Miss Tubman, Mr. Justice MacDonald, Mr. J. J. Clearihue, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Acton, Inspector Hambly, Mr. E. M. Johnson, Mr. Hamilton, Col. Wolfenden and Mrs. Wolfenden, Dr. and Mrs. Verrinder, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Longfield, Mr. Arthur Longfield, Mr. Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. Gleason, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Rev. and Mrs. Robertson, Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Gladstone, Mr. Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Parfitt, Mr. C. McKilligan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Black, Mr. and Mrs. Sehl, Mr. and Mrs. Brusser, Mrs. George Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lewis, Mr. Nyland, Mr. Conyers, Mr. S. Thompson, Mr. Davies, Mr. T. D. Veitch, Bishop MacDonald, Miss Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Hambley, Mr. Hayward, Miss Sprowl, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Aikman, Mrs. McKay, Mr. Robson, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Melbourne, Mr. Hopincy, Mr. Langton, Mr. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. Hutchinson, Rev. Mr. Rigsby, Rev. Mr. Hall, Mr. Bennett, Mr. M. Mellish, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Moore, Rev. Mr. Switzer, Rev. Mr. Rice, Mr. Kenneth Schofield, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Davidson, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Gillespie, Mr. Ross, Dr. and Mrs. Bapty, Mr. Irving, Mr. Camsy, Mr. Jones, Mr. Somerville, Mr. James, Mr. Basey, Mr. and Mrs. Jacques, Mr. Harris, Capt. and Mrs. Kirkendale, Mr. Scott, Mr. Francis, Mr. Robinson and Mrs. Robinson, Rev. Mr. Barton, Mr. Codling, Mr. and Mrs. Thain, Mr. and Mrs. Parfitt, Rev. Mr. Bland, Mr. Worrie, Rev. Mr. Smith, Mr. Provence, Mr. Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Rev. Mr. Elliott, Rev. Mr. Robson, Mr. Diamond, Mr. Hall, Mr. Newcombe, Miss Blakemore, Mr. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Todd, Mr. Staden, Mr. David James, Mr. Hodgson, Miss Hodgson, Mr. Clark, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Simon Leiser, Miss Sutton, Mr. Baldwin, Col. and Mrs. Currie, Capt. and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. Clemence, Mr. and Mrs. McGillivray, Mrs. Leghorn, Mrs. Stanhope, Miss Mackay, Mr. and Miss Laidlaw, Mr. McPhee, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Starr, Mr. and Mrs. Robins, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Stuart Robertson and Miss Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Wright, Rev. P. Robson, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Rev. J. P. Hicks, Mr. Carson, Rev. Principal Sparling, Rev. D. E. Brough, Mr. Tiffey, Mr. and Mrs. Robson, Mr. Wylde, Rev. Mr. Welr, Rev. Mr. Bond, Mr. Brown, Mr. Fawcett, Rev. Mr. Crew, Rev. Mr. Maxwell, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Nash, Mr. Scott, Miss Moore, Miss Scott, Mrs. Gibson, Rev. Mr. Woods, Mr. Smith, Rev. Mr. Greer, Mr. Gilvray, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Cooper, Dr. Hinch, Rev. T. E. Holling, Rev. Mr. Palmer, Mrs. Scott, Rev. Mr. MacGregor, Rev. Mr. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Laidley, Mr. Wood, Rev. Mr. McPhillips, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Zion, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Mr. John Lemone, Mr. Hocking, Rev. Mr. Brown, Rev. Mr. McMillan, Mr. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Rev. Mr. Steel, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Siddal, Mr. Steuart, Miss Conrad, Mr. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. MacGregor, Mr. and Mrs. Godwyn, Miss Martin, Miss Hamilton, Mr. Blake, Rev. Mr. Heneage, Mr. Howe, Master Howe, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Blackwood, Mr. Cowling, Mr. Harris, Miss Wilson, Mr. Marryat, Mr. Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mr. Watson, Rev. M. Hazlewood, Rev. Mr. Harvey, Rev. Dr. Barnes, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Cover, Mr. and Mrs. MacJean, Mr. and Mrs. Irving, Mr. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. MacTavish, Mr. Harrison, Mrs. Dunlop, Mr. Norris, Mr. Muirhead, Mr. Proctor, Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Hickey, Miss Cameron and the Misses Smith, Mr. Baker, Mr. Colwin, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Foster, Miss Holmes, Mr. Smyth, Mr. Mortimore, Rev. Mr. Barrymore, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Donovan, M. G. A. Staples, Mr. Murdoch, Mr. Robson, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. C. K. Courtenay, Mr. Melvin, Mr. Hapnow, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Steel, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Corby, Mrs. Maclean, Mrs. Butler, Dr. MacLean, Mrs. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. Bond, Mr. Sargeant, Miss Johnson, Mr. Mackay, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Higgins, Miss Hughes, Mr. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. MacNeill, Rev. Mr. Smith, Mr. Irving, Rev. Mr. Bland, Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Fell, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Burns, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, Mr. Pauline, Mr. Langley, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. O'Reilly, Mr. Woodward, Capt. and Mrs. Gaudin, Miss Hitocks, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Luxton, Mr. H. Dallas, Mrs. Mackey, Mr. Monk, Mr. Howe, Mr. Short, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Edwardes, Mr. Barnes, Miss Ellis, Miss Hudson, Hon. A. E. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. R. R. Elliott, Mr. Drury.

