Press Comment On Massey Appointment

(By The Canadian Press)

Following is editorial comment of Canadian newspapers on the appointment of Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey as Governor-General:

Toronto Telegram (Ind.) — "This appointment . . . . will be resented by many Canadians and regretted by many more because the door has now been opened to the eventual degradation of the high office of governor-general to the level of an avidly sought political plum, a reward for party service . . having determined to make this break with tradition and sentiment, the Dominion Government could have made no better choice in Canada than that of Mr. Massey."

Toronto Star (Ind. Lib.) — "It took a long time to happen, but Canada has at last taken a step in self-determination which forward-looking autonomy-living Canadians have anticipated for many years.

Ottawa Citizen (Ind. Lib.): "It now will be his opportunity and challenge to show that the critics were unduly apprehensive, that he can be as acceptable as governor-general as the majority of those who have come from the United Kingdom on behalf of the crown.

"It may very well prove to be so. Nevertheless, it is to be hoped that the new departure does not mean the automatic selection of a Canadian as governor-general of Canada in the future. The Commonwealth, including Britain itself, is large enough to offer a wide scope for selection. Only considerations of the narrowest sort of nationalism would preclude ventures into this wider arena."

Hamilton Spectator (Ind.) — "As long as there has been a Canada we have had one especially intimate link with the country across the sea to which we owe our freedom, or institutions, and our independence. . . . on Jan. 24, 1952 this tradition was abruptly and harshly broken . . . . no matter how it is dressed up it is from now on frankly a domestic matter. The throne is to be Ottawa."

The London (Ont.) Free Press (Ind.): — "The Free Press has not been in favor of naming a Canadian. We feel that it is another step in the apparent policy of Ottawa to cut all possible moorings from Great Britain. There will always be the danger of Rideau Hall becoming involved in politics.

"However, if we have to have a Canadian, and the present government is determined on this policy, there could be no better choice than Mr. Massey."

Quebec L'Action Catholique (Ind.) — "The logical conclusion of our political evolution."

Quebec L'Evenement - Journal (Ind.) — "There is . . . . no reason to celebrate, nor criticize this event, the significance of which is limited to a change in the historical tradition."

Quebec Chronicle - Telegraph (Ind.) — "Even parliament did not have the opportunity to discuss the innovation."

Windsor Star (Ind.) — "It took courage for the Canadian Government to decide on it, and probably it has alienated many Canadians who have a high and sincere regard for tradition. Mr. Massey was the logical choice as the first Canadian to become governor-general . . . (his appointment) does not mean . . . . that all his successors have to be Canadians."

Edmonton Journal (Ind.) — "The change . . . . perhaps was inevitable, with the growth of national feeling, but it does represent the breaking of a tradition which had much value. The timing of the move, too, is distinctly unfortunate. It comes at a moment when Britain's post-war difficulties are at their height . . . ."

Calgary Albertan (Ind.) — "This fine scholar and great Canadian (Massey) well knows that the office of Canada's governor-general is not merged in the man but the man in the office. He will prove a worthy and acceptable tenant at Rideau Hall."

The Halifax Chronicle-Herald (Ind.)—"Whatever the sentiments, before this nomination, of those who were against the appointment of a Canadian to this post of eminence under the crown, the nomination of Mr. Massey will meet with general approbation and praise, not unmixed with some degree of pride that Canada has at her call a son of such parts as to merit and receive this accolade from the King."

The Saint John Telegraph-Journal (Ind.) — "Without question there are many Canadians who will receive the news with a sense of misgiving — not because they have any doubts as to the high qualifications of Mr. Massey for this eminent office, but because the step represents to them the breaking of another traditional link between Canada and Great Britain."

The Fredericton Daily Gleaner (Ind.) — "The development also plunges a two-edged sword through the constitutional fiction surrounding the Dominion's vice-regal office. There is the revolutionary change of naming a Canadian, wrought by our growing independence while still a part of the Commonwealth; and there is the controversial risk in naming for the first time a Canadian who is subject to identity with a certain political party, a particular social class and a well-defined geographical section."

Charlottetown Guardian (Ind. Con.)—Whether this change in Canada's constitutional development will prove beneficial or not is a matter of dispute, but there can be no question as to the high attainments of the appointee. The danger lies in bringing the governor generalship so close to the field of party politics in Canada.

Lethbridge Herald (Ind. Lib.)—"The appointment of a Canadian (was) expected but . . . We thought it better that the practice of long years should be continued . . . The choice of Mr. Massey . . . unquestionably is the best selection that could be made . . ."

