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Borden's Home Coming.

The reception tendered Rt. Honourable R. L. Borden, Canada's Prime Minister, on his return from England, was probably the most spontaneous, whole souled and enthusiastic ever accorded to a Prime Minister of this Dominion. It was a welcome home that might well cause any Prime Minister to be proud of his country and which we feel sure deeply touched Premier Borden; his expressed declarations are ample proof of this. Participation in this memorable reception was not confined to members of his own political party or to the men of any particular race; it was universal, beating down in the force of its enthusiasm all race and political barriers. Nowhere was this welcome more warm-hearted or enthusiastic than among the French Canadians, as was shown by the great demonstrations at Quebec, Three Rivers and Montreal.

Such a welcome is in the highest degree proper, and demonstrates in the most emphatic manner that the hearts of the Canadian people are in the right place. Premier Borden was returning from participation in deliberations of the utmost importance to the Empire, not only as Canada's first Minister, but also as Canada's foremost citizen. In the Imperial Councils in which he had taken part, he represented not only his Government and his party, but Canada as a whole and all Canadians. It was, therefore, most fitting that his reception should demonstrate the appreciation, commendation and applause of all Canadians of all classes without distinction. The occasion was a memorable one for Canada, and the Canadian people proved themselves equal to it.

The sentiment of all Canadians was well expressed by the Mayor of Quebec, when in the course of his address, he said: "Every man who is alive to the duty imposed on him by love of his country and institutions feels that his esteem and respect are due to those whom the voice of the people has called to administer public affairs. The responsibility and labor inherent in that office fully deserve the people's gratitude, and it is but fair that, when opportunity presents itself, they should publicly testify to it."

The honor and deference with which our Premier had been treated by the Imperial Statesmen and the British people, and the unstinted praise bestowed upon him by the British press, showed Canadians should feel proud of their Prime Minister, and proved to the world the wisdom, prudence and patriotism of the Hon. R. L. Borden. In view of all these facts, and with the overwhelming evidence of his efforts on Canada's behalf, our people could not fail to accord the Premier a great reception on his return.

These times, the Overseas Dominions of the Empire are constantly in evidence in the Mother Country, and at the head of these Dominions and far in advance of the others stands our beloved Canada, and the Premier, and representative of this leader among that galaxy of Overseas Dominions is Hon. R. L. Borden, of whom, today, we all feel so proud.

In his reply to the many

addresses presented to him on his return, Premier Borden gave expression to words of wisdom and prudence and sane statesmanship. After all the attention that had been paid to him in the Motherland, and all the great things he had witnessed he is glad to be back home, prouder than ever of this Canada of ours; proud, too, of the universally favorable opinion of Canada and things Canadian he had heard expressed in England. Not only is he prouder than ever of Canada, but is more determined than ever, if that were possible, to work for her development, her progress and her glory.

A country's real greatness does not consist in her material progress alone, necessary as that certainly is; but in its moral greatness, in the strength, force and stability of character of its citizens. Our Prime Minister is quite aware of this, and has so expressed himself. Canada is great and has a great future in store for her; but her greatest asset; her most potent element of stability, now or at any period of her history, unquestionably is a virile, moral sturdy manhood.

Russia has under consideration a canal that will rank with the world's greatest, if ever completed. It is one to connect the Black Sea with the Baltic, and would have a total length of 1,800 miles, although but sixty would have to be dug. The scheme is agitated by shippers, whose interests have suffered most severely by the recent closing of the Dardanelles. Such a waterway would prove of immense benefit to that great Empire which has for so many years chafed under the restrictions entailed by the present outlet from its great inland sea. As a uniform depth of but fourteen feet is contemplated, it would not serve for vessels of large draft or for war vessels.—Hamilton Spectator.

The Dominion financial statement for August, out Saturday, shows continued evidences of gratifying growth in revenue. The total for the month was \$14,484,849, an increase of three millions over the corresponding period last year. For the five months ended with August the aggregate was \$66,903,167, an increase of \$14,000,000; expenditure on consolidated revenue for the 5 months was \$35,351,137, an increase of \$5,000,000. In August \$6,953,065 was spent. Outlays chargeable to capital in the five months totalled \$8,701,167, a decrease of \$280,000. The August expenditure on capital was \$4,802,811. Between July and August the public debt was decreased by \$3,097,926. The net debt is now \$319,623,099, a decrease of eight millions compared with a year ago.

Eastern papers show that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's abandonment of his Western trip came with almost dramatic suddenness. In the morning the Globe had a long article in which it is said that the keynote of the tour would be the ex-Premier's recent Montreal speech. In the afternoon came the announcement that there would not be any tour at all. The reason given was that the farmers were too busy. But it would not have been difficult to find out some months ago that this would be the case at this time of year. The explanation undoubtedly is after the recent Liberal conference in Ottawa, it became quite apparent that Sir Wilfrid's speeches in the West could not be in line with those which the Scott supporters delivered during the Saskatchewan campaign. The men in control of the party's policy had decreed otherwise.—Edmonton Journal.

Germany has donated a gateway to the Peace Palace at The Hague. But the Kaiser's interest in that institution is solely architectural.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

It is estimated that the profits of the Standard Oil Company for 1912 will reach the enormous total of \$110,000,000. Truly dissolution is the life of trade.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

The Prohibition party has adopted the camel as its zoological emblem. To be sure, the camel can go long without drinking, but that is only because it imbibes copiously when it does drink.—Albany Journal.

