Prince Edward Island's Splendid Welcome To Sir Robert L. Borden and Hon. F. B. Carvell

DEAD IN HALIFAX NOW OVER 2,000

Belgian Steamer and American Munitions Ship Collided Causing Explosion, Hundreds are Homeless, and Whole Families Wiped Out. Indescribable Panic Followed the Explosion. Relief Being Rushed in from all Quarters.

(Special to The Guardian)

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 6.—Chief of Police Handrigan tonight estimated the number of killed in today's disaster at 2,000. The list of dead is growing as many of the injured are hourly succumbing to their wounds.

Cause of Disaster

The disaster was caused by collision in Bedford Basin between an American Belgian relief ship, which was making out to sea and an American munition ship coming into the harbor. The collision occurred off the north end of the city, which suffered the greatest from the explosion.

Streets Filled With Dead and Dying.

The disaster occurred about nine o'clock when the streets were filled by citizens hurrying to places of business and the scene created by the terrific force of the explosion is indescribable. The streets were filled with dead and dying, and great panic ensued, many believing that it was a German raid.

Fire Followed Explosion

Following the explosion fire broke out and swept through the northern part of the city. At ten o'clock the fire was reported under control.

The extent of the damage cannot be estimated, but will be many millions. Not a building in Halifax escaped damage, glass being broken in all the houses. Hotels and newspaper offices were wrecked, but the guests of the hotels are reported not seriously injured. Hundreds of people are homeless and in some cases whole families are wiped out. Soldiers and sailors are patrolling the streets. Every effort is being made to care for the injured, every available public building being utilized. Five hundred tents were put up on the Commons, and occupied by soldiers who gave up the baracks to the homeless. The C. G. R. station was wrecked and numbers of railway employees killed. Baron Coleman, Canadian Express agent, is among the killed.

Business Portion Badly Wrecked

The business portion of the city was badly wrecked, many buildings being destroyed. The port of Dartmouth, on the opposite side of the harbor, was partly destroyed.

The collision between the steamers is reported due to confusion of whistles by the Belgian relief steamer.

Fourteen Nurses and a Doctor Left Charlottetown at Midnight for Halifax

At two o'clock yesterday afternoon a message was received at the P. E. Island Hospital from Halifax asking that six nurses be sent to look after the injured in the stricken city. As a reply to this fourteen nurses accompanied by Dr. Alex Ross left the city by the Aranmore at 12 midnight a special trip by the steamer having been arranged by Premier Borden who with Hon. F. B. Carvell, left also for Halifax. A special train will be in readiness at Pictou to convey the party to Halifax where they expect to arrive by eight o'clock this morning.

The nurses who accompanied Dr. Ross are: Miss Howard, Miss Mackinnon, Miss Kilburn, Miss Wright Miss Acorn, Miss Sweeney, Miss Cumming, Miss Profitt, Miss Domerey Miss Ross, Miss Saunders, Miss Fitzgerald, Miss Martin and Miss Stanley.

P. E. ISLANDERS ALL WELL

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

HALIFAX, Dec. 6, 12.30—Prince Edward Island Detachment all well.

Sgd. CAPT. BAYER.

LORD MONTAGU ON MISSION TO CANADA

MONTREAL, Dec. 6.—Col. Lord Montague of Beaulieu, advisory inspector of all mechanical warfare for the Government of India, has just arrived in Canada on a mission to encourage recruiting for the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service in this country. He will give addresses in this city, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver and other places. Lord Montague is an engineer and author of road and flying maps of England.

Major Allan H. Burgoyne, M. P., in the Imperial Parliament founder of the navy league annual, deputy adviser of mechanical warfare to the Government in India is accompanying Lord Montagu on his Canadian tour.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC

The tide will be high this afternoon at 5.01 and tomorrow at 5.43; it will be high tomorrow morning at 5.20 and Saturday at 6.30.

The sun sets this afternoon and tomorrow at 4.38; it rises tomorrow morning at 7.41 and Sunday at 7.43.

The moon rises tomorrow morning at 1.43.