Calgary Herald (Ind.)—" . . . We offer no apology to anyone for saying forthrightly that, to us, this is a drab and melancholy milestone in Canadian history . . It is an ineradicable black mark on this government's record, and we predict that the men responsible will live to regret . . . this week's stealthy, furtive, weak-willed and knavish work . . . We are not attacking the man who is to be the first and rightfully proud holder of that high office . . . but it did not have to be a Canadian and it should not have been a Canadian."

Vancouver News-Herald (Lib.)—"The appointment will mark the beginning of another stage in the march of Canada toward national maturity and self-realization . . . It is in keeping with its spirit that Canadians should have a Canadian as their governor-general."

Vancouver Daily Province (Ind.)—"The Canadian people will hope that this experiment proves a happy one . . . If there is one element of doubt in the appointment it is the fact that his early career was definitely connected with one political party . . ."

Victoria Times (Ind.)—"Having decided that the time has come to have a Canadian fill the position no more suitable appointee could have been selected than Mr. Massey. His life-long service to Canada, capped recently by his authorship of the Massey Report, makes him as an excellent choice."

Winnipeg Free Press (Ind. Lib.) " . . . The first Canadian to be governor general is himself a symbol of the natural development of Canada in a constitutional sense, a development not toward separation from Britain but toward that closer association which is only possible among equals and increasingly close because of that equality."

Montreal Star (Ind.)—"It is our belief that the best possible choice has been made . . . The fear was expressed in these columns that any change in the traditional system might weaken the deep and affectionate respect for the Crown and the person of His Majesty. Two facts should now be made clear. The first is these fears are in no way strengthened by Mr. Massey's appointment . . . . The other fact is (that) the action . . . does not in any respect tie the hands of this government or its successors . ."

Montreal Gazette (Ind. Con.)—"There was no need for haste in appointing a successor . . . the trouble lies not in the appointment of Mr. Massey himself. It lies in the abuses to which the new procedure will be open."

Montreal Le Devoir (Ind.)—(The Government) "has presented us with a fait accompli . . . and (it) is good. We will no longer import our governors general . . . the Government has chosen a man of great value . . ."

Montreal La Patrie (Ind.)—"There is, in this announcement, more of history than just words . . . The emancipation of Canada seems almost complete . . . Lord Alexander who closes brilliantly one era and the Right Honorable Vincent Massey who opens another with prestige."

Montreal La Presse (Ind)—"A most important step in our constitutional history . . . . His (Massey's) nomination is received with favor in Great Britain; and it will not be less in Canada."

Toronto Globe and Mail (Ind.)—"There is one ground on which all Canadians can meet in welcoming this appointment and that is Mr. Massey's distinguished personal fitness for the high post he is to fill . . . The very fact of Mr. Massey's elevation has shown that this innovation could occur with no objection from the people in Canada itself. What they fear is the setting of a precedent that every future governor-general must be a Canadian, even if nobody of Mr. Massey's stature is available."

The Moncton Daily Times (Ind.)—"While it would be somewhat of an overstatement to say that this action will tend to weaken the link that binds Canada to the Crown, it does definitely bring the latter to a place where it cannot now be taken as transcending the strife of parties . . . Mr. Massey is certainly an outstanding figure among contemporary Canadians . . . He can be counted on to thoroughly carry the responsibilities and discharge the duties of the vice-regal post with the fine dignity and deep sincerity of purpose that have ever marked his notable career."

FAMOUS FORCE

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police was first organized as the Royal Northwest Mounted in 1873.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N J. Jan 26—(AP)—Police of nearby Raritan township issued a general alarm today for two missing drums of highly dangerous potassium cyanide that rolled off a truck. Potassium cyanide is deadly poison and contact with the contents of the drums would prove fatal.

New Lieutenant-Governor Of Ontario Is Veteran In Political Field

Although not officially announced yet, Louis O. Breithaupt, seen above with his family, will be the new Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. A Liberal member of the House of Commons for Waterloo North, the businessman of German-American descent, will resign his seat—Liberal since 1917, and represented by the late Mackenzie King—to command vice-regal post vacated by Hon. Raymond Lawson. Service in the political field has been a characteristic of the Breithaupts since they came to Canada from Buffalo 100 years ago. At 32 Louis became the youngest mayor Kitchener, Ont., ever had, and at 61 he is the first of his racial background to be chosen for such a high honor.