Laurier is content to believe that in Canada we never think of war. Some nations never do think until too late, but Canadians have thought, for they know that the most potent factor for peace is the British navy.—London Daily Mail.

"You don't think Sir James Whitney would run from the British suffragettes, do you?" Galt Reporter. No. He would stand his ground, and as he could not strike a woman he would perish where he stood. And his last words would be: "This is preposterous!"—Toronto Star.

There was a delightful disturbance on the lower deck of the Ark. "See what's the matter, Ham," said the skipper. The young man was gone for some time. "It's all right now, dad," he said. "The bull moose was trying to butt the elephant overboard."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mr. Borden said that nowhere in this country had he and his colleagues received a warmer welcome than at the National Literary Club. And there is good reason for the fact. When the statesmen of the Overseas Dominion come to us, Liberals do not ask whether they call themselves Liberals or Conservatives.—London News and Leader.

It is stated from London that the alterations to be made in the White Star Line Steamer Olympic will roughly cost \$1,250,000. The improvements will include the introduction of a complete inner skin, throughout the most vulnerable portions of the vessel, increases in height and in the number of water tight bulkheads.

As a result of his trip of personal inspection over the route of the Hudson Bay Railway by canoe, Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways, says it is likely that after the road is built it will be run by electricity if the plan is at all feasible. With all the power of the Nelson River at command, the saving over coal would be enormous, while it is figured that the difficulties which are met with in operating steam engines in extremely cold weather would not be experienced.

Judging from the late Federal elections by Provinces the Liberals stand to gain most by the next redistribution of seats. The Provinces which gave Conservative majorities will gain seven seats. Those which gave Liberal majorities gain thirteen seats. Those which divided evenly lose three seats. But on the other hand the larger centres of population, which are under represented more than other districts, nearly all voted Conservative, and there the redistribution will benefit the Borden Government.—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

Premier Borden's Reception

In our last issue, we gave an account of the right royal welcome extended to Right Hon. R. L. Borden Prime Minister of Canada, at Quebec City, on his return from the Mother Country. From the moment he landed on Canadian soil till he reached his home in Ottawa his progress was a veritable triumph. The enthusiastic welcome of Quebec was repeated at Three Rivers, and culminated in the grandest demonstration of all at Montreal Saturday night. Personality entered into all these triumphs for liberal and conservative alike did him homage for the quality he displayed while abroad and for the manner in which he represented Canada. At all the receptions he has held since his return the partisan element has been eliminated. Adherents to both parties greeted him as a premier worthy of respect who had in foreign countries worthily upheld the best traditions of the Canadian people.

The spirit of the thousands who lined the wharf at Montreal and the long route seemed one of sincerity and the tribute paid was appreciated by Premier Borden, who in his brief address at the landing stage and the reception in the Windsor Hotel expressed his pleasure at being home again. The keynote of both his utterances, in reply to addresses from the mayor was for a continuance of the entente cordiale which exists between the two nations and between the two great races of this country. To welcome the chief came colleagues from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Quebec and his growing popularity among the French was evidenced by the large numbers which turned out on Saturday and showed equal enthusiasm with their English colleagues. French and English alike jostled each other in the throng at the hotel to shake the hand of the Premier and bid him welcome. So large was the crowd at the inner reception room, the intention of having the Premier speak from one of the windows to the dense crowd which thronged Dominion Square was abandoned as the time in which he and Mrs. Borden had to catch the train for Ottawa was run close.

All along the route the sidewalks were lined with people who patiently waited the passing of the Premier at the end of the procession which indicated the growth of the automobile industry in Montreal. The decorations both in lights and bunting had been carried out on a lavish scale, and at intervals mottoes eulogistic of the Premier, his work and his qualities were strung across the roadway. After the mayor's address of welcome at the pier Premier Borden took the position vacated by His Worship Mayor Lavalee and read a brief French speech. Speaking in reply to the welcome in English Premier Borden said: "Mr. Mayor and gentlemen I cannot tell you how deeply I am moved by the splendid welcome home to this grand old city of Montreal. On behalf of my colleagues, my wife and myself, I sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart. Mr. Mayor you have spoken in gracious and eloquent terms of my deliberations with statesmen in other lands and I appreciate most warmly what you have said respecting the splendid reception accorded me not only in the British Isles, but also in the beautiful land of France. There could have been no warmer welcome in either France or the country which was the home of my ancestors. Long may that entente cordiale continue. It was the co-operation of the two great races of pioneers that made this nation great so will that co-operation continue in a greater measure and heartiness in all the glorious years to come ensure the peace among the nations of the world."

"This country is a great heritage handed down to us by our forefathers, the pioneers of a hundred years ago. It is our duty to develop it and transmit it unimpaired to our children. The right of self-government we are sure will never be impaired. But with our great heritage we have, to our great responsibilities. We must be assured that these responsibilities will be taken by the people of the country, so that our country may take its place among the nations of the world—take its position in the eyes of the world which its natural resources entitle it to. The memory of your welcome to me will never be forgotten."

Premier Borden reached Ottawa (Continued on third page.)



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