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## THE BANQUET OF THE MAYOR

Attended By Sir Henry Drayton And Senator Gideon Robertson.  
Mayor Nickle's banquet, Monday night, at the Frontenac Club, marked the close of the business of the city council for 1920. The occasion was one of more than usual interest, because of the presence, as guests of His Worship, of the members of the Dominion tariff commission, Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, and Senator Gideon Robertson, minister of labor. The occasion also presented Dr. J. W. Edwards, M.P., A. E. Rankin, M.P.E., Major-General Sir A. C. Macdonell, Brig-General King, G.O.C., M.D. No. 3, W. F. Nickle, K.C., Brig-General A. E. Ross, C.M.G., M.P.E., W. R. Givens, J. G. Elliott, Elmer T. C. McKinnon, chairman of the Board of Education, Rev. Father Hanley, chairman Roman Catholic Separate School Board, the aldermen, city officials, Chairman R. F. Elliott and members of the Utilities Commission, representatives of the Kingston veterans, and representatives of the new industrial concerns started during the year.

Dr. W. W. Sands, city clerk, acted as toast master. The addresses were all of a high order, full of interest, and were listened to with very close attention. Salubrious orchestra gave a fine musical programme.

Alderman F. J. O'Connor proposed the toast to the "Dominion Government," which was responded to by Sir Henry Drayton, Dr. J. W. Edwards and Senator Robertson.

**Sir Henry Drayton.**  
Sir Henry at the outset expressed his very great pleasure to be present and meet once more such a fine gathering of his constituents. Since Sept. 11th last, he had been on a tour of the whole Dominion in connection with the Dominion tariff commission, where to tax and when to tax. The subject was one that presented tremendous difficulties, but despite the vast amount of work involved, it was abundantly well worth while. It was a good thing to obtain this close and intimate information as to what is wanted and why it is wanted and to see how the maximum revenues were to be obtained with the least effort upon the individual. It was just as much the business of the people as it was of anyone else. The war, then, which we have passed, was just as much the people's war, and the burden was theirs. The task was to find out where to place our feet with the firmest to succeed. It was a fairly heavy job, but Sir Henry said that Canada will do it, and it is worth her while to do it.

Of last year's budget, the sum of \$286,000,000 consisted of items connected directly with war expenditures. The total expenditure for 1914 was \$164,000,000. The advice made to the cabinet before any final action is taken. He was glad to finish his task in Kingston. Many of our difficulties are not difficulties at all. But there exist misunderstandings and ignorance of the real situation. It was necessary to bring the "A.B.C." of the situation before the public points of view—the human point of view that appealed to everybody.

**Extravagance Curtailed.**  
Sir Henry told of the conditions prevailing among the people before the luxury tax was adopted. Extravagance and luxurious expenditure were rampant. It was necessary that the Canadian people should find the value of money, and that extravagant expenditure meant giving away something that had to be replaced with the cost. What happened? With sugar at twenty cents, the people were buying and hoarding. Twenty-two dollar boots, when the tax came, dropped to \$12 with the luxury tax added. There was tremendous inflation and extension of credits, and the piling up of commodities could not go on. The luxury tax caused deflation, and to-day Canada is in a very good condition.

## WILL NOT SUSPEND RAILWAY RATES

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The railway board in the judgment handed down this morning declined to suspend the increased railway rates, which became effective on September 13th. The request for suspension came from the Manitoba government. In refusing the application, the board claims that not withstanding the criticism to which it has been subjected, its findings cannot, on the most searching analysis, be fairly characterized as other than just and reasonable.

## WILL NOT RECOGNIZE THE RAPALLO TREATY

**D'Annunzio Makes Reply to Commander of Italian Troops.**  
Rome, Dec. 21.—Capt. Gabriele D'Annunzio, head of the "Regency of Quarnero" has informed Gen. Cavaglia, commander of the Italian troops along the Dalmatian coast, that he does not recognize the Rapallo treaty and will resist its enforcement. Information from other sources says the regency has decided to fight the treaty to the uttermost. Before officially notifying D'Annunzio of the fact that royal assent had been given to the treaty, Cavaglia wrote the poet fraternally, exhorting him to obey the orders and bow to the country's will. Gen. Cavaglia yesterday received from the soldier-poet, a reply which banishes all hope that the regency will submit peaceably.

## CANADA'S WARSHIPS ARRIVE AT HALIFAX

Halifax, N.S.—H.M.C.S. Aurora, Patriot and Patrician, the cruiser and two destroyers previously sent to Great Britain, today arrived off the harbor this morning, and anchored off the dockyard shortly before eight o'clock.

