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A STATESMAN PASSES

One of Canada's greatest statesmen has gone out, practically, with one of the greatest years in Canadian history, in the person of Sir George E. Foster.

When Sir George entered political life he did so from the temperance platform. A university professor by profession, he was an ardent temperance reformer by choice.

Sir George was well known in this Province, and was last heard in the 1925 election campaign, when, although advanced in years, he showed that he had lost none of his platform power and effectiveness.

Latterly Sir George had been a convinced and eloquent supporter of the League of Nations.

THE CLOSING YEAR

At midnight this evening the year 1931 passes into history, and a new year, with new hopes and expectations, dawns upon the world.

The year 1930 closed with reports of continued industrial depression in many countries. The press carried news of a disastrous earthquake and tidal wave in Australia.

The early months of 1931 saw disastrous occurrences by sea and land. The Philippine Islands were swept by a terrific typhoon.

A year ago the Nationalist government of China appeared to have a fair chance of bringing order and peace to the harassed country over which it ruled.

THE YEAR IN CANADA

Canadian activities in 1931 and prospects for the coming year have been well reviewed in Mr. Frank Yeigh's article published in yesterday's Guardian.

Indicative of the soundness of Canada was the prompt oversubscription of the National Service Loan, a huge issue of \$150,000,000, or approximately \$15 for every person in the Dominion.

On June 5 an important agreement was signed between the Canadian and Australian governments giving Canada, among other concessions, the benefit of the British preferential tariff on 415 out of 433 items which make up the Australian customs tariff.

LOCAL EVENTS

In this Province a new era in transportation history was marked by the inauguration of the new car ferry service provided by the S. S. Charlottetown, and the opening of the magnificent Canadian National Hotel.

Another event of importance in transportation history was the opening of the Upton Airport which was made the occasion of a visit of the Trans-Canada Air Pageant.

In public health services there was also a decided improvement. Many of the activities hitherto carried on by the Red Cross Society were taken over by the Provincial Government.

The situation in India is a matter of grave uncertainty. The comparative failure of the Second Round Table Conference in London and the return home of Mahatma Gandhi muttering dire threats of a further campaign of civil disobedience and resistance, are fresh in all our readers' minds.

The closing months of the year saw the outbreak of hostilities between China and Japan in Manchuria. Trouble between the two countries had been smouldering for some time.

The provincial general elections resulted in the return of the Conservative party under the leadership of the Hon. J. D. Stewart, K.C. as Premier and Attorney General.



FROM "IN MEMORIAM"

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light: The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow: The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind, For those that here we see no more; Ring out the feud of rich and poor, Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause, And ancient forms of party strife; Ring in the nobler modes of life, With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin, The faithless coldness of the times; Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes, But bring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood, The civic slander and the spite; Ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease; Ring out the narrowing lust of gold; Ring out the thousand wars of old, Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free, The larger heart, the kindlier hand; Ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—Lord Tennyson.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The moving finger has written its record for 1931 and, having writ, moves on to write the history of another year.

A German Pathologist when asked why nervous diseases were becoming more common gave as his opinion that there were no silent places in the cities.

Britain's standing policy was expressed years ago in the Balfour statement. The Motherland held that the question of responsibility for the war had only a minor bearing on the means of paying for it.

Great Britain is still a creditor country with overseas investments valued at 3,500,000,000 pounds, and she is quite capable of restoring her adverse trade balance and thus stabilizing the pound at a reasonable level.

For all its provincial rivalries the hostility between the North and the South, China has an inherent unity consolidated over thousands of years, says the Hong Kong press.

A cordial welcome has also been extended by Charlottetown citizens to the Rev. G. Carlyle Webster, recently inducted as pastor of Zion Presbyterian Church.

That Charlottetown as a convention city is gaining in popularity was evident from the number of conventions held during 1931.

It is unfortunate, says the Glasgow Herald that France, the Great Power that rejected the international gospel, "in time of peace prepare for peace," has no such strong instrument with which to bend others to her will.

LOCAL EVENTS, 1931

Jan. 1: Large attendance at New Year's Day reception at residences of His Honour Lieutenant Governor Dalton and His Worship Mayor Prowse.

Jan. 6: A resolution requesting the City Council to provide a rest room in the Market Building was passed at the annual meeting of the Tourist Association.

Jan. 10-11: First severe blizzard of the winter swept the province. The storm continued for eighteen hours, blocking railway lines.

Jan. 12: Winter air mail service instituted between Moncton and Charlottetown.

Jan. 13: Death of Mr. J. A. Ritchie, Charlottetown.

Jan. 14: Grand Jury at opening of the January term of the Supreme Court expressed alarm at the increasing number of accidents on the public highway.

Jan. 15: George Smith, Hunter River, acquitted on charge of manslaughter in connection with a highway accident resulting in the death of Mrs. John Darrach at Brookfield.

Jan. 15: Death of Mr. Walter Matheson, Charlottetown.

Jan. 16: George Warren, aged 90, burned to death in fire which destroyed his dwelling house at Fortunate Cove.

Jan. 17: Death of Captain John Gillis, Charlottetown.

Jan. 19: Hon. Justice J. D. Hyndman, of the Appellate Division, Supreme Court, of Alberta, a native of Charlottetown, appointed president of the Pensions Appeal Court, Ottawa.

Jan. 27: Farmers' Week opened with largely attended meeting of Provincial Dairy Association in Prince of Wales College hall.

Jan. 29: World's highest price paid for a silver fox pelt in 1931 was obtained for a pelt from McLure and MacKinnon Silver Fox Farm Limited, Charlottetown.

Feb. 2: First hearing of Pensions Tribunal in Charlottetown. The presiding officers were Colonel L. H. MacKenzie, D. S. O., and Colonel N. P. MacLeod, M. C.

Feb. 2: Death of Ivan Malloy, of Chandler, Gaspe, P. Q., a University student here, under tragic circumstances.

Feb. 18: Death of John A. MacLeod, Water Street, for over fifty years a merchant tailor of Charlottetown.

Feb. 21: Paardeberg anniversary observed by parade of war veterans and attendance at service at St. Dunstan's Basilica.

Feb. 23: Mrs. J. A. Mathieson re-appointed Regent of the Royal Edward Chapter, I. O. O. E., at annual meeting.

Feb. 24: Civic Election in Summerside resulted in the election by acclamation of Mayor W. J. Lidstone, Couns. L. M. MacNeill, and E. H. Strong, K. C.

Feb. 25: By-law providing for the reorganization of the Charlottetown Fire Department passed by City Council.

Feb. 27: Resumption of train service after three days' tie-up due to snow blizzard. The cuttings, in some places thirty feet deep, necessitated the use of two rotary ploughs in addition to the regular snow fighting equipment.

March 9: Appointment of Mr. Angus McEachern to the position of Chief of the City Fire Department, and of Mr. Frank Hennessey as Assistant Chief, in succession to retiring Chief Thomas Rananahan, and Assistant Chief Albert Large.

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