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*Montreal Gazette**Nov. 16/22***BANQUET PLANNED  
FOR C.N.R. CHAIRMAN****Montreal Board of Trade Wel-  
come to Sir Henry  
Thornton****SET EARLY IN DECEMBER****Council, Citing Need of Addi-  
tional Population, Urges  
Modification of Immi-  
gration Restrictions**

Practically the first great public function at which Sir Henry Thornton, the new chairman of the Canadian National Railways, will have opportunity of meeting a Canadian audience and expounding his views with regard to his future course as head of the National Railway System, later to become the Canadian National Railway Company, will be at a banquet to be tendered him by the Montreal Board of Trade. The date of this banquet has been tentatively set for some day in the week beginning December 3, the exact date awaiting further word from Sir Henry Thornton himself.

Negotiations to this end have been proceeding by cable for some time past. Yesterday at the regular meeting of the council of the Board of Trade, the executive reported that: "Deeming it desirable to afford the council and the general membership of the board an opportunity of welcoming Sir Henry Thornton on his arrival in Canada, and publicly expressing its satisfaction at his acceptance of the presidency of the Canadian National Railways System, it had cabled Sir Henry, tendering him a banquet. The cable further stated it was desired that the function should take place immediately after Sir Henry's arrival in this country. Sir Henry had cabled his acceptance of that invitation, expressing to the Montreal Board of Trade his warm appreciation of their hospitable suggestion."

Gratification was expressed by the council that Sir Henry had accepted their invitation, and tentative plans for the coming banquet were left with the executive.

Following up its consideration of the problem of increased immigration, which has occupied the council throughout the year from time to time, another discussion was had at the meeting, which resulted in the unanimous adoption of the following minute:

"That the great need of additional population for Canada renders urgent the adoption by the Dominion Government of measures towards securing a steady and increasing number of immigrants, and that to this end any existing restrictions which forbid the settling in this country of other than agricultural workers should forthwith be abrogated, and such new regulations adopted as will encourage the migration to Canada of large numbers of all classes of the peoples of those countries whose national characteristics render them likely to be readily assimilated here."

A request had been received from La Chambre de Commerce that the council of the Board of Trade support its recent resolution regarding the stamp tax on unaccepted bills of exchange. The council found itself in accord with that chamber's views and decided to address the Minister of Finance, urging that the present law be amended so that tax stamps need be affixed to bills of exchange only after the same had been accepted.

A special general meeting of the Board of Trade will be held at the Exchange Hall on Friday, the 24th inst., to discuss the adoption of a by-law authorizing a loan to provide funds for the redemption of the board's bonded indebtedness.

Seven new members were admitted to the board.

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