## REDUCE C.N.R. WORKING HOURS TEN PER CENT.

For Three Months so as Not to Lay Off Any Men.  
Moncton, N. B., Dec. 21.—Beginning Jan. 1st, it is understood that ten per cent reduction in working hours will be put into effect in the Canadian National Railway shops here and all over the system. This management proposed to the employees instead of laying off men, they should consent to a forty-hour week instead forty-four hours, from January first to April first at a meeting of the labor unions here last night this proposal was accepted.

## Insurance Companies Suspend Business

New York, Dec. 21.—One hundred and thirty-eight fire insurance companies are suspending their business in Mississippi when the aggregate policies amount to approximately a billion and a quarter dollars. This action is the outgrowth of a suit filed against them by the state revenue agent of Mississippi, charging that the companies have agreed to combine in restraint of trade.

## Portsmouth Council Finished Year With a Clean Slate

The Portsmouth council held its final meeting of the year on Monday night, and the presentation of the financial report showed that the council had a clean sheet on the year's business. The work of 1920, under Mayor James Halliday and his councillors, has been carried on in a manner, and the people of the village have reason to congratulate themselves.

## Awaits Royal Signature

London, Dec. 21.—Irish Home Rule bill, as slightly modified by the house of lords, was adopted by the house of commons today. The measure now needs only the royal signature to become law.

## Crushed in Machinery

James Patterson, employed at a coal derrick in Prescott was seriously injured internally by becoming entangled in the machinery. He was removed to an hospital at Ogdensburg, N. Y., where he lies in a critical condition.

## The Farmers Are Not Asking For Free Trade, R. J. Vair Declares to the Tariff Commission

### They Would Like a General Reduction Along the Line of Farm Implements and Farm Produce—Point Out the Desirability of Pursuing a Policy That Would Retain the Rising Generation on the Farm—Retail Merchants Express Thanks.

The United Farmers of Frontenac county believe that it is the duty of the government to foster agriculture and to relieve that industry from the many burdens that it now bears. At the final session in Kingston, of the Dominion Tariff Commission, on Monday afternoon, R. J. Vair, Glenburnie, chairman of the committee of the U.F.O. Frontenac county, submitted the following report to the commission: "We, the United Farmers of Frontenac, respectfully beg to call your attention to the fact that this great industry of agriculture is today carried on under disadvantageous conditions. Our main commodities are grain, hogs, cattle and their products milk, butter, cheese, bacon. The basis of the value upon which we sell our products is fixed in the open markets of the world; while, on the other hand, the cost of our implements of production is increased by the operation of this protective tariff. It has been truthfully said by some of our prominent statesmen that our huge war debt must be paid from the six to ten inches of the soil. We therefore believe that it is the duty of our government to foster agriculture and to relieve that industry from the many burdens that it now bears, by placing on the free list agricultural implements, wares for maple syrup and dairy supplies both on farm and in factory, farm and household machinery and utensils, sugar for preserving our fruits, vehicles, fertilizers, coal, building material, cement, gasoline, illuminating fuel and lubricating oils. "2. A very substantial reduction on other commodities in general use by the farming community such as cottons, woollens, boots and shoes, moulded rubber goods, low priced automobiles and trucks. "3. In grateful recognition of the debt we owe the Motherland and of the economic fact that ships for cheap and profitable operation must carry cargoes both ways; a gradual extension of the British preference until within a limited period there shall be no tariff against imports from the United Kingdom. "Keep Young on Farm. "We believe that the pursuit of such a policy would retain the rising generation on the farm, would offer inducements to new-comers to make this, Canada's primary and greatest industry their life's work, thereby eliminating the housing and unemployment problems of the cities; would greatly increase production thus materially lowering the cost of living and would enormously add to the wealth of the nation. "In view of the evidence given by Mr. Daniels, of the Dominion Tariff Commission, before the Cost of Living Commission as to their 310 per cent. profits on actual cash investments; by Mr. Findlay, of the Massey Harris Co., to your Tariff Commission at Winnipeg that his and many others can exist and prosper without tariff protection, and that the Cream Separator Companies of Canada have for many years received no protection and have conducted a successful trade both at home and abroad. We, the United Farmers of Frontenac, are no longer content to be taxed and to be required to provide huge dividends for great corporations. "Want Farms Built Up. James W. Bell, Glenburnie, secretary of the U.F.O. committee, submitting the report to the commission stated that if the government fostered agriculture, it would mean a great benefit to everyone. The speaker was of the opinion that there should be no tax on any of the farm implements. Vair remarked that he was called upon to pay a luxury tax on a new spring wagon, but he was reminded by the chairman of the commission, that there must be some mistake, as there was no luxury tax on spring wagons. Mr. Vair declared that he had no objection to paying a tax if the money went into the Dominion treasury, but he did object very strongly to paying a tax for the benefit of manufacturers. He felt that this was the same position taken by all the farmers in Frontenac county. "We farmers are not out for free trade," said Mr. Vair. "Please get that out of your system. The farmers would like to have a general reduction along the line of farm implements and farm produce." Sir Henry Drayton asked Mr. Vair if farm values were going up. Mr. Vair remarked that many farmers had been selling their farms because they could not work them, and because they could not get men to work them. The chairman wanted information from Mr. Vair as to what he would consider a fair tax, but Mr. Vair said he was not in a position to say. He felt that the men at Ottawa who were well up in the finances of the country, could take this matter up. The farmers did not object to paying a tax, but they wanted the Dominion treasury to get the money, and not have it go as a tribute to some of the manufacturers.

