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ENTERTAINMENT OF VISITORS TO CITY SATURDAY AFTERNOON

British Parliamentarians and Eastern Business Men Were Shown Cold Storage Plant

After lunch on Saturday afternoon the visiting British parliamentarians and members of the Montreal Board of Trade were taken by special train, chartered by the Prince Rupert Board of Trade, to the plant of the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. at Seal Cove where they were given a first hand view of the various processes of handling fish for shipment abroad. Manager T. H. Johnson and his staff had taken much pains to arrange the displays and prepare the plant for inspection and the visitors saw a great many things of interest. Besides the usual halibut, cod, salmon and herring displays specimens of various other species of fish had been laid out.

The party returned to the city about 5 o'clock, the ladies then being entertained by the Girl Guides at the tea in the Metropolitan Hall and the Prince Rupert Club being thrown open for the gentlemen.

While the banquet in the Central Hotel was in progress, the visiting ladies received a number of local ladies at the train.

The special train pulled out promptly as scheduled at 10:30, Mayor Rochester, C. H. Orme, president of the Board of Trade, E. C. Gibbons, chairman of the entertainment committee, and members of the local board generally who had taken part in the day's reception, being on hand to see the visitors away.

In the course of the afternoon, Sir Arthur Currie visited the Great War Veterans' clubrooms where he was shown the new building that is being erected. He also gave a short talk to the veterans who had assembled for the occasion. Sir Arthur also visited informally with local friends, including George Tite and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hinton, old Victoria friends, H. F. Glassey, a former school pupil of his, and Major Sid Johnson, who was a member of his staff in the Great War, and Sid Thompson and other members of the Canadian corps.

BRINGING UP FATHER



Number of Addresses at Banquet to Montreal and English Visitors to City

Great enthusiasm attended the fish banquet given on Saturday night in the Central Hotel by the City of Prince Rupert and the Prince Rupert Board of Trade in honor of the visit of the British parliamentary party and members of the Montreal Board of Trade. The capacious dining hall was filled to the limit, visitors and local citizens being about equally divided and distributed in such a manner as to make for informal sociability. C. H. Orme, president of the Prince Rupert Board of Trade, was in the chair, and on either side of him were Sir Arthur Currie and W. M. Birks, president of the Montreal Board of Trade, others taking their places at the head table being the Earl of Stafford, Sir Edward Cornwall, deputy speaker of the British House of Commons, W. E. Cushing, speaker for the Montreal party, Mayor H. B. Rochester, Fred Stork, M.P., and others.

Grace was spoken by Venerable Archdeacon G. A. Rix and after the singing of "O Canada" the dinner proceeded, orchestra selections being provided in its course by Newell's orchestra. The toast to the King was followed by the playing of a bagpipe selection by Piper Alex. McDonald who marched up and down the tables amid the cheers of the company.

Mayor Rochester delivered the address of welcome mentioning the address of welcome mentioning the closer co-operation was needed between the East and the West. He sincerely trusted that this tour would result in much closer relationship and that mutual advantages both to Montreal and Prince Rupert would accrue. The Montreal visitors had now found the way. In future the latch string would always be down for them and there would be more than a welcome within.

Sir Edward Cornwall, deputy speaker of the House of Commons, the next speaker called upon, stated that the journey to the outposts of the Empire had proved a very interesting one. "We in the Old Country are not indifferent to your doings," said Sir Edwin. "You may feel far away and in distance you are, it is true, but in sympathy and heart's interest let me assure you we are very close. I for one feel rather apologetic to you here. In the Old Country we live on our capital and we have the tradition of centuries to follow to guide our footsteps. You are the pioneers who maintain the great traditions of the British race. That is the way many more of us at home than you may realize feel toward you people out here.

"Your great country and its future is so obvious that I cannot help but remark on it. You are not the only people with problems, however. All Britishers have problems and they are not happy without them although they may grow away and snarl at each other's ways in surmounting them. Your problems are our problems and ours are yours and one thing that strikes me with the greatest satisfaction is the intense interest that I have seen manifested among Canadians regarding Empire problems. It is apparent that you take as much interest in and know as much about them as the people of the Old land do themselves. You will have to take your share in solving them and that is why I, for one, am so delighted to see the interest that you take in them. Our hands are very full with these problems. Taxation in the Old Country today is very severe and you feel the effect as well as we for with such taxation there is not the surplus wealth for investment abroad. Social and industrial problems are also as deep in the Old Country today as they ever were.

A new phase in British politics will come up at the next election since there is now a much larger electorate than there was before the war. In fact the franchise is now three times larger than it was in 1914. We are going into an entirely new world politically. For instance my own constituency in London had 8,000 voters before the war. Now it has 30,000, over 11,000 of which are women. I do not know what is going to happen to me nor do any of the other members know what will happen to them. When the next election does come I do not think it will be a coalition election but whether or not there will be a coalition government remains to be seen. My own opinion is that there will be coalition government and that no party will have a large enough majority of seats to have clear control.

"We are all of one mind as far as Canada and the overseas Dominions are concerned and that is that the future of Britain depends on the future of the Dominions. There will be no future for the British Empire unless they take their share in the building up of the race. So we in the Old Country are out to do all that we can for you. We know that you want capital and immigration and you can take it from me that we will be missionaries on your behalf to do what we can in these directions. We have the will to do it and where there is a will there is a way. We will go back thinking about you and will try to make you feel that we are all brothers in the British Empire."