There was a full moon on Wednesday, Nov. 28th at 1.41 p. m.

The last quarter of the moon will be on Thursday, Dec. 6th at 9.14 a. m.

The length of today will be eight hours and fifty eight minutes.

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NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION DEALT WITH UP TO THURSDAY NIGHT, DEC. 6..... 3334
EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED 3104

WILL YOU REMEMBER?

that it is made possible for you to send overseas a token of your love to some dear lad in the trenches—the letter that will bring him the news of home and his loved ones; those little comforts and delicacies that will revive old memories of Christmas. Will you remember by whom this service is made possible and show your gratitude by a generous contribution to The Navy League Sailors' Relief. This appeal for our brave Sailors and their dependents, should receive hearty and spontaneous support from every man, woman and child in P. E. Island. Don't wait to be called on. Be your own Solicitor.

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Hundreds of Men and Women Met the Ministers at Port Borden and Greeted Them with Most Hearty Welcome. Address of Welcome on Behalf of Province to Sir Robert Borden Presented by Premier Arsenault, Mass Meetings Addressed by both Ministers in Summerside and Charlottetown and a Rear Platform Speech to a Huge Crowd of People in Kensington En Route.

A special train left Charlottetown yesterday morning for Port Borden to join in the welcome to Sir Robert L. Borden and Hon. F. B. Carvell. Between thirty and forty citizens comprised this delegation from the capital. They arrived at Port Borden about 9.40 and on arrival were joined by hundreds from the neighboring districts. The Carferry docked shortly after the arrival of the train and the pier was lined with people as the boat was moving into dock. On landing, after hearty handshakes the party went to the parish hall, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion through the kindness of Rev. J. J. McDonald, where the meeting was brought to order by the appointment of Rev. J. J. McDonald. Kinkora, chairman. On the platform with the Chairman were Premier Arsenault, Capt. Joseph Read, Mr. A. A. Lefurgey, Mr. J. H. Bell, Hon. Murdoch McKinnon, Mr. James Paton, M.L.A., Mr. W. F. Tidmarsh, Mr. George Rogers, Col. Moore, Senator Murphy, Senator McLean, Mr. W. H. Aitken and others.

Father Macdonald said he considered it a distinct honor to have been invited to act as chairman and to have the satisfaction of opening the proceedings, which were just as they should be. This was not a political meeting, he said, and consequently he had accepted the invitation to act as chairman, and he gladly did so for the reason that being a resident of that section of the country he necessarily joined most heartily with everyone in the locality, and, indeed, with everyone in Prince Edward Island in expressing appreciation of the splendid opportunities that were dawning for this province as a result of the opening of the new winter communication by the Car Ferry. (Applause.) Liberal and Conservatives alike would join hands today and stand up as one man to thank Sir Robert Borden for what he had done for the province (Loud applause.) The speaker was present a few years ago at a meeting at which Sir Robert promised he would give the Island winter communication, and that promise had been faithfully kept. (Applause) and they were there to thank him for the genuine fulfilment of that promise. The chairman then dwelt for a few moments on the great boon the Car Ferry will prove and is proving to the province, and called on Premier Arsenault to read the address of welcome. The Premier then read the following address, which was prepared by Mr. J. E. B. McCready, himself for a very long time an ardent advocate of effective winter communication with the mainland, and which address reflects no little credit on the author. The address was listened to with marked attention on the part of the audience the only interruption being the frequent outbursts of applause with which it was punctuated.

After a brief address by the Chairman Premier Aresanult read the following address which had been prepared by Mr. J. E. B. McCready who was himself a pioneer in the advocacy of improved winter communication.

ADDRESS TO SIR ROBERT BORDEN

The Address of Welcome on behalf of the Province, presented by Premier Arsenault, was artistically printed on heavy parchment, the work of Mr. Irwin, King's Printer. It was as follows:—

To the Right Honorable Sir Robert L. Borden, P. C., G.C.M.G., Prime Minister of Canada, etc., etc.

On behalf of the people of Prince Edward Island and on the occasion of your first trip to these shores over the new inter-provincial highway which must ever be inseparably connected with your honored name, we bid you welcome.