MUSIC PROVED A VERITABLE TREAT

Of the many thousands who attended yesterday evening a memorable function none with an appreciation of music can have failed to especially comment upon the exceptional excellence of this highly important portion of the arrangements. Although Victoria is fond of being "a musical city," it is a fact indisputable that for many years past it has been denied possession of any adequate orchestra, and those who understand the art will readily comprehend how utterly impossible it is to magically produce, at a moment's notice, a combination capable of interpreting chamber or concert music with due effect. It is indeed a lamentable labor of years to develop a good orchestra, even with the best material at command, and hence the greater credit to Mr. L. A. Turner for the undeniably high quality of the orchestral programme and its smooth and acceptable interpretation in connection with the reception itself.

The orchestra, which consisted of seventeen pieces—the largest organization of the kind which has discoursed of the favorite art within the walls of British Columbia's legislative chamber—occupied the entire available space of Mr. Speaker's gallery—in rear of the throne, nor found its accommodations aught save and sufficient for necessities. The instrumental strength was singularly representative of the Province rather than Victoria simply, for the conductor, while availing himself of all the best performers at command, was necessarily obliged to so distribute perfect his ensemble for instrumentation.

Thus the viola last evening was fondly cuddled to the chin of Herr Liddle, of the Vancouver Opera House orchestra, himself a pupil of Joachim, and Mr. Harvey, the well known violinist of Nanaimo. The complete instrumentation for the evening was as follows: First violins, Mr. Benedict Bantly, Sr. Pereira and Mr. Harvey; second violins, G. While and J. Terran; viola, J. Liddle; 'cello, F. Allen; double bass, Emil Pfordner; flute, G. H. Larrigan; clarinet, G. Drogmuir; bassoon, I. Cuiross; cornet, Walter North; trombone, J. Ball, French horns, W. Fairall and G. Okell; harp, Miss Babington, and piano, Mrs. Lombard.

Proved a Treat.

Making due allowance for the unsuitable character of the chamber, especially in its festal array (interfering necessarily with the movement of sound waves) and for its irrepressible echo, the orchestra acquitted itself not only with distinction but with high honor. Especially were the delightfully shaded and carefully modulated interpretations of the ever-delightful airs from "Traviata" and "Maritana" received with every evidence of most sincere and gratified appreciation, and Mr. Turner must accept with assurance that they are deserved and not the votive offerings of flatterers, the many compliments he received last evening, and which will be multiplied today. The programme arranged for within doors contained a pleasing admixture of popular concert and lighter operatic music, and was performed with a repression indicative of the good judgment of the conductor in adapting his forces to the conditions of the hall and to the occasion—a splendid public reception to a great statesman, and not an orchestral concert at which that statesman chanced to be one among many guests. The subordination of the functions of the orchestra to its place in the general scheme was not the least among the tokens given by Mr. Turner of his entire recognition of the necessities of his part in the smooth-running machinery of the Provincial reception.

Did time and space not jointly and severally forbid, tales might be told of romances attached to three or even four of the old-time stringed instruments whose strains stirred the blood and quickened the pulses of last evening's guests—one, an unimpeachable "fiddle" dating three centuries back, a harp worth almost its weight in gold! Nor does the romance linger altogether among the instruments, for among the musicians responding to the waving baton from the Speaker's Gallery in honoring the Premier of an undivided Canada, himself of the blood of France, was one who is still entitled to the full rank and title of a peasant in that sunny land, and who courted the privilege of thus humbly paying homage to one of "his own."

