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IMPERIAL

PRESS CONFERENCE

26th February, 1920.

Lord Atholstan,
538 Sherbrooke St., W.,
Montreal.

Dear Lord Atholstan,

I laid before the Finance Committee of the Board of Governors of the last meeting, your suggestion that a Garden Party should be given to the members of the Imperial Press Conference on the occasion of their visit to Montreal, on the grounds of Macdonald College at Ste. Anne de Bellevue. I explained that you desired the invitations to this Garden Party to be issued jointly in the names of Lord & Lady Atholstan, Principal The Right Honourable Sir Auckland and Lady Geddes, and Principal F. C. and Mrs. Harrison.

The Finance Committee on behalf of the Board of Governors of the University give their cordial consent to your proposal. They wish me, however, to convey to you their desire that in connection with this visit, the Press Association should also visit McGill College.

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

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Acting Principal.

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Imperial Press Conference

CANADA, 1920

Executive Committee
Canadian Press Association

LORD ATHOLSTAN
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EXECUTIVE HEADQUARTERS
The Star Building, Montreal

March 4, 1920.

Dean F. D. Adams,
Acting Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:

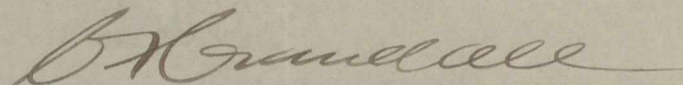
As you are already aware, a Conference of the leading newspaper publishers of the British Empire will be held in Canada next summer. It will be attended by one hundred of the most famous men in British journalism - men of the type of Lord Burnham, Lord Northcliffe, Lord Riddell and others.

As guests of the Canadian Press this distinguished party will arrive in Halifax, July 25th, will be conveyed to Ottawa where the Conference meetings will be held, and afterward will be taken on a trip across the continent in order that the attractions and resources of the Dominion may be properly placed before them. En route to Ottawa they will stop in Montreal two days, arriving at 6 P. M., August 2nd, and leaving on the afternoon of August 4th.

In the interests of Montreal and in accord with its ancient reputation for hospitality, the delegates to this Conference should be well entertained and given the fullest opportunities to observe and appreciate the beauty and advantages of Canada's greatest city. To this end, while the press is primarily responsible, Lord Atholstan, who is Chairman of the Committee in charge of the Conference, desires to enlist the active sympathy and cooperation of a general committee representing the leading institutions of the city to cooperate with the press in this regard. On this committee he hopes that you will consent to be represented.

I shall give you due notice of the time and place of the first meeting and in the meantime hope that you will give the matter your consideration.

Yours sincerely,


Honorary Secretary.

March
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1920.

C. F. Crandall Esq.,
Imperial Press Conference,
"Star" Building, Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

Please accept my thanks for your
letter of March 4th.

We shall be very glad to have McGill
represented on the Committee in charge of the
Imperial Press Conference. If you desire me to do
so, I shall at once take up the question as to who
shall represent the University. I shall be glad if
you will let me know whether more than one represen-
tative from McGill University is required.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Acting Principal.

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March 19, 1920.

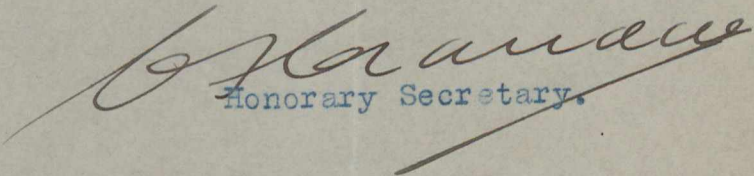
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McGill University, Montreal.

Dear Sir:

I beg to thank you for your promise to co-operate with us in entertaining the Imperial Press Conference delegates in Montreal on August 3 and 4 and for your consent to be a member of the committee.

Will you kindly be present at the first meeting of the committee which will be held on Monday, March 22, at 5 p.m. at the Executive Offices of the Imperial Press Conference, The Star Building, St. James Street.

Yours sincerely,


Honorary Secretary.

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C. F. Crandall Esq.,
Honorary Secretary,
Imperial Press Conference,
Star Building, St. James St.,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

Please accept my thanks for your letter of March 18th, asking me to be present at the first meeting of the Imperial Press Conference Committee, which is to be held on Monday, March 22nd at 5 p.m.

