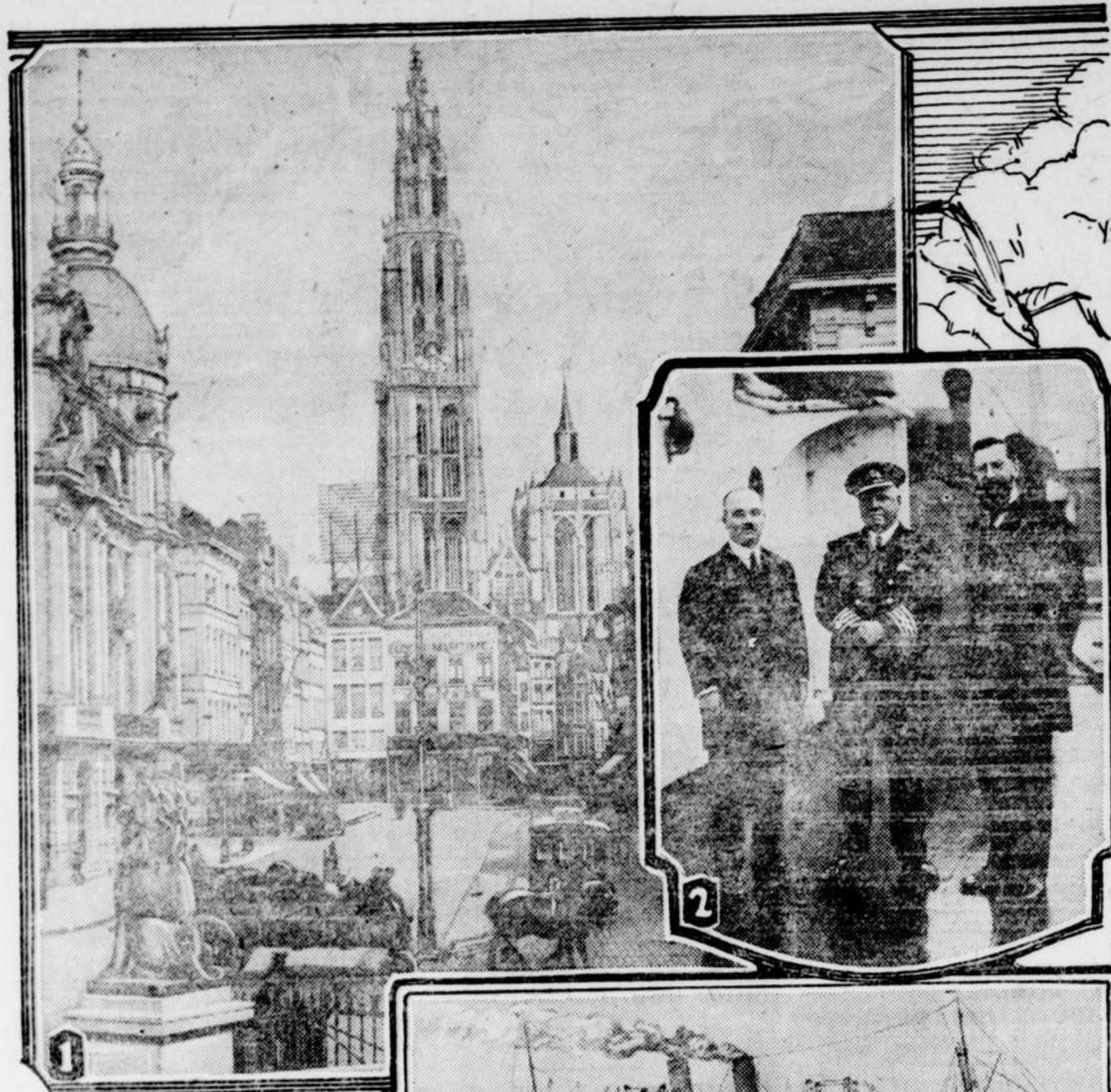


Antwerp Honors Canadian Pacific Ship



1. Street in Antwerp near the port. In the background is the famous cathedral.
 2. On the bridge of the Melita: W. D. Grosset, managing director, Canadian Pacific, Belgium; Captain A. H. Notley, of the Melita; and Mayor van Cauwelaert, Burgomaster of Antwerp.
 3. Canadian Pacific Liner Melita.

Honor was brought to the British shipping world and more especially to the Canadian Pacific liner Melita when on November 14th, she steamed into the harbour of Antwerp and was the 10,000th ship to enter that great port during the year. It created a record for the number of ships docking at any European port with the sole exception of London, during such a period.

The occasion was marked by fetes throughout the city in which the whole population of Antwerp took part. Telegrams of congratulation were sent by notabilities from all over Belgium, including one from King Albert, and there were great parades of labor, industrial and commercial organizations in the principal streets.

In response to the welcome given the Melita by the city, W. D. Grosset, Managing Director for the Canadian Pacific in Belgium, organized a luncheon aboard the vessel. He was assisted by Capt. A. H. Notley, commander of the ship, and officers. The guests included Mayor Van Cauwelaert, Burgomaster of Antwerp, with several of the Aldermen; Consul-General Rowley, for Great Britain; and a number of industrial heads of the port. Mr. Grosset in his address of welcome said he was proud to think that

S.S. Melita was the 10,000th ship to enter the port of Antwerp since the beginning of the year, both because she flew the British flag and because she was a Canadian Pacific ship. He pointed out that this vessel, the S.S. Minnedosa, the S.S. Montclair and the S.S. Montclair all used the port and during the current year had carried over 10,000 passengers.