The orchestral programme in its entirety was as follows:

March—Victorious Banner .....Von Blior
Selection—Traviata .....Verdi
Hungarian Folk Song and Dance—
.....Roberts
Waltz—Il Baccio .....Arditti
Gavotte—La Mozenue .....Arditti
Selection—Maritana .....Wallace
Quartette—Rigoletto .....Verdi
Waltz—Response .....Berger
March—Pageant of the Fair.....Sousa
God Save the King.

The Band Concert

The while the orchestra within doors sang plaintively the rhythmic poems of Verdi, Arditti and Wallace, the excellent band of the Fifth Regiment on the improvised stand in front of the imposing structure, discoursed a more miscellaneous programme for the delectation of a multitude of thousands, brought forth in the hope of witnessing the famous First Citizen of Canada, while voicing relative admiration of the magnificent spectacle provided in the illuminations and duly appreciating the opportunity for a promenade upon the green lawns—green at least yesterday, green and dandelion-less, although this morning a frost-chance will tell a different tale, and cause the overworked gardeners to breathe unutterable compliments suitable broadly to the entire world of vandals.

The band programme, very effectively performed by the musicians under Bandmaster Rogers, was as follows:

Overture—Morning, Noon and Night—
.....Suppe
Serenade—La Paloma .....Yardier
Selection—Lucia Di Lammermoor—
.....Donizetti
Piccolo solo—Deep Blue Sea....Brewer
Musician Boyt
Selection—Studentn Clodrella..Howard
Valse de concert—Casino Tanse—
.....Gung'l
Overture—William Tell.....Rossini
Grand Selection—Tannhauser....Wagner
a—O! Canada
b—Vive La Canadienne
c—Maple Leaf Forever

God Save the King

For the special and private supper, served in the apartments reserved for the national premier, at the reception close, the concealed Romano orchestra (also under the direction of Mr. Turner) played with exceeding delicacy an unobtrusive programme of lighter operatic and concert music. This little supper reflected especial credit upon the general caterer, Mr. J. Robinson, and it was in keeping with the spirit of thoughtfulness as well as of hearty and spontaneous hospitality displayed by Premier McBride in all the complicated and elaborate arrangements that devolved of himself inviting a select few to thus meet upon closer terms of intimacy the guest of the evening, to the guest himself he gracefully accorded this privilege.

The Supper Guests.

"Whom should you like to sup with, Sir Wilfrid," British Columbia's Premier inquired with his winning smile. "I have left it to you to choose the little party."

The happy little company was accordingly composed of Sir Wilfrid and his party including the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Graham, Mr. F. P. Pardee, Mr. E. M. Macdonald, Senator Gibson, Mr. le Maire, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Robinson, Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Paterson and party, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. McBride, Hon. Dr. and Mrs. Young, Hon. W. J. and Mrs. Bowser, Hon. Mr. Cotton, Hon. Price Ellison, Hon. and Mrs. Taylor, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Templeman, Senator and Mrs. Riley, Speaker and Mrs. Eberts, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Paterson (Vancouver), Mr. Justice Galliher, Senator Bostock, Mrs. W. J. and Miss Macdonald, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright.

The Programme.

The souvenir programmes of the music arranged for yesterday evening are in themselves works of art which citizens as well as visitors will treasure for their intrinsic beauty almost as much as for the memories of the great occasion with which they must ever be associated. Printed on the most beautiful plate paper, the programme forms a pretty booklet contained in silk-tied covers of grey, the front displaying the crest of British Columbia, and the words:

Reception
By the Premier and Executive Council of the Government of British Columbia,
Tendered to
The Right Honorable
Sir Wilfrid Laurier, P.C., G.C.M.G., M.P.,
Prime Minister of Canada.

Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C., August 17th, 1910.

On the first inside page appears the arms of the Dominion, encircled by a wreath of maple leaves, with the significant beaver of Canada, the whole embossed with consummate skill and printed in eleven separate colors and as many press workings, with marvelous exactitude of imprint. Fronting this masterpiece of printer's craft, still another evidence of the art as well as professional skill of Master Pressman W. H. Clark, appears perhaps the best mechanically-reproduced portrait of Sir Wilfrid that has ever come from a Canadian press, the portrait and figure seeming almost to stand from the printed page with lifelike naturalness.

