

occasion. They include Mr. Ian Grey, Mr. Jack Fowler, Miss Betty May and Miss Sheena Geddes. I thank them not only for the work they did, but also for the wonderfully co-operative spirit they showed with the Canadian Secretariat.

I thank too Mr. T. R. Montgomery, the long-time Secretary of the Canadian branch. "Monty", as he is known to everyone in the C.P.A., not only travelled across the country with these delegates, but was also a source of help on every conceivable occasion.

I thank too the Canadian staff through its three chief officers, Mr. Ian Imrie, Colonel T. G. Bowie and Miss Jean Macpherson. This would include not only the staffs that work for them regularly, but a good many foreign service officers who were seconded from the Department of External Affairs to assist.

I regret that right at the beginning of the conference the former Chairman, the Honourable Blair Tennent of New Zealand, was stricken with a heart attack in Toronto. He was brought to Ottawa and hospitalized here. Fortunately, the attack was not as severe as was originally thought, and I am happy to be able to report that through the cardiologist who looked after him, who is one of the outstanding men in this field, Mr. Tennent was able to whip himself into shape soon enough to take a plane back to New Zealand this morning.

When Mr. Tennent was stricken with a heart attack during a meeting of the C.P.A. I could not help but think of my own experience. Perhaps there is an element of occupational hazard involved in being the President.

If I might digress for a moment, there also seems to be another pattern which has developed, because two past presidents have become Prime Ministers: Mr. Harold Holt in Australia; and Mr. Donald Sangster, acting Prime Minister of Jamaica.

There is also another kind of pattern running through the presidency, because two former presidents now occupy important positions in the diplomatic field. Dato' Ong of Malaysia was in fact never President; he would have been, but he entered the diplomatic field while still vice-president, and Dr. Lim succeeded him. Dato' Ong is the Malaysian Ambassador in Washington and came to Ottawa to lead the delegation when Dr. Lim had to leave suddenly. He is a distinguished man and contributed greatly to the success of the conference. The other past president who entered the diplomatic field

was Lord Mortonmere, perhaps better known to the members of this chamber as Sir Roland Robinson, the Governor General of Bermuda. Really, the only past president who has not run into some of these hazards—if I may describe them that way; they are in some respects pitfalls—is the charter Past President, Senator Roebuck. He has been able to maintain his integrity, dignity and health.

Delegates arrived in Montreal on September 8, and they were welcomed extremely well. The welcome they received from the mayor and officials of that city and that province was tremendous. Then they began a visit to all of the provinces of Canada, and veritably what we had was a Commonwealth airlift. They were the guests of the provinces and municipalities, as they moved first from Montreal east to the Maritimes and then finally to the west coast.

I must express on behalf of the Canadian branch, and indeed on behalf of the C. P. A., appreciation to the provincial authorities in every province who made it possible not only for the delegates to see these provinces and to see Canada, but also to meet so many of the people who live in these provinces.

The press at one stage said the program was too elaborate. I want to make one comment about that. I thought at one stage that perhaps too much was being undertaken.

How can anybody see a country that occupies half a continent in two weeks? But the committee responsible for making the arrangements found that when they suggested to a province that it might join with another province and thus avoid a visit from only a portion of the delegation, they were met with righteous indignation. The result was that there were parties of delegates to every province, and there was not one complaint about anything that happened in any one of those provinces. So, we are indebted to the provinces for the co-operation they gave the Canadian branch, and for the hospitality they showed to so many people from so many parts of the world.

Then followed the meetings. They were held in Ottawa—plenary sessions, meetings of the General Council, meetings of the subcommittees, and meetings of the Steering Committee, which committee had a very difficult task to perform.

In Ottawa there occurred something quite new to the annual meetings of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. We had the privilege of being addressed by the