## CATTLE PERISH IN FARM FIRE

The immigrants to Canada for six months totalled 109,856.

## POOR RELIEF FUND

Up until Tuesday morning, the sum of \$138 had been collected for the fund set up to provide some cheer for needy families around the Christmas season. Only three days remain before Christmas, and it is hoped that citizens who are thinking of contributing towards this fund will kindly send their contributions to the Whig office as soon as possible.

Contributor	Amount
Previously acknowledged	\$117.00
A. Friend	1.00
L. M. ....	1.00
M. C. Dunn	3.00
A. Friend	1.00
N. S. ....	3.00
J. Lowry	5.00
F. ...	2.00
G. Holland	5.00
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## 16-1 DISCOUNT ON CANADIAN MONEY

New York, Dec. 21.—New York exchange on Canada, which has been declining rapidly throughout the past week, yesterday went to the lowest rate recorded since the war began. On Wall street the price paid yesterday for drafts on Canadian cities was 83.9 cents per Canadian dollar; which meant that the Canadian dollar, whose intrinsic value is the same as the American, was selling at a discount of 16.1 per cent in New York.

## SHIPS TOOK 12,000 PASSENGERS TO U.S.

Half a Dozen More Large Liners Expected Next Week.  
New York, Dec. 21.—The Christmas rush of immigrants and other passengers anxious to spend the holidays on this side of the Atlantic reached its peak yesterday, when eight trans-Atlantic liners arrived with more than 12,000 passengers. Four of the steamers arrived early enough to unload their 7,000 passengers while the others proceeded to their docks the morning. A half dozen large liners are expected to arrive during the week.

The four early arrivals were the Carmania and Queenstown, respectively; Leopolda, Havre, and De l'Italia, Genoa and Naples. The Carmania and Baltic each had 2,000 passengers. The others were the Imperator, from Southampton and Cherbourg, with 2,000; Drottningholm, Gothenburg; Madonnas, Naples and Marsell; and La Savoie, Havre, each with 1,000.

Among the passenger liners due before Christmas are the Olympic, from Southampton and Cherbourg; Susquehanna, Danzig; Bergenford, Bergen; Hellig Olav, Christiania; Duca d'Aosta, Genoa and Naples; and Neuv Amsterdam, Rotterdam.

## FIRE PROTECTION IN QUEBEC HOTELS

Improvement is Demanded by Commercial Travelers at Montreal.  
Montreal, Dec. 21.—Declaring that they took their lives in their hands every time they went on the roads in the smaller towns of Quebec province, owing to lack of proper fire protection in the hotels, a number of delegates to the annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travelers' Association, held here, urged that the matter be brought to the attention of the provincial government without delay. It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the incoming executive with the understanding that steps should be taken in the New Year.

## RETIRE FROM OFFICE

William Mackenzie Leaves Department of External Affairs.  
Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Official announcement was authorized retirement from the public office of William Mackenzie, who April, 1908, has filled the important position of secretary of imperial foreign correspondence. Mr. Mackenzie, who has been superannuated at his own request, was at the time of his appointment by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in April, 1908, the doyen of the parliamentary press gallery, and probably the best known press correspondent in the capital.

## NO FURTHER REMISSION

Minister of Customs Speaks of Business Profits Tax.  
Ottawa, Dec. 21.—There has been no decision by the government as to removal of the business profits tax, according to Hon. R. W. Wilmot, minister of customs and inland revenue. Mr. Wilmot stated that the only charges contemplated in the taxation measure at the present were those which would be levied on the parties remission of the luxury and manufacturers' taxes Monday morning.

