

**Here and There**

**Vancouver**—All passenger records for outgoing ships to the Orient from the Pacific Coast up to the middle of August, were shattered when Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia sailed for Yokohama, August 19, with a passenger list of all classes of 517 in addition to many members of the diplomatic and government services returning after vacations.

**Diwan Bahadur S. T. Vijayaraghavacharya** arrived recently from London on Canadian Pacific liner Montcalm at Montreal, en route to Toronto where he will open the National Exhibition at Toronto. The Knight with the lengthy name gets over the difficulty for Canadian lips by stating that it is quite proper to address him as "The Diwan." He may tour other Canadian cities on leaving Toronto.

**Banff Springs**—"The last time I visited Banff was over 30 years ago and the trip this year has been a most wonderful revelation," said Brigadier-General H. S. Birkett, of Montreal, who stayed at the Banff Springs Hotel on his return from a trip to Alaska. This coincides with the opinion of Morley Roberts, famous English novelist, who after a forty year absence from the West, took part in the last Trail Riders expedition early in August.

**Calgary**—This city had an exciting moment recently when the Most Honorable the Marquis of Salisbury, leader of the British Conservative party in the House of Lords was made an Indian Chief of the Sarcee and given the name of "Eagle Plume." The ceremony was conducted with all solemnity. His Lordship kneeling on a blanket to receive the honor and being at the same time presented with a handsome beaded buckskin vest and gloves.

**Beating the train to the crossing** is always a risk in favor of the train but when a motorist halts his car and waits until an engine is almost alongside him before he tries to get over, then the risk becomes an absolute certainty—against the motorist. This was the case recently in Toronto where a car was signalled to stop by the watchman at a crossing, obeyed the signal, and then decided he would still try and get over. Fortunately there were no injuries and the only sufferer was the automobile.

**Pictures of Gertrude Ederle's** swimming of the English Channel were sent aboard Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Scotland at the last minute at Southampton and then passed to a waterplane near Antioch and by it delivered to airplanes at Rimouki, thus beating other pictures speeding to New York on ocean liners by a full twenty-four hours. This is regarded as one of the cleverest and speediest methods of reaching this continent from Great Britain that has ever been successfully accomplished.

**Members of the Empire Parliamentary Association**, numbering twenty-one delegates from the Parliaments of the United Kingdom and the Irish Free State arrived in Canada recently on board Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Scotland. They travelled across the Dominion from Quebec to Vancouver, stopping en route at Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver. They sailed by S.S. Ausang from Vancouver, August 25 for Sydney, Australia, where they will attend the Association Conference to be held in September and October.

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# The Customs Scandal

With the customs investigation still far from finished, the King Government already stands convicted of having co-operated with smugglers, bootleggers, dopesters and thieves, and of having thus been a party to defrauding the National Treasury, strangling legitimate business, debauching officials, high and low, thwarting the administration of justice, and bribing the electorate!

To cite but a few instances—already proven—from its appalling record of malfeasance:

- 1 Stolen automobiles, smuggled into Canada with the connivance of Customs officials, were sold for a pittance to friends of the King Government, and those found guilty were allowed not only to go unpunished but to continue their nefarious trade.
- 2 Smuggled liquor selling was engaged in on a large scale by Customs officials whose duty it was to protect the Treasury.
- 3 Corrupt officials were unpunished and promoted; honest officials were punished and demoted.
- 4 Prison-made goods are on the prohibited list, yet tons and tons of such goods, produced in prisons where contagious diseases were prevalent among the inmates, were smuggled into Canada for sale to innocent Canadian consumers, with the direct knowledge and co-operation of Government officials.
- 5 Police officers—members of the incorruptible Royal Canadian Mounted—were withdrawn from the Quebec boundary line at the request of the smuggling ring. Honest traders had asked for increased police protection, but the King Government preferred to grant the request of those who were defrauding the public revenue.
- 6 Guilty knowledge even in 1923 of the frauds that were being practised has been proven against the King Government beyond the shadow of a doubt. Time and again, in 1924 and 1925, the Commercial Protective Association—an organization of business men—placed before Mr. King irrefutable evidences of it, that they had succeeded in tracing down at their own expense. With his Government hopelessly entangled with Canada's criminal element, Mr. King did not—dared not—take any action to remedy the appalling conditions.
- 7 A total revenue loss estimated at \$35,000,000 per year was the result of the smuggling thus condoned by the King Government.
- 8 A \$54,800 loss was sustained in one case alone when Mr. Cardin, Acting Minister of Customs and Excise, settled for \$3,200 with a dishonest importer, who, according to Mr. Cardin's own officials, had cheated the Treasury out of duties amounting to \$58,000. This deal was consummated just previous to the last election.
- 9 Free liquor, from Government warehouses in Montreal, was supplied in generous quantities to members of the King Government and to Government officials in Ottawa, in contravention both of the Federal Law and the Prohibition Law of Ontario.
- 10 The habit-forming drug traffic is one of the worst curses in the world today. Under the protection of the King Government, Montreal became one of the great dope-distributing centres of North America.
- 11 The peak of this corruption, and of this interference with the Customs collection and the administration of justice, is proven by the evidence to have been reached just prior to the general election of October, 1925, when, at the written request of Liberal candidates, Ministers of the Crown called off the Royal Canadian Mounted Police because they were enforcing the law, kept convicted crooks out of jail, and sanctioned Treasury frauds as a means of securing the return of the King Government to power.

Despite the fact that with Mr. Kennedy supporting them, the Liberals had a majority on the investigation committee, that the Chairman Mr. Mercier was a Liberal, and that the Prosecuting Counsel Mr. Calder was a Liberal candidate in the last election, and despite the further fact that the committee sat almost daily for five months, thus affording Liberal members ample opportunity to uncover malfeasance on the part of previous ministries, not one word of proof, not one breath of suspicion, was brought against the administration of the Customs Department under the Laurier, Borden and Meighen Governments, but only against its administration under Mr. William Lyon MacKenzie King!

Has anything more disgraceful ever besmirched the pages of Canadian history? Can a proud and honourable nation, whose people fear God and eschew evil, afford to condone such dishonesty, such corruption, on the part of its leaders and public servants?

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