The musical programmes follow, together with typical British Columbian scenes depicting the fishing, lumbering and fruit-growing industries.

A special souvenir programme, done after the Roycroft way—but done at home in Victoria—was presented to Sir Wilfrid, but each and all the issue deserve a place in such art galleries as may be hereafter reserved for the completely perfect specimens of modern printing.

The Prime Minister's Visit—Thousands Lined the Causeway and Neighboring Streets to Welcome Sir Wilfrid.

CIVIC WELCOME AT THE WHARF

Standing on the bridge of the steamer Princess Charlotte, the bright sunshine beating down upon his keen bronzed features, a figure easily recognized because of its commanding distinction, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Canada's Premier, viewed Victoria for the first time in about ten years yesterday afternoon.

With him were Hon. William Templeman, Minister of Inland Revenue and Mines, Hon. G. T. Graham, Minister of Railways and Canals, Captain Griffiths, of the steamer Princess Charlotte. After glancing about the harbor front, which was thronged with a welcoming crowd numbering at least 8,000 people, noting the tasty decorations which aided nature in making the picture each thought ideal, the Premier smiled appreciatively. Then he turned to his companions and, while the thousand passengers disembarked, employed the minutes in seeking information of the different buildings which confronted his vision and marvelling at the changes which a little less than a decade had wrought in the appearance of British Columbia's fair Capital.

The arrangements for the reception of Canada's first statesman were as perfect as the circumstances permitted. There was no hustle or bustle. Everything was done in comfortable and orderly fashion, notwithstanding the exceptionally large number of travellers had filed from the vessel, a committee representing the Vancouver Island Liberals boarded and were introduced to the visitor by Hon. William Templeman. This consisted of Mr. F. A. Pauline, acting president of the Vancouver Island Liberal Association; Mr. M. B. Jackson, second Vice-President; the Messrs. Joshua Kingham, W. K. Houston, A. B. McNeill, Hugh Kennedy, H. A. Mullin, Dr. Lewis Hall, and Col. Currie, president of the Young Liberal Club.

On leaving the ship Sir Wilfrid Laurier was greeted at the head of the gangway by His Worship Mayor Morley, to whom he was introduced by Mr. Pauline. He then met Aldermen Langley, Bishop and Sargison. These formalities completed, His Worship the Mayor, on behalf of the city, accorded him its freedom and proceeded to read a civic address of welcome.

Just before this, there transpired an interesting and rather humorous incident. Sir Wilfrid had placed himself with his face to the harbor, when it happened that the newspaper and other photographers were stationed on the roof of the warehouse to the rear. Smiling, he called out, "This way, Sir Wilfrid?" queried the Mayor, "it will give the artists their opportunity." The cynosure of all eyes smiled, courteously acquiesced and remarked with a laugh that it was "all in the game."

The address then was read. It follows:

Civic Address

To the Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G.C.M.G., P.C., D.C.L., Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council of Canada.

Sir:—This is the first occasion on which we have had the honor of extending a welcome to the foremost citizen of this Dominion.

We appreciate as a public man covering the period of the whole life of the Dominion of Canada and antedate the period when this province joined the Confederation and gave Canada a united territory from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

For the past 14 years you have occupied the proud position of Prime Minister of this Dominion, and your labors for the development and the unification of every part of the country, have not been unappreciated by both political friend and foe.

We also have to thank you for the fact that one of our own citizens has been called to take up a most responsible post in your government.

The unification of this country by the increasing of transportation facilities, has occupied a large portion of your time, and as a result of these transportation facilities, this city, the oldest city on the Pacific Coast, has received and is receiving from year to year a large measure of increased prosperity and wealth.

With one transcontinental line in active operation, with two more in the process of construction, we feel that the province of British Columbia cannot but be benefitted and that the city of Victoria, the capital of the province, blessed as it is with the most beautiful climate to be found anywhere in the Dominion and with many natural advantages, cannot fail to still more largely increase in the future, both in population, in trade and in importance in the counsels of the Dominion.

On your journey from here to Prince Rupert, which is almost at the Northern boundary of the province, you will have an opportunity of seeing to some extent, the long length of our coast line at present unprotected, and we are glad to know that the old naval station at Esquimalt is once again to be occupied by the war ships of the Crown. We hope that your government will be able to see its way clear to put a "Made in Canada" label on