It has been the purpose of the Fathers of Confederation that all the Province of the Dominion should be connected by modern and effective means of transportation at the earliest practicable date. The construction of the International Railway was provided for in the terms of union between the first four Provinces in 1867, and in like manner daily communication by steam between Prince Edward Island and the Mainland was stipulated in the terms of union of this province and the Dominion. Isolated as we were, the fulfilment of this agreement was a matter of the most vital consequence to us.

Successive Canadian Governments made various efforts to implement this agreement by providing ice-breaking steamers for the winter season, which were of notable utility but failed to maintain continuous service. The late Sir John A. Macdonald while he was Premier of Canada took measures by which branch railway lines were constructed from Sackville to Cape Tormentine, N. B., and from Emerald to Cape Traverse, P. E. I., preparatory to a connecting link at this place. But the missing link remained missing for more than thirty years. Successive Governments at Ottawa admitted the default and made partial financial compensation, but the Province suffered incalculable loss, its growth and progress were delayed and discontent became widespread.

On your avent to power in 1911 there dawned a brighter day for Prince Edward Island. You, Sir, gave immediate attention to our transportation needs, and after conference with our representatives, undertook to supply a Carry Ferry between the Capes, together with the needed terminals and to ultimately widen the P. E. Island Railway to the continental standard gauge. Notwithstanding the great war and its vast demands upon the Dominion treasury, the work of construction has been steadily carried forward, the terminals completed and the Ferry Steamer provided and put into successful operation. Already by its agency hundreds of carloads of our products have been carried across the Strait to the oversea markets, With so much accomplished we have every needed assurance that the entire programme as agreed upon in 1911 will be completed as soon as may be found reasonably practicable.

It is fitting then that on this your first visit to Prince Edward Island since you became Prime Minister of Canada, you should be enabled to reach our shores by the very means of conveyance which you promised in 1911.

The car ferry takes the place of the little amphibious iceboats which for more than sixty years past in the mid-winter season here plied across the strait and were at frequent times the sole means of crosing. It marks a great step in advance. Passengers will cross in half an hour; for the present one transshipment from cars to steamer and vice versa, and in the future two such transhipments will be saved; perishable produce and cold; mails to and from the Province will be more frequent; the value of farm produce and of farms will increase; the Island becomes an integral part of the Dominion in a fuller sense than it has been.

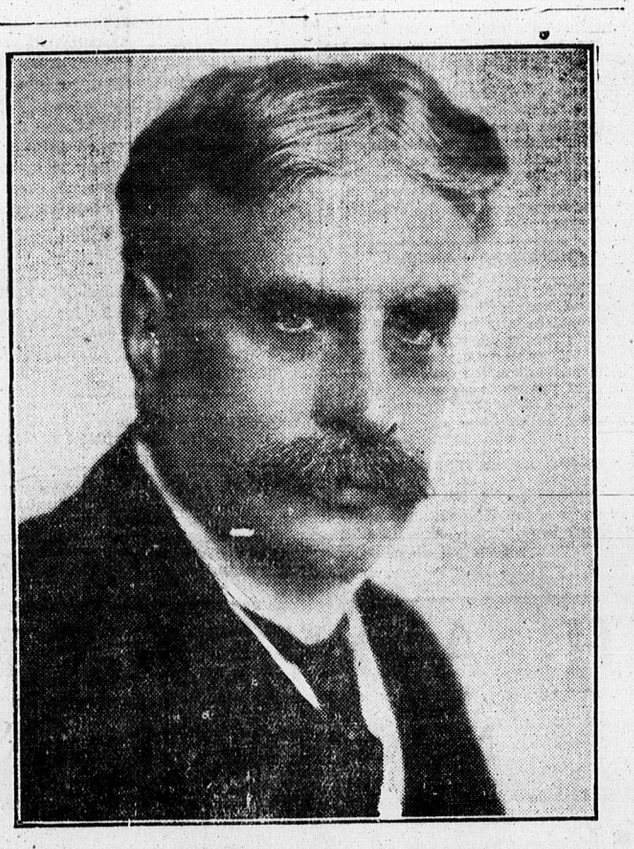
To you, Sir, and to the Government of which you were the honored Leader, we owe this great boon. We feel assured that this new highway will find increasing traffic and be of increasing benefit to our people from year to year. From our hearts we thank you for what you have done in this and other ways for the benefit of Prince Edward Island.