Living High On A Low Income

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Be sure to read "Living High On A Low Income" in February Reader's Digest. It's just one of 45 articles of lasting interest, condensed from leading magazines, current books.

Bogus Doctor At Loss For Next Move

NEW YORK, Jan. 26—(AP)—A bright young man, who never finished high school but who won acclaim as a skilled surgeon, is trying to decide what to do next.

"Being an imposter is a tough habit to break," he says.

Despite his lack of schooling, Ferdinand Waldo Demara, Jr., 30, has posed successfully as a doctor of philosophy, an eminent zoologist, and has been, among other things, a college psychology professor and Trappist monk.

But the collapse of his latest master hoax, during which he performed brilliant operations as a surgeon in the Royal Canadian Navy, has left him uncertain.

"I'm tired of aliases, or as I prefer to think of them, noms de plume," he said. "But how can I use my own name after all that's happened?"

At his parents' home in Lawrence, Mass., Demara told his story to Life Magazine, which gives the account in its Jan. 28 issue, out today.

Demara used the name and credentials of Dr. Joseph C. Cyr, of Grand Falls, N.B., to get his surgeon's commission, much as he had used academic records of others in his other roles.

Newspaper accounts of his spectacularly successful operations on wounded Korean soldiers led to discovery of the fraud last November, and the Canadian Navy brought him home and quietly discharged him.

Demara, who concedes he "always wanted short cuts," previously passed himself off as various noted scholars, attended educational conclaves, was a deputy sheriff, American soldier and sailor and twice a hospital orderly.

As a one-time psychology professor at St. Martin's College, in Lacey, Wash., Demara said "I just kept ahead of the class. The best way to learn anything is to teach it."

Experiences As Doctor

His story, which Life says has "stood up" against careful checking, relates these experiences as a "doctor":

When commissioned as a surgeon-lieutenant last March, his first duty was at the sick bay in Halifax's naval hospital. By consulting books, he handled routine cases with ease and treated some psychiatric patients.

"There's no mystery about psychiatry," he said. "Anybody with common sense could practice it."

Assigned to the destroyer Cayuga, his first problem arose when the ship's skipper, Cmdr. James Plomer, needed a tooth pulled.

"I told him to wait until morning," Demara said. "That night I stayed in my cabin, reading up on dentistry, which was all new to me. In the morning, I shot the skipper's jaw full of novocain and out came the tooth; no trouble at all."

First Serious Case

His first serious case came one day in September when a wounded South Korean soldier was brought aboard from a junk with a bullet near his heart.

"I couldn't have been nervous even if I felt like it," Demara said. "Practically everybody on the ship was standing there, watching me."

After administering pentothal sodium as an anaesthetic, Demara worked swiftly, opening the chest with incisions above the heart and along the breastbone.

"I kept one basic principle in my mind," he said. "The less cutting you do, the less patching up you have to do afterward."

After finding the bullet within a fraction of an inch of the heart, Demara said, "I was afraid he'd haemorrhage when I took out the bullet. But he didn't. I pulled it out and slipped some gelfoam, a coagulating agent, into the wound and it clotted almost immediately."

Demara sewed up the incisions, wrapped the chest tightly, gave the man an injection of 1,500,000 units of penicillin and 12 hours later the man walked off the ship.

Demara also told of performing various other operations in Korea, including a complex resection, or lung removal. He did this after reading accounts of such an operation on the King.

Not Dropping Terms "Royal" Or "Dominion"

OTTAWA, Jan. 26 — (CP) — Prime Minister St. Laurent said with emphasis Friday that the official term "royal" stands in no peril from his government and added that he wouldn't object to seeing Canada called a kingdom instead of a dominion.

A government mail truck without the words "Royal Mail" on its side stopped outside his office window as he told these things to a 90-minute press conference, causing chuckles all around. But the Prime Minister reiterated that neither the term royal mail nor any other proper use of the term royal stands in jeopardy and it would be "silly" to suggest that they should.

He championed the Commonwealth's monarchical-cabinet system of government as the best yet devised and struck back on three fronts at any suggestions that his government is taking steps which might weaken Canada's ties with the crown.

All A Mystery

Speaking with a lawyer's pasion for detail and with a party leader's sense of parliamentary battles that may soon break on these issues, he said:

1. It's beyond him how all the controversy grew up about alleged government plans to eliminate the term royal mail. Nothing has been done and nothing will be done to interfere with use of that term even though the government still is trying to find out how it originated. The proper use of the term royal is an honor and a privilege.