Burgomaster Van Cauwelaert read a telegram of congratulation from H.M. the King of Belgium. It was as follows: "I thank you for your thoughtfulness in communicating to me this happy news, and I send to the city of Antwerp with my heartiest congratulations, my sincerest wishes for the ever-growing increase of traffic of the port, most important factor in the prosperity of the country." (Signed) Albert.

Consul-General Rowley said that 10,000 ships within a period of ten months and a half constituted a record for any European port. London excepted. The port was the outlet for an interior navigation throughout the country that represented a total of over 10 million tons. About the same tonnage represented ocean-going vessels using the

port. Its reputation was very high in shipping circles all over the world. Capt. Notley also addressed the gathering in a humorous speech which closed the proceedings.

At night Captain Notley, his officers and crew were entertained at the City Hall at a reception tendered by the Mayor and Aldermen at which Governor Baron Helvoet, Camille Huysmans, Minister of Science and Arts, members of the consular bodies and leading shipping and commercial men were present. Mayor Van Cauwelaert read a telegram from M. Jaspard, Prime Minister of Belgium, announcing that Mr. Grosset and Harbor-Master Captain Stocker had been nominated Knights of the Order of King Leopold. The Mayor in his address took the opportunity to express to the Canadian Pacific Railway his sentiments of esteem and gratitude for a company which in the past twenty years had been a regular customer of the port. He then handed over to Capt. Notley the present given by the city to the crew of the 10,000th ship to enter the port in 1926.

Capt. Notley and the leading guests then wrote their names in the Golden Book of the City of Antwerp.

ago. Within the past fifteen years other reforms of the calendar have been suggested and among other things an arrangement whereby Easter Sunday would be a fixed instead of a movable feast, has been advocated. To study these new proposals a special committee was appointed in 1924 by the League of Nations and has now made a report.

The League Committee

The committee was headed by Prof. van Eysinga of Leyden, and included representatives of the Holy See, the Church of England, the Greek Orthodox Church, the International Chamber of Commerce and the International Astronomical Union. The committee sent questionnaires to the fifty-six States that are members of the League of Nations, to ecclesiastical authorities and to business organizations. It received replies from twenty-seven governments, twenty-six international organizations, eighteen railway administrations and educational bodies in twenty-three countries. It had submitted to it 185 schemes for calendar reform, of which thirty three were from France, twenty-seven from the United States, twenty-four from Germany and five from Great Britain.

Suggested Reforms

The committee classified the scheme as follows: Simple reform—Each of the first three-quarters of the year might consist of ninety-one days, or three months of 30, 30 and 31 days, and the fourth quarter would consist of ninety-two days or three months of 30, 31 and 31 days (32 in leap years). This group of schemes would interfere least with tradition. Partial reform—The year would be divided into four equal quarters of ninety-one days, each quarter consisting of months of 30, 30 and 31 days. The extra, of 365th day would be counted outside the week. It might be called New Year's Day and precede January 1st; Leap Year Day might precede July 1st. Thus, all the quarters would be equal and so would the half years. Each month could contain the same number of working days but, on the other hand,

hand, thirteen, the number of the months, is not divisible and, consequently, the year would not divide conveniently into quarters. Furthermore, the introduction of a blank day in ordinary years and two blank days in leap years would break the continuity of the cycle of weeks.

The Committee's Report

The committee found that the main defects of the present Gregorian calendar were the inequality of its months, quarters and half years and its want of fixity. The defects were a cause, the committee held, of confusion and uncertainty in economic relations, statistics, accounts, commercial and transport figures. At the same time the committee did not feel justified in advocating the adoption of any of the schemes for reform that were submitted to it. Many people in many countries, the committee admitted, had shown interest in the question of calendar reform but, it held, public opinion was not yet prepared to press for immediate action in a particular direction. Insofar as the proposal to fix the date of Easter was concerned, the committee pointed out that the date of the festival now varies in a cycle of years over a period of thirty-five days. This, it was contended, had an unfavorable influence on a number of industries and interfered with the regularity of the scholastic year. Most of the persons who wrote to the committee on the subject favored the selection of the second Sunday in April as Easter Day. The committee itself, in order to avoid the possible coincidence of the feast of the Annunciation with Passion Sunday, preferred to place Easter on the Sunday following the second Saturday in April.

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A Heavy Job

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"Yes, long since," replied his wife. "Is the horses unharnessed and fed?"

"Yes."

"Fowls locked up?"

"Yes."

"Wood chopped for mornin'?"

"Yes."

"Be them ducks plucked and dressed for market?"

"Yes."

"Wagon wheel mended an' ready to start in hauling wood tomorrow morning?"

"Yes."

"Well, then" he concluded with a sigh of relief, "let me have my supper, Mary, and I'll turn in. Farming is beginning to tell on me."

One of His Partners

"Who's the swell guy you was just talkin' to?" asked Tony the hoodlum.

"Aw, him and me's worked together for years," answered Mickey the newsboy. "He's the editor of one of me papers."

Gentlemanly Thing To Do

A distinguished member of the French embassy was a guest at the silver wedding celebration of an eminent bishop.

Leaning over to his neighbor, the Frenchman asked, sotto voce: "Tell me, mon cher, was ces thoes silvario wedding which we celebrate? I do not understand."

"Oh," replied his neighbor (the bishop's nephew), "don't you know? Why my uncle, the bishop, and my aunt have lived together for 25 years without having been separated and without having had any quarrels in that time."

"Ah!" exclaimed the diplomat, heartily, a light breaking upon him. "And now he marry her? Bravo! Bravo!"

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