

CHARLES MARCIL CHARMS PRESSMEN

Deputy Speaker of the Commons
Makes Eloquent Address to
Publishers' Association.

New York, Feb. 21.—The American Newspaper Publishers' Association held its annual banquet here tonight. Mr. Charles Marcil, the deputy speaker of the Canadian Commons, being the principal speaker. Mr. Marcil's address was an eloquent plea for the continued good relations between Canada and the United States. His speech was frequently halted by outbursts of applause.

Amongst many telling points made by the eloquent deputy speaker were the following:

We are all engaged in the same work, the great work of modern times—the extension of civilization by the diffusion of knowledge and the breaking down of prejudices to the remotest ends of the earth.

Today, more so than at any other time, it may truly be said that the newspaper is a torch, a pillar of fire, and where it exists there is light and where there is light, progress follows in its wake.

On behalf of my Canadian brethren, I am delighted at the amicable relations existing between us, which I hope will ever increase.

Canada is worthily represented in the membership of your great association. On behalf of Canadian pressmen, I extend to you all, and through you, to the press of the United States a message of sympathy and good fellowship. You may rest assured that I shall ever remember this auspicious occasion as one of the bright periods of my life.

Speaking of Anglo-American friendship, Mr. Marcil said:

Across the water, James Bryce, the new British ambassador to this country, and Whitelaw Reid, your own ambassador to the court of St. James, sit down at the same table and express fond hopes for the closest ties of friendship and amity between Great Britain and her offsprings.

And why should it ever be otherwise?

We have been at peace now for well nigh on to a century. We have at our heads two of the peace-makers of the world, your President and our King. It was indeed a happy thought which your Secretary of State gave expression to when he suggested the holding eight years hence of a centennial celebration of peace, peace between the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon family. Allow me, the pleasure of quoting his words in this connection:

"After all, as we look back over the records of history, after all, in the far view of the future, the differences of each day and generation are trifling compared with the great fact that two nations are pursuing the same ideals of liberty and justice, are doing their work side by side for the peace and righteousness of the world, in peace with each other. The differences of our generation loom large, held close to the eye, but, after all, the fact that for 90 years under a simple exchange of notes limiting the armament of the two countries in which no more have become an antiquated example of naval literature, to single 160-ton boats, with single 18-pound cannon; after all, the fact that for 90 years, under that simple exchange of notes, we have been living on either side of this 3,900 miles of boundary in peace, with no more thought or fear of hostilities than at though we were the same people. It is a great fact in history, and a great fact of potential import for the future. We celebrate great victories, anniversaries of great single events, we call together crowds, and these events are the subject of inspiring addresses. Within a few years—eight years from now—we shall be able to celebrate the centennial anniversary of a hundred years of peace, a hundred years of peace during which no more the fruits of industry and enterprise have been diverted from the building up of peaceful and happy homes, from the exercise and promotion of religion, from the education of children and the support of the aged, to the maintenance, to be expended by warlike attack by one people upon the other."

No Political Union.

I may state that we are organizing a significant celebration to be held in the historic city of Quebec, on the occasion of the tri-centenary of its foundation, in which, it is contemplated that Great Britain, the United States, and France will participate, and will be represented by detachments of their navies and armies, in a grand gathering on the Plains of Abraham, on which, in the past, scenes so momentous in the history of the continent have been enacted. This will be another offering on the Altar of Peace. With peace assured through the interest and common sense of the countries concerned there may be relations between us of the most intimate kind. Let me say at once that we in Canada do not believe that there ever can be political union with the United States. We came to that conclusion from well nigh the very period when the British flag replaced the flag of France upon the Citadel of Quebec.

Beneath the folds of the Union Jack the original settlers of Canada found the freest government on the face of the globe. They became British subjects by the fortunes of war and by conviction they remained British subjects, but Canadians first and above all. For well nigh 40 years they have been united in a confederacy where the rights of each and all are respected.

As to Reciprocity

Canada is no longer a fringe of territory on the border of the United States. We are going towards the north, in the climate where strong races live and prosper.

For many long years public men sought in vain to improve our business relations with the United States, but our fiscal policy was not then and is not now favorable to us.

The abrogation of the reciprocity treaty with the United States in 1896 has proved a blessing in disguise, as it threw us upon our own resources and

has enabled us to take up earnestly the work of nation building. Since the abrogation of the reciprocity treaty and the rejection of the draft treaty of 1872 by the United States Senate, we have concluded that full and entire reciprocity between the two countries in natural products has been unobtainable. We had, therefore, to seek other markets, and there we have found in Great Britain and her colonies.

In spite of our prohibitive tariff against us, we are today your third best customer, coming immediately after Great Britain and Germany. We are importing this year from the United States close on to \$200,000,000, while we sell her only half of that figure as against \$123,000,000 to Great Britain, thousands of miles away.

During the past ten years our progress has been stupendous; our foreign trade has increased from \$225,000,000 to \$600,000,000 this year. We lead the world in the per capita percentage of increase in our foreign trade. Our trade with the United States alone reaches a higher figure than your trade with South America. While a million Canadians and more have settled in the United States, up to within ten years, the tide of immigration has now turned to the north, and Canada has now one million more people than it had at that time.

Out of our 171,000,000 acres of wheat lands, with about 7 per cent under cultivation, we expect to produce this year 200,000,000 bushels of grain.

Within the next ten years Canada will expend \$500,000,000 in railway building alone. While you are engaged in the great work of building the Isthmian Canal, we in friendly rivalry are throwing across the continent our third transcontinental line, establishing the shortest route between northern Europe and the Orient. These are but a few isolated instances of our material progress.