W. M. Birks, president of the Montreal Board of Trade, said that this was not his first visit to Prince Rupert nor was it the first time he had attended a Board of Trade banquet in the city. In 1909 when he had come here with Sir Charles M. Hays and Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, the then three weeks' old board had given a banquet in the old G. T. P. Inn and Earl Grey, Governor General of Canada, who also visited Prince Rupert that day, was a guest as well. Prince Rupert people should not feel discouraged with slow development. It had taken Montreal 160 years to reach the population of Prince Rupert. The fact that Prince Rupert was the terminus of the transcontinental railway with the best railway grade on the continent and that it was so much nearer the Orient than any other Pacific Port assured its future.

W. E. Cushing, the spokesman for the Montreal Board, said that the excursionists had felt more at home in British Columbia than anywhere else in the course of the tour. The frank manner in which Westerners had discussed their problems with them had been approved by them for by that means they would gain a better understanding and would be better able to put forward efforts in the best interests of the country as a whole. What they had seen on the trip had been amazing and the warmth of the greetings extended everywhere was overwhelming.

W. G. Perring, M.P. William George Perring, M.P. for Perrington, was another of the British parliamentary party to be heard from. He said the welcome at Prince Rupert had been deeply felt for it was a welcome of mariners which class of men had been responsible perhaps more than any other for the greatness of Britain. From every standpoint, weather included, they felt very much at home in Prince Rupert. Prince Rupert was the hub of the North American fisheries and it must be one of the wealthiest spots in Canada with such a resource at hand. He was pleased to see that steps were being taken to keep the country British by curtailing Oriental immigration.

Fred Stork, M.P., spoke briefly on "Northern British Columbia." He was sorry that the it-

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East and West.

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The last address was that of Sir Arthur Currie after which three cheers were given for the visitors following by the singing of "They are Jolly Good Fellows," "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King." The memorable gathering breaking up with a whirlwind of friendly enthusiasm.

Miss Blanche Curtin and Miss Grace Curtin returned home on last night's train after having spent a few weeks in Saskatoon where they visited their sister, Mrs. Desrosiers.

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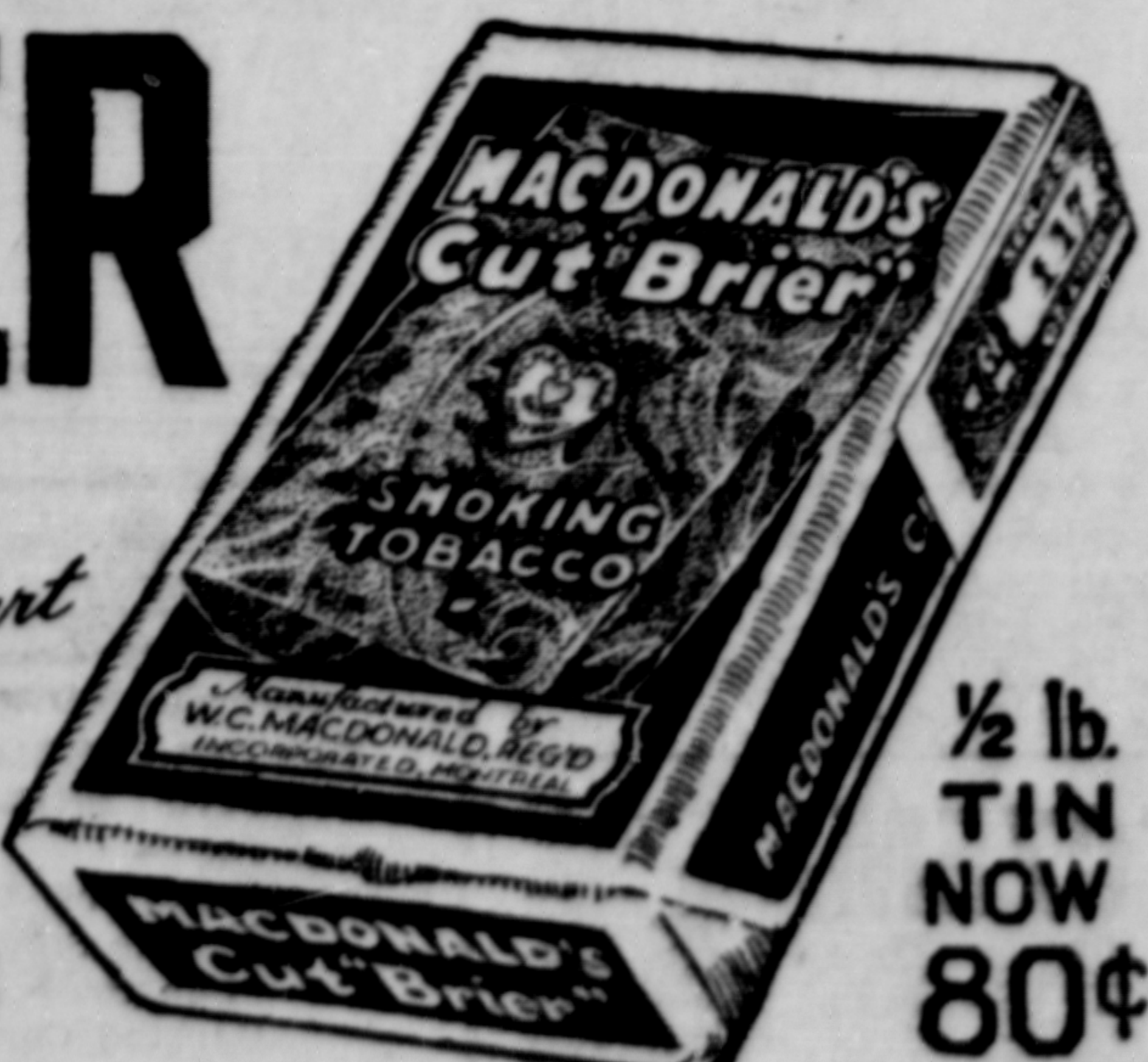
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