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FINAL HONOURS ARE TENDERED TO DEAD STATESMAN

Impressive funeral spectacle attended by tens of thousands when Sir Wilfrid Laurier is laid to rest.

REPRESENTATIVE MOURNERS

After reposing in state in the Chamber of the House of Commons, Ottawa, from Thursday evening until Saturday, visited by tens of thousands of people in all walks of Canadian life anxious to pay last tribute to the distinguished Liberal Leader, the remains of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, P.C., G.C.M.G., were tendered a state burial on Saturday.

Amid the impressive ceremonials of the Roman Catholic Church, and accompanied by thousands of Canada's most prominent men, the body was conveyed in the first place to the Basilica. Sorrowing crowds everywhere lined the route of the procession from Victoria Museum, where Parliament now sits, to the Basilica on Sussex street, where the Requiem Mass was sung, with Mgr. Pietro di Maria, representative of the Pope in Canada, officiating, assisted by Bishop Roy, of Quebec, with Mgr. Routhier as priest assistant; Canons Campeau and Plantin as deacon and sub-deacon of honour, with Father Mayrand, of St. Ann's, as deacon of office.

When the coffin, escorted by the honorary pall-bearers, reached the door, it was received by Father Laflamme, curé of the parish, escorted by two acolytes, who preceded the cortege to the catafalque, where the heavy bronze casket was carefully placed, and four of the church attendants stood on guard throughout the ceremony.

The service itself was a full Pontifical High Mass of Requiem, and was exceedingly impressive. The choir sang Perosi's Requiem Mass with beautiful effect, the solo work being taken by Mr. J. B. Saucier, of Montreal.

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MEMORANDUM ISSUED TO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS

Government is Anxious that Provinces Should Take Advantage of \$25,000,000 Loan as Soon as Possible.

In view of the fact that the Dominion loan for housing purposes was instituted having as one of its objects the stimulation of building operations during the transition period from war to peace and the providing of employment and housing accommodation for returned soldiers, the Dominion Government is anxious that the provinces take advantage of the loan as early as possible during the present year.

This is pointed out in a general statement issued by Hon. N. W. Rowell, chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Housing, which accompanies a memorandum sent to each of the provincial Governments outlining the conditions upon which the \$25,000,000 appropriation may be participated in and making certain suggestions as to the development of the scheme in so far as the provinces themselves are concerned.

The conditions and general principles incorporated in the memorandum have already been submitted to the provincial Governments and all in their behalf have been fully considered and generally adopted.

The memorandum and statement are as follow:—

GENERAL STATEMENT.

In some provinces special officials are being appointed as directors of housing and town planning, and in others it is proposed to place the administration of these matters under the care of a special commission. Some action of this kind would seem to be very desirable in each province with a view to facilitating the work of preparing and carrying out schemes, and to secure that early action will be taken in utilizing the proposed loan.

The Housing Committee of the Cabinet have arranged with Mr. Thomas Adams, housing and town planning adviser of the Commission of Conservation, to co-operate with the officers of the provincial Governments in preparing and promoting schemes. General schemes prepared by the provincial Governments and the communications of provincial authorities with regard to any details, may be sent to Mr. Thomas Adams at Ottawa. Municipalities and individuals should direct their communications to their own provincial Governments or officers.

It is hoped that the Federal branch of administration may be found useful

to the different provinces as a clearing house for comparative information regarding details of schemes, methods of standardization of dwellings, costs of construction, town planning procedure, methods of expropriating lands for schemes, model plans of dwellings, statistics regarding amounts and periods

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PASSPORTS ARE NEEDED TO PASS THROUGH U.S.

Are Required by Travellers Proceeding from Dominion Through United States to Further Destination.

CERTAIN SOLDIERS EXEMPT

Information has been received by the Department of External Affairs from His Majesty's Embassy at Washington that numbers of Canadians who left Canada without passports are having difficulty in obtaining such passports, which are required by the United States regulations from travellers proceeding from Canada through the United States to a further destination.

It should generally be made known that, while passports are not necessary for persons leaving Canada simply to enter the United States, they must be carried by those who intend going beyond the United States to a further destination, and should, therefore, be obtained by such persons from the Department of External Affairs at Ottawa before leaving Canada.

It might be further notified that British subjects discharged from the Canadian Expeditionary Force, returning to their homes in the United Kingdom, will be admitted without passports on the production of the discharge certificates issued to them by the Canadian military authorities.

\$1,000,000 CREDIT IS ALLOWED FOR SIBERIAN TRADE

Canadian Commissioner at Vladivostok Will Act With Imperial Siberian Supply Company in Obtaining Share of Orders.

FULL TEXT OF ORDER

Credit of \$1,000,000 has been established by the Government for Canadian trade in Siberia, and one of the Trade Commissioners at Vladivostok has been appointed to act with the Siberian Supply Company, which are the British official agents for the distribution and sale of goods. The vote and appointment are explained in the following Order in Council passed on February 20:—

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated 13th February, 1919, from the Acting Minister of Trade and Commerce, referring to a despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies to Your Excellency, under date of the 6th of September, 1918, No. 498, by which it was stated that in connection with the despatch of Allied troops to Eastern Siberia, His Majesty's Government had undertaken, in concert with the other Allied Governments concerned, to arrange for a supply of goods to relieve the necessities of the Siberian population, and that the Department of Overseas Trade (Development and Intelligence) had been charged with the task of making the arrangements required to carry out the undertaking.

The Minister reports as follows, in reference to the above:—

In a subsequent despatch of October 11th, 1918, the Right Honourable Secretary of State for the Colonies announced that His Majesty's Government would welcome the appointment of a representative to Vladivostok to forward Canadian interests.

After giving the matter much consideration, Orders in Council were passed on the 21st and 23rd October, 1918, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Trade and Commerce, authorizing the establishment of a Canadian Economic Commission in Siberia to consist of C. F. Just, Chief Canadian Trade Commissioner in Russia; L. D. Wilgress, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Vladivostok; Colonel J. S. Dennis, Liaison Officer of the Canadian Siberian Expedition; and Mr. Ross Owen, transportation officer in Russia of the C.P.R. Company. The said Order in Council of the 21st October, 1918, authorized further appointments to this Commission, since which date Mr. A. D. Braith-

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