But prized far and above these material considerations is the fact that the new nation rising in the western hemisphere is a God-fearing, self-reliant, progressive people.

Bred by the first races of the world, imbued with the principles of government which have made for the glory of the British Empire, and these United States, two of the world's greatest achievements, we live in peace and ask for none but friendliest relations with your own great republic.

In the words of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, spoken but a few days ago in the Canadian Parliament, "We can never conceive of war between us, or of war between Great Britain and the United States. We mean to settle all our difficulties with that nation by peaceful means, by diplomatic action, by negotiations, but never by the arbitrament of war."

Let us all, brethren alike in our common ideals and common aspirations, resolve each in his own sphere, to all that in him lies, to foster friendly feelings, come what may, between the mother country, the greatest empire in the world's history, and the common mother of our two North American nations and ourselves. Let there be peace between the United States and the British Empire, and Canada, her eldest daughter, and the peace of the western world, at least, for all time assured, and a tremendous influence will be exercised for the good of the world at large.

I am convinced that no more appropriate and fitting place to formulate such a hope than in this gathering of framers of public opinion in this great city, and throughout the continent.

No greater agency can be found to achieve this noblest ambition than the press of United States and Canada so splendidly represented here tonight.

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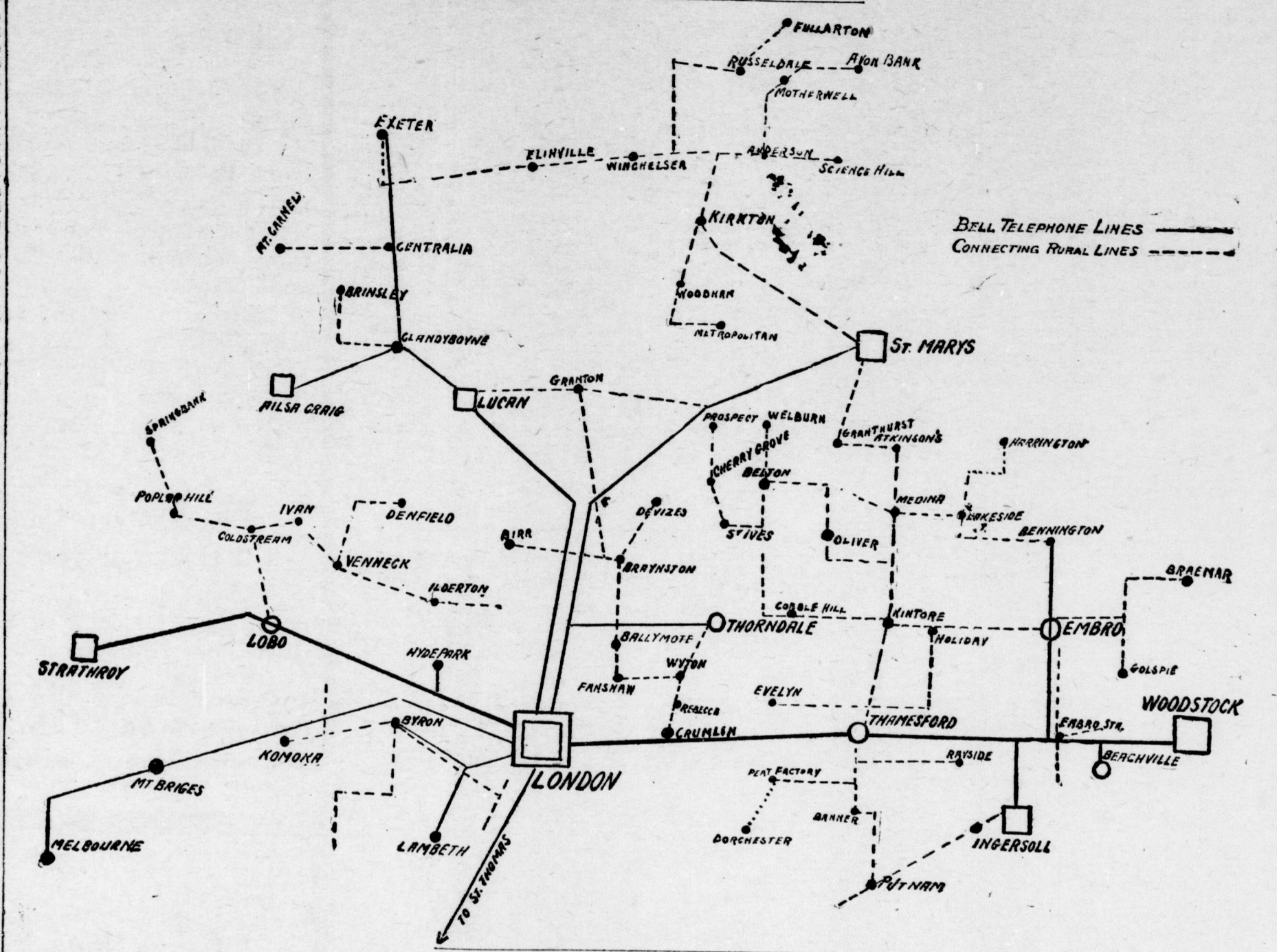
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LONG DISTANCE AND RURAL LINE SERVICE IN THE DISTRICT OF LONDON, FEB. 1907.



The above diagram represents about 300 miles of Rural Lines having direct connection with Bell Telephone Company's subscribers in the district and the Company's Long Distance Lines. These Farmers' Lines will be largely extended during the present year.

The Bell Telephone Company offers connection with its Local and Long Distance Systems to any Local Telephone Company whose lines and equipment are efficient enough to give service.

That the conditions of these connecting arrangements are satisfactory to the local people is attested by the letters published below from gentlemen well known in London district, who have had experience of them.

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