(Signed)
A. E. ARSENAULT,
On behalf of the Province.

SIR ROBERT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SIR ROBERT BORDEN, on rising to acknowledge the address, was accorded a tremendous ovation. He said

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Premier, Ladies and Gentlemen: I am greatly honored in having my name associated with this port, and I am especially fortunate in making my acquaintance with the new method of transportation and with the port itself under such very favorable conditions indeed. I am confident that this new method of communication between this beautiful island and the mainland will really serve the purpose for which it is intended. As the Premier has said, the work is not yet completed. We shall have to learn as we go forward what more is needed. We know already that certain things are required. In the midst of the great war in which our Dominion and the whole Empire and three-quarters of the world are engaged at the present time it has been necessary in some parts of the country to stay great public works for the reason that the enormous burdens imposed upon Canada, in common with the rest of the Empire, have made it essential that we should husband our resources. I know that I am speaking on behalf of my colleagues when I say that at the earliest moment practicable further matters that require attention will receive that attention. It is a great satisfaction to know that this method of transportation is proving a great advantage to the people of the Island. That is only an earnest, I am sure of the still greater advantage which will come when everything has reached its final stage and when the work is in full operation. I think this is the first occasion on which my colleague and I have had the opportunity of crossing by the Car Ferry. We are making a circuit of a considerable portion of the Dominion for reasons which I need not dwell upon this morning, and I may incidentally mention that it has not been our custom in the past to travel around in company with each other, as we are doing now (Laughter and applause.) However, we have succeeded in composing any differences for the time being that have unfortunately arisen, and while I will not reveal any secrets to you now, while I will not say whether we belong to one political party or another, I may say this: that we are here today, as we are around the Council Board of Canada, not one political party or the other, but simply as Canadians. (cheers. Hear, hear), to render the best service we can to our country when the country certainly does need the service of all true Canadians. (applause.) I hope that this Island, and especially the district surrounding this port, may receive great advantage from the work that has been undertaken and carried out. We look upon Prince Edward Island, and indeed you know it as well as I do,—we look upon Prince Edward Island as the garden of the whole Dominion (cheers.) Some of us have not had an opportunity of knowing as much of it as we should like, but it is my especial hope that some time, and I trust it will not be in the distant but the immediate future, I may be able to spend some time among you and knowing at first hand, not from accounts given me by others, of the beauty of the Island in almost every part of it (applause.) I trust that what has been undertaken during the past two years will be a great advantage; that the prosperity which I believe the people of the Island are now enjoying in a very great measure may be only an earnest of greater prosperity and development in the future. We are all in the service of our country at the present time in one way or another, whether it be those who stand in the trenches over there, or those at home; we are giving the best service we can, when the service of all true men and all true women as well, is so urgently required. I am very glad to see ladies here this morning and to pay a tribute, as every man in Canada ought to pay a tribute, to the splendid service which they have given since the outbreak of war, and especially for all those works of mercy and of aid for which they have been conspicuous. (applause.) The ideals for which this war is being fought ought to appeal, and I believe they do appeal, with a special force to the womanhood of Canada, because this war is really being fought to uphold the higher standards and ideals of humanity to which women now and in the past have contributed, I believe, more than the men (applause.) We are grateful for their presence here, and look forward with much anticipation to their share and influence in the public life of this country in the future. There will perhaps—indeed, there will be beyond doubt, a new Canada in the future, when upon the public life of the country there is poured forth the influence which must come from the hundreds of thousands of men who come back from the front with a broader vision and a greater ideal from having played their part as men in the great theatre of the world's drama and the greatest drama all human history has ever known; and with their influence and that of the women in the future upon the public life of this country we cannot but hope for the best; and God grant that Canada of the future, not only in material development but in all the ideals that make for the real greatness of a nation,—that Canada of the future may be all that we can hope for and all that we can picture (Loud applause.)