I regret extremely that a very important meeting in connection with the University is called for that day and hour, so that it will be impossible for me to be present at the first meeting of the Press Conference.

Yours very sincerely,

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July 3rd. 1920.

Dr. J. A. Nicholson,
Registrar,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Dr. Nicholson,

As you are aware a very important delagation representing the Press of the Empire will visit Montreal this summer, arriving August 2nd. and leaving August 5th.

Lord Athelstan, associated with the Principal of McGill University, will give a Garden Party for the delegates at McDonald College on the afternoon of August 5th. It is advisable that McGill University should confer upon certain of the most distinguished of these visitors the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws.

Toronto University will grant such degrees to five members of the delegation.

I have this morning had a conversation with Lord Atholstan with reference to the proposal that McGill should grant such degrees and have arranged with him that he will the question as to the names of the persons who should be proposed for such degrees with his Committee at a meeting to be held on July 8th.

On Friday, July 9th., Lord Atholstan will send a list of the names suggested to you for submission to Corporation. It is proposed that McGill should grant either three or four degrees. If it is decided that three should be granted, then a fourth name will be appended in case anyone takes objection at Corporation to any one of the three gentlemen proposed. In the same way if four names are submitted a fifth will be appended to this list for the same purpose. The extra name

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should not be announced unless objection is taken to one of the others on the list.

Please, therefore, call as early as possible after July 9th. a special meeting of Corporation to pass upon these names.

I have arranged with Lord Atholstan that the Convocation at which the degrees will be granted shall be held on Tuesday, August 3rd., at 4 p.m. Sir Arthur Currie will be here on August 2nd.

I have informed Lord Atholstan that you will arrange for the calling of the meeting of Corporation and for the conducting of the meeting in question, and also that you will arrange for the Convocation to be held on August 3rd. Please consult Lord Atholstan with reference to the form of invitation to be extended and the persons to whom the invitations should be issued. He will arrange to give the matter all due publicity. I have informed Lord Atholstan that if he wished any further information he should consult you.

I remain, With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Acting Principal.

THE IMPERIAL PRESS CONFERENCE.

SIR HARRY BRITTAIN'S TRIBUTE TO CANADA.

The happiest impressions of the Imperial Press Conference in Canada have been brought home by Sir Harry Brittain, M.P. Sir Harry was the originator and organiser of the first Imperial Press Conference in 1909 and is the only honorary member of the Empire Press Union. He went to the second Conference as Chairman of the Arrangements Committee, returning to London after the completion of the business of the Conference at Ottawa.

In an interview yesterday with a representative of THE OBSERVER he said: "What impressed me most of all was the absolutely overwhelming welcome which was given to us not only by the entire Press of Canada but also by every section of citizens from the Premier downwards. This great welcome commenced in Sydney, Nova Scotia, where not only the town but every ship in the harbour was beflagged in our honour, and was continued if possible on an ever-increasing scale as the journey went on. From what I learned before I left the West has prepared an equally wonderful celebration on the Pacific slope, and Quebec is going to see to it that the final send-off in September will be a magnificent wind up to a most notable tour.

"Editors of Canada's leading papers came from such distances as Vancouver and Winnipeg to greet us on the Atlantic seaboard, the distance in the one case being farther than we had come from England. At every station at which we stopped, even for a few minutes, half the town seemed to be assembled, and dozens of motor cars were waiting to run the delegates round, if only for a ten minutes' tour.

"The Premier returned especially from the West to greet us at Ottawa, and no one was more interested in the proceedings than his Excellency the Governor-General, who had acted on two occasions—at Chatsworth and Buxton—as the host of the first conference in 1909.

"Lord Burnham made an absolutely ideal president of the delegation, and his tact and genial personality won golden opinions on every side. The perfect arrangements made by the Canadian committee, under Lord Atholstan, and by all taking part was on the very highest scale of Canadian organisation and hospitality.

"The conference was carried through in the most businesslike manner, and many results most useful to the Press and the Empire will undoubtedly accrue from it. And, as was the case in the first conference, the indirect results will be far more important even than those of a direct character. The knowledge gained of the Dominion by a hundred leading newspaper men from every part of the Empire will be invaluable in the future, and the conference, besides, will of necessity tend to a closer co-operation between the moulders of opinion in every part of the Empire who during this wonderful tour will have so thoroughly learned to know one another.

