

Mr. Coaker Describes His Trip to Canada and United States

Is Well Received in Ottawa,---Premier Borden Introduces Mr. Coaker to Whole Canadian Cabinet---Meets Duke of Connaught, Sir Sam'l Hughes and Other Prominent Canadians.---Has Interesting Chat with Sir Wilfrid Laurier---The Question of Confederation Discussed with Premier Borden---Sir Robert Well Versed Regarding the F.P.U. Sir Wilfrid Laurier May Visit Newfoundland During 1916.

Feb. 19.—Visited many places of interest, including the Bank of Montreal, St. James, Notre Dame Cathedral, Chateau de Ramezay and McGill University. Interviewed Electric Co. and other business firms. Our party landed at Windsor Hotel by invitation. Visited the home of one of the most prominent citizens by invitation in the evening. Montreal is a splendid city, wide straight streets, fine churches, magnificent residences, first-class hotels at half the cost of the New York hotels. The city is the largest in Canada. Its population is three times that of Newfoundland. Sorry we cannot spend more time here, as the city is interesting and very Canadian. Massive oak trees line the sides of most of the principal streets, which in summer must add greatly to the appearance of the city. I met several prominent Newfoundlanders who reside at Montreal, and my great regret is that I had not more time to look up Newfoundland friends who live here that I knew when a boy. I tried to locate some, but failed, as I had not their addresses.

At Ottawa.

Feb. 21.—Arrived in Ottawa at 1 p.m. At 2:30 was introduced to Speaker Severyn at his room at the Museum Building now used for Parliamentary work. Speaker Severyn is a young man of 49, a typical French-Canadian, who speaks English as perfectly as any member of the House. This is his first session as speaker and the fact that a young man was selected is proof of his popularity. He is a favourite with Liberals as well as Conservatives. Mr. E. M. McDonald, of Cape Breton, introduced me to the Speaker. The Speaker escorted me to a seat in the

Assembly Room amongst the Ministers and introduced me to several of them. Hon. Mr. Hazen Minister of Marine and Fisheries was speaking at the time. Hon. Mr. Graham and Mr. Carvell also addressed the House during my short stay there. Sir Robert Borden left his seat and introduced himself to me and in turn introduced me to all the Ministers except Sir Geo. Foster and one or two others who were absent.

Meets Premier Borden

Sir Robert invited me to his private office in the building, and for an hour the President of the F.P.U. and the Premier of Canada conversed on many matters. Sir Robt. referred to Confederation and said Canadian Government would make no move to round off the Dominion by the inclusion of the Ancient Colony, and nothing would be done at any time except at the request of the people of Newfoundland. If ever Confederation became an issue it must be decided by the free will of the electors of Newfoundland. He thought the Canadian people looked upon the matter as one of sentiment. The problems of the war were discussed freely. Sir Robert invited me to meet him next day at the close of a meeting of the Cabinet when he would introduce me to the whole Cabinet and extend an invitation to lunch with him and Lady Borden at his home.

Has Interview With Wilfrid Laurier

Another hour was spent conversing with Sir Wilfrid Laurier at his private room in the pro-Parliamentary building. Sir Wilfrid is indeed a charming old gentleman. He is 74 years old and his health is excellent. Sir Wilfrid as well as Sir Robert Borden are intimately acquainted

with Newfoundland affairs and closely questioned me regarding matters affecting the Colony. He enquired about Sir Robt. Bond. He had never visited Newfoundland, although he had long desired to do so, but being in office felt a visit would be looked upon as an intrusion, but he may be able to visit the old Colony during the coming summer. I assured Sir Wilfrid that in the event of his visiting Newfoundland that a royal welcome would be accorded him by the people as his name and services rendered Canada and the Empire were familiar to Newfoundlanders. He is indeed a splendid man, and spoke fully of his long public career going back to 1871 when he entered public life, the year I was born. Sir Wilfrid regretted the short-sightedness of the Canadian Government in 1895 who allowed the opportunity of rounding off the Dominion to pass, because of a difference of \$100,000 or so in the annual subsidy. He thought Canada would have her hands full for the next year or so to solve her problems.

Sir Wilfrid was exceedingly interested in the growth and extent of the Colony's progress and development and the aims and objects of the F.P.U. Lunched with Premier Borden at Rideau Club. We were joined by Mr. Jennison and Mr. McNab, editor of the "Daily Mail" of Montreal. Met Dr. Pugsley, ex-member of Public Works, in the morning. The Premier wished to introduce me to the Cabinet and at 12:45 p.m. when the whole Cabinet, which had been sitting to consider the Budget, was about to adjourn, Sir Robert invited me to the Council Room and introduced me to the members I had not already met. It was a scene that I will long remember. Eighteen of Canada's ablest men sat around an oblong table in the historic Privy Council Room, which is situated in a block a few yards distant from the Parliament Building and therefore had not been injured by the fire. We had a free and easy chat, all taking part. The Premier jokingly asked what they should do with Coaker. Would it be as well to add him to the Cabinet. They all replied, "Yes!" I sat next to Sir Geo. Foster.

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After a few minutes chat, Sir Robert retired, asking me to come to his private office and from there we went to the office of the Governor-General and Sir Robert introduced me to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who is a splendid type of man. He warmly shook hands and welcomed me to Ottawa. He knew much about the F.P.U. and its President, judging from his conversation. He spoke of the splendid response of Newfoundland to the call of duty and of the bravery of our boys at the front. I greatly appreciated Sir Robert Borden's considerate action in enabling me to meet King Edward's noble brother, who is performing a great work for the Empire at Ottawa, and who is exceedingly popular with all classes and parties in Ottawa and Canada. I had no thought that I would have the pleasure of meeting His Royal Highness and when Sir Robert took me into the Governor-General's office I was surprised as well as pleased. I took dinner with the Minister of Public Works, Mr. Robert Rodgers, the big man from the West, who is a self-made man.