R. L. Borden

HON. FRANK B. CARVELL, Minister of Public Works, followed. He was given an unmistakably enthusiastic reception. He remarked on the benefit of the Car Ferry as a means of transportation. He had visited the Island a great many times, he said, and he had never come here without realizing the lack of transportation facilities. There had been no criticism from any person or party or body of men in the House of Commons or in Canada over producing to Prince Edward Island the great facilities it now enjoyed. (Cheers.) It had been remarked by Sir Robert Borden that he and Mr. Carvell had not always travelled together, and that was quite true, but the mission on which they were now engaged was one in which broader principles were involved. He had great confidence that the war would be won and won properly, and as Minister of Public Works, he would assure them that the affairs of that department would be conducted with an eye single to the elimination of extravagance in any shape or form, and that the resources of Canada would be directed to the vigorous prosecution of the war to a successful termination. As Minister of Public Works he would ask them to request the expenditure of much money while the war was going on, because the first and only duty of Canada today is diligently and faithfully to prosecute the war to a victorious issue.

AT KENSINGTON

The party then proceeded to Summerside and stopped at Kensington for a short time, while the Prime Minister and Mr. Carvell, in view of the tremendous crowd that had gathered at the station, yielded to an entreaty to speak. As the train drew into the station three rousing cheers were proposed, first to "Sir Robert Borden, Prime Minister of Canada" and then to "Hon. Frank B. Carvell, Minister of Public Works, the man who made Union Government possible."

SIR ROBERT BORDEN said he was very happy to be there and to have the opportunity of saying a few words. He knew they all realized that everyone in this country, man or woman, must give to the country the best service of which he or she was capable. **"The men who have gathered around the Council Board of Canada, drawn practically in equal numbers from both political parties, are sitting there, not as Liberals or Conservatives, but as Canadians, and** in that way they have joined together to give their best united effort to their country at a time when the country most needs it. I know that the response of the people of this Island to the call of duty has been as splendid as in any part of Canada. That spirit, I am sure, will animate you to the end, and our country does indeed owe a great debt of gratitude to those young men who, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, have gone forth freely and voluntarily to discharge the highest duty that any man can give to his country. Our country and the whole Empire need that service to be continued to the end. We could not have stood out of this war. If we had stood out of it we would have had to fight the battle later on under much more disadvantageous conditions. This war was forced upon us; forced upon the world through the desire of Germany to dominate the world. They believe they will dominate it because they believe their nerve will last longer than ours,—that our spirit will fail and that in the end their domination will extend over the world because they deserve to dominate! We do not agree with that. Certainly our men who are over in the trenches do not agree with it. **They are supremely confident they can do their part, if Canada will stand behind them!** Canada sent them forth under pledge of her honor, **and I believe Canada will stand behind them!** (Loud applause.)

Canada will stand behind them to the end (applause.) In order that that purpose may be accomplished we have called on the people of Canada, under a law that has been in existence on the statute book of this country for forty-nine years to give their service when the country needs it. The statute which has been passed is that every man, and every woman for that matter, in Canada, shall give the best service of which he or she is capable, and if our spirit is maintained as it was in August, 1914, and as it has been ever since, you may be assured that our men overseas will have the opportunity to do their part, that their spirit will not be broken by feeling that their country has abandoned and betrayed them. With that spirit animating us, who are really in the second battle line while they are in the first,—with that spirit animating us as well as them, **I am sure you will send a message of hope and confidence to our boys at the front, when your determination is announced on the 17th of this month.** I just leave it with you, hoping that you will realize that the responsibility is upon every man and woman of you, by vote and voice and influence, to do your part in sustaining the efforts of Canada in this war and supporting our boys in France and Belgium." (Applause.)

MR. F. B. CARVELL said he could only voice the sentiments expressed by Sir Robert Borden and say to the people that the sole purpose of the organization of the Union Government was that the people of Canada might carry out the pledge which had

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