2. The official name of Canada is Canada. Both the British North America Act of 1867 and the Westminster Statute of 1931 say so. In rooting the term "Dominion of Canada" from official laws and documents, the government is simply "trying to correct an error" that has crept into official usagge. But people who want to wipe out the term dominion entirely are going too far.

3. Whether her people like it or not — and some Canadians think it implies inferiority, he said — Canada is a dominion just as Ontario is a province and Ottawa a city. The Confederation law — the B.N.A. Act—specifically says the three provinces existing in 1867 "shall form one dominion under the name of Canada."

4. Since 1926 all self-governing countries in the Commonwealth have been fully equal in status. All but one are dominions. The other, the United Kingdom, is a kingdom. The Liberal Government would have no objection to the term kingdom for Canada but whether it would be appropriate to alter the laws to do so is a move which would have to get consideration.

5. Appointment of a Canadian, Vincent Massey, as Canada's first home-grown governor-general will not weaken ties with the crown. It certainly will be possible for Britons to become Canadian governors-general in the future. He sees no reason why Canadians should not be considered fit to represent the King.

Mr. St. Laurent said a search of the records has shown that the post office has done nothing to interfere with the use of the term royal mail, as suggested by Opposition members of Parliament

In fact, he said, the form of contract for those who carry the mail says the carriers are required to bear the royal coat of arms, the terms royal mail and the initials V.R. (George Rex).

Just then someone spotted a mail truck outside the East Block window without "Royal Mail" on its flank. Jack Pickersgill, Mr. St. Laurent's special assistant, said there were several like that around Ottawa and had been for some time and it was a mystery.

White Cane Week Gives Big Boost In Aid Of Blind

TORONTO, Jan. 26 — (CP) — Canada's seventh Annual White Cane Week, set aside in tribute to the more than 18,000 blind Canadians, will be held February 10-16.

Rehabilitation of the blind is the theme of the observance this year, sponsored by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and the Canadian Council of the Blind.

"In these days when Canadians are thinking more and more about the rehabilitation of handicapped citizens, it is fitting that they should give one week to consideration of the problems of those handicapped by the loss of physical vision," says Mrs. Sadie Bending, president of the Council.

"Rehabilitation may involve the making of a living but in its deepest sense it involves the making, or remaking, of a life and a soul so that after the detour involved, the individual travels on to victorious living."

A C. N. I. B. release says that while financial support is important, rehabilitation means much to the blind person.

Make Them Friends

Any act which will include a sightless friend in home and social activities is considered a contribution.

On the preventive side, Miss K. I. Thomas of the C. N. I. B. says White Cane Week, with its emphasis on the sightless, is a good time to think about the sighted."

Carelessness with playthings often is responsible for the loss of sight in childhood, says Miss Thomas. Preventable industrial accidents are another cause of blindness.

W. L. Cummings, chairman of publicity for C. N. I. B., says however, most blind persons lose their sight when they enter their sixties, and for these, re-adjustment is difficult.

"The blind are anxious to lead normal lives and enjoy mingling with the sighted wherever possible," he says. "If you have a blind friend, invite him to a party. Offer him a drive the next time you are motoring through the country. Go with him to church or the theatre, and above all, remember your blind friend is a normal person who cannot see."

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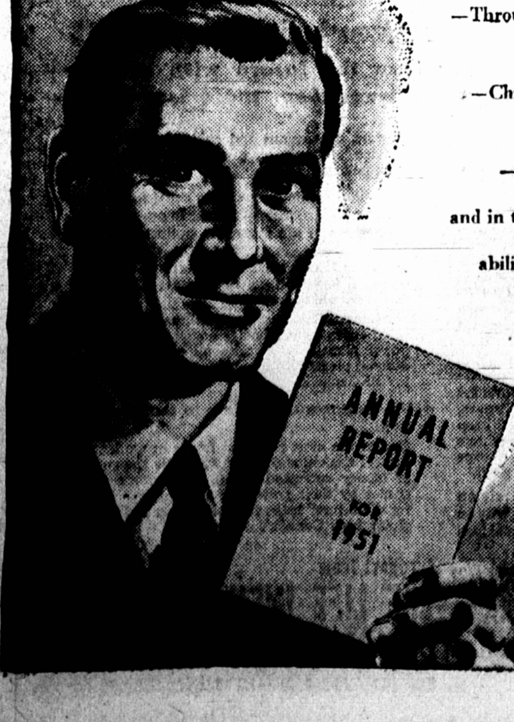

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