## Resume Phone Hearing

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Notice has been served on the Bell Telephone Company and all interested parties that the final hearing of the Bell Telephone increased rates case will be held in Ottawa, on Jan. 5th, next. The hearing, it is expected, will take up at least the balance of the week. A decision can hardly be expected, in the opinion of those most closely in touch with the case, till late in January.

## BOY ACCIDENTALLY KILLS HIS MOTHER

Moosomin, Sask., Dec. 21.—Mrs. C. C. Mitchell, wife of a farmer living five miles south of here, was accidentally shot and killed by her ten-year-old son, whose father had given the boy a gun to take into the house.

## Saw Road Planked For Governor-General

Bellefleur, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Catherine Finkle, who has just celebrated her eightieth birthday, has spent her entire life on the Pinkle homestead, front of Sydney. She knew the front of the township when Indians were numerous, saw farms worked with sturdy men, was a member of the road between Toronto and Kingston, was laid with plank for the governor-general to ride over. She saw the first steamboat on the Bay of Quinte, and remembers when everyone wore long-legged boots and homespun flannel, and sweetened everything with maple sugar. Her many relatives took part in the anniversary, and Mrs. Finkle received numerous gifts.

## Havoc Among Sheep

Milton, Dec. 21.—Dogs have been playing havoc with sheep belonging to farmers in Nassagawaga township, near Milton. Several heavy claims for damages have been paid by the township council lately.

## ONTARIO WILL DO ITS SHARE

### Ready to Contribute One-Third of Emergency Relief Fund.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The Ontario government stands ready to contribute one-third of the amount disbursed by the municipalities of the province on emergency relief, provided the other two-thirds is either paid by the municipality or by the municipality and the Dominion government jointly. But before the government hands over any money, it will seek very definite assurances about the manner in which relief had been given. The policy adopted by the government was set out in a statement issued by Hon. W. E. Raney yesterday.

## Would Stop Betting

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The Ontario government will find out if it has power to stop betting on race courses. An order-in-council, passed by the cabinet yesterday prepares the way. There will be an application to the courts to discover provincial jurisdiction. In the matter. The government has received requests for such action from the Inter-church advisory council and executive committee of the Social Service association deploring that betting is allowed on the race courses of the province. E. Bayly, K.C., deputy attorney-general, is to take action.

## AUDIT CANTEEN FUNDS

Canada's Share of Profits Not Yet Fixed.  
Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The question of Canada's share in the profits arising from the transactions of Canadian troops with the Navy and Army Board canteens in England and the expeditionary force canteens in the field, which has been the subject of negotiations, is still undecided. Auditors have been appointed for determining the amount of Canada's share, and the president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, London, England, has agreed to draw up the terms of reference. Sir George Perley, high commissioner for Canada, is watching proceedings.

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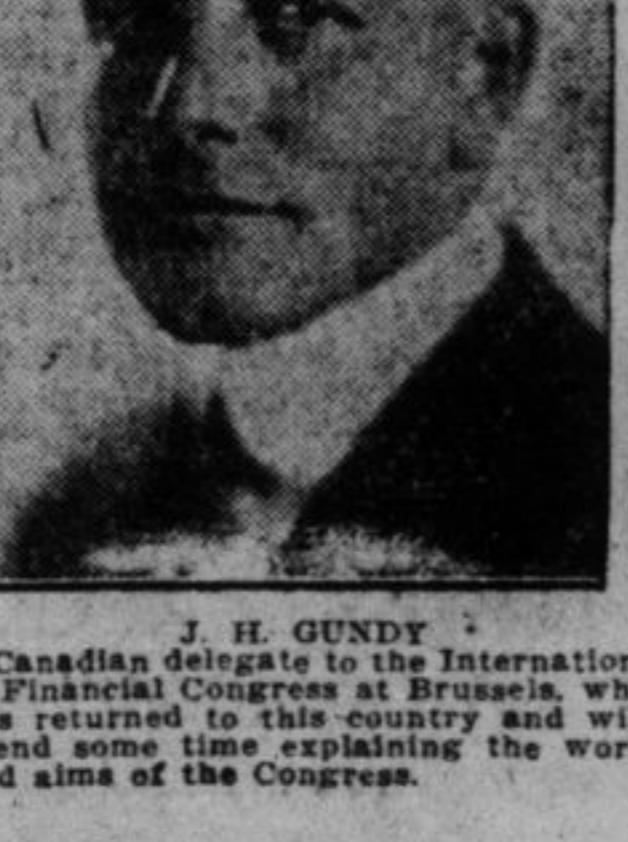
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