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Gen. Hughes is another great man at Ottawa. To know Canada now, one must know Sir Sam Hughes. He is a very energetic man, and the Dominion is fortunate in possessing such a worker at this crisis in her history. On the 21st our whole party were invited to lunch with F. B. McCurdy, M.P. for Queen's Nova Scotia, who defeated Hon. Mr. Fielding in 1912. Mr. McCurdy is the stock broker that operates the stock exchange office at St. John's. Mr. Jennison and I spent part of the afternoon at the Premier's home and took 5 o'clock tea with Mrs. Borden, the Premier, Gen. Hughes, General Otter and Mr. O'Connor, solicitor of Halifax. Sir Robert possesses the office chair used by Sir

ly regarded by the Premier and the Leader of the Liberal Party. We arranged for a long conference to discuss the Labor situation in Canada and to enable Pres. Waters to learn more about the F.P.U. of Newfoundland.

Premier Borden Interested in the F. P. U.

The Premier was cognizant of the activities of the F.P.U. and the aims of the Union Party in Newfoundland. He must have closely followed the Union's progress, for few men in Canada know more than the Premier about the F.P.U. in Newfoundland. Sir Robert is 64 years old and looks younger than Sir Robert Bond, who is 59 years. Premier Borden is genial and very pleasant and talks freely and openly, and puts on no show of importance. He is one of Canada's greatest and safest men, and one feels that in him the Empire and people have a true friend who ardently loves Canada and the old Union Jack. Sir Robert has two able lieutenants in Sir Thos. White and Mr. Meighen, the latter a young man from the West, who occupies the position of Solicitor-General. He is immensely able and popular, and is looked upon as the coming Premier. He has black hair and eyes and clean shaven, and somewhat resembles Hon. S. Milley, of the Newfoundland Legislative Council. Sir Thos. White has proven to be a tower of strength to the Premier and Canada since the war opened and the splendid financial standing of Canada and the manner in which the problems of the first few weeks of the war were solved, as well as the admirable financial achievements of the Dominion since the trying first weeks of the war are generally appreciated by all Canadians, and many consider Sir Thomas took a prominent part in solving these problems.

Visits Ruins of Parliament Buildings.

We were shown through the remains of the Parliament Building by Mr. McDonald and realized why the Canadian people so deeply regretted the deplorable loss of such a grand and imposing structure. Mr. Collishaw and party were admitted to the Visitors' Gallery in the pro-Parliament building and were eye-witnesses of the meeting of Sir Robert Borden and myself.

Lunches With Premier Borden

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John McDonald, also a walking stick owned and much prized by Sir John McDonald. Sir Robert was presented with the freedom of the City of Glasgow when in Scotland last year, and showed us the golden caskets which contained the keys and addresses.

Ottawa A Fine City.

Ottawa is a splendid city, straight streets lined with trees, and is magnificently lighted. In fact the streets at Ottawa are more brilliantly lighted than those of New York. It is chiefly a residential city, the Civil Servants of the various Dominion Departments, numbering thousands, make it a lively and brilliant centre. Thousands of Canadians visit Ottawa

every week to transact public business. The Chateau Laurier is the leading hotel. It is owned by the Grand Trunk railway and is equal to the best New York hotels. The site of Ottawa City is an ideal one, and the only hill is that at the side of Ottawa River and on this hill the Parliament Buildings are erected. The public business has grown rapidly and numerous Federal buildings have been erected at various places in the City. The plans for restoring the Parliament Building will cover almost twice the space occupied by the destroyed buildings, but will conform to the style of the old building.

(To be continued)

A Complaint from LaScie; Poor Postal Facilities and Light Service

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Kindly grant me space in the columns of your most highly and esteemed paper for a few remarks from this part of our Island. I think its high time that something should appear in public print regarding the standing conditions of this settlement. Its ridiculous the way in which we are being treated by the present Government. Here we are a community, five hundred inhabitants without a decent post office. The one which now exists here is about the size of a bale box. Some have compared it to a Chinese inn. This box was tacked together ever since the French resided here and now you can imagine how shabby looking it is. No repairs have been done to it since it was built. Now what a decent place for the transmitting of public business?

seem they find him at his post.

A word also as regards to our Government light. Of what use is it to the fishermen toilers of the Island. The only time we find it lighted is when the mail boats are expected here. Last year one of our toilers returning home from the fishery was trying to get his little vessel in here, as it was blowing a gale. Had it not been for a fire lighted on one of the points that day the poor fellow would have been lost with all their belongings. No, Sir, the Government should advise the man in charge of this light to attend to it better and light it for the safety of the fishermen toilers as well as for those coastal boats. Trusting I have not taken up too much space in your valuable paper and now wishing Mr. Coaker abundant success in all his efforts.

Yours truly,
ONE INTERESTED.

LaScie, Feb. 14, 1916.

Wonderful Negro Runner Shows Up

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 17.—An investigation to determine, if possible, the origin of the fire which last night destroyed the buildings of the Farist Steel Company, causing a loss of more than \$400,000, will be made it was said here to-day. The company was furnishing steel on orders from local concerns, but was not, it was stated, filling any specific orders for war munitions.

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Second Prize 20.00
Third Prize 15.00
Fourth Prize 10.00
Five \$5.00 Prizes.

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