

trip to England, before he could sign the Proclamation. He was in Montreal about June 1st, and sailed on the "Empress of Ireland" a few days later, writing Sir Wilfrid Laurier a long personal political letter from the ship. From London he cabled Laurier greetings on July 1st. He was back in Ottawa about July 16th, but about July 29th he left on a long tour to the Yukon and through the Far West; spent a fortnight camping in the Rockies near Wāndermere, and put in residence at Government House in Winnipeg, before returning to Ottawa on October 22nd. By that time the Department of External Affairs, which had his special interest, had become established, unfortunately in the Trafalgar Building. (1)

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(1) See Chapter on Premises.