"Then again the enormous enthusiasm which has been aroused and is being aroused by the tour from the Atlantic to the Pacific will bring home to the minds of all taking part in it as well as to the whole of Canada, what the Empire really means.

"Naturally I appreciated very deeply the great honour conferred upon me by the University of McGill, in the form of an honorary degree of LL.D., for services in connection with the creation of the first conference. This ceremony at Montreal was rendered especially interesting by the fact that it was the first at McGill over which General Sir Arthur Currie, the new Principal, had presided.

"There is no doubt," Sir Harry added, "that these conferences under the ægis of the Empire Press Union, will become a permanent institution. Whether they will be held in one Dominion after the other, or alternately in a Dominion and in the Mother Country is a point to be decided, but succeeding conferences will now undoubtedly follow and will probably take place every four years."

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September
Eighth
1920.

Sir Harry Brittain,
2 Cowley Street,
Westminster, London, England.

Dear Sir Harry:-

Thanks very much for your
brief note of August 24th enclosing the clipping
from "The Observer".

It is a matter of great pleasure
to us all that the delegates to the Imperial
Press Conference have such happy impressions of
their visit to Canada. I am sure a great deal
of good is bound to result.

I thank you for your mention of
McGill and myself in the interview. The College
opens its fall term in a few weeks from now and
we are expecting a large enrolment of students.
What concerns us most at the present time is the
success, or otherwise, of the campaign for funds
which is being put on about November.

Most cordially reciprocating
your good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Lord and Lady Ashurst

Principal Adams (W^m G^o Cady) and W^m Adams

_____ Harrison ^{W^m G^o Cady} and W^m Harrison

Request the pleasure of the company of

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OF THE CANADIAN
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CANADIAN BRANCH
THE EMPIRE PRESS UNION
AND OTHERS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN



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On their side, these influential men will regard this trip as an equally valuable opportunity to acquire first hand evidence of the life, the development, and the potentialities of the Premier Dominion.

For both our country and the countries whence these representative men will come, it will be an opportunity for personal intercourse which will help to clarify and establish a mutual understanding on questions urgently confronting us all—questions internal and international, questions industrial, economical, social and political.

Taking for granted, as we have every reason to, that the proposed Press Conference will be composed of delegates holding directing positions in connection with journals of real importance, we unhesitatingly recommend immediate steps to arrange for the holding of the conference in a manner worthy of the Dominion.

In taking such steps, you will be acting for the good of the whole country—which will not be slow to endorse your action, and will join with you in giving the visitors a warm and truly Canadian welcome whenever they may come.

Al. Baden.

Genl. W. Fother

W. P. Russell

Genl. L. Sibley

H. G. Thorne

~~C. D. Robertson~~

~~Genl. M. P. Smith~~

Mr. D. Russell

Chas. J. Roberts

W. M. M. King

D. D. H. King

W. H. Fielding

W. H. Brown

James A. Long Green

George H. Parley.

J. J. Reid

~~H. L. L.~~

S. F. Palmer

W. D. L.

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(Signed)

R. L. Borden (Prime Minister of Canada.)	George H. Perley (Acting High Commissioner for Canada.)
H. L. Drayton (Minister of Finance.)	M. Burrell (Secretary of State.)
Arthur Meighen (Minister of the Interior.)	S. F. Tolmie (Minister of Agriculture.)
N. W. Rowell (President of the Council.)	H. Guthrie (Solicitor-General.)
George E. Foster (Minister of Trade and Commerce.)	James A. Loughheed (Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re- establishment.)
Chas. J. Doherty (Minister of Justice.)	W. L. Mackenzie King (Leader of the Opposition.)
Arthur L. Sifton (Minister of Customs.)	Rodolphe Lemieux (Former Postmaster General.)
J. A. Calder (Minister of Immigration.)	W. S. Fielding (Ex-Minister of Finance.)
J. D. Reid (Minister of Railways.)	D. D. McKenzie (Late Leader of the Opposition.)
G. E. Robertson (Minister of Labor.)	
S. C. C. Mewburn (Minister of Militia.)	

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