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Hail and Farewell

THE OPINION has been expressed by some that it is a little drastic to appoint a Canadian as Governor General and that it would have been desirable to retain the British tradition by appointing, if not a Briton, some one from elsewhere in the Commonwealth than Canada.

We shall say, however, if it was to be a Canadian, no worthier appointment could have been made than the one that is announced in the person of Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey whose long career in the public service as diplomat, administrator and educator has given him a background of experience and personality endowing him admirably for the post he now takes.

And, while Mr. Massey has had his political leanings, it has long since been proven that he thinks and acts far above that plane. The objection that the appointment of a Canadian throws the position into the field of politics can be certainly dismissed in this case.

With Mr. Massey about to take over, Canadians everywhere will acknowledge the fine manner in which the vicereignty has been filled during the last term by Viscount Alexander. The famous soldier, whose only visit to Prince Rupert during his tenure was an unofficial call one summer afternoon, won more than admiration and esteem but affection as well because of the friendliness, interest and conscientiousness which he displayed in all his acts during his goings and comings.

Civic Centre

PRINCE RUPERT people, and it is too bad more of them were not out at the annual meeting last night to show their active interest, were reminded once again at the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Civic Centre Association of the great function that institution continues to play in the life of the city.

We have become so used to our Civic Centre now that we are inclined to take it a little for granted. But once again, as we have done so often before, we would suggest that we think just what Prince Rupert would be without the Civic Centre.

Where would we go when we wanted a gathering place for assemblies large and small, what would our organizations do for their meeting places, where would we play at our sports, where would we go for the myriad other activities which centre and radiate from that establishment?

The Civic Centre is, indeed, worthy of our support and active interest of every citizen for every citizen uses it. The reports last night and the problems discussed indicate that such support and interest will be needed even more in the future if it is to carry on adequately and successfully.

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ray... Reflects and Reminisces

Feeling famished, six men escaping from a South American jungle prison, killed a companion. Then he was broiled and eaten. He was the most corrupt and fleshy fellow of the lot. At last, some folks liked a fat man.

There is to be a liquor plebiscite at the next British Columbia election. Just as if we all do not know what one another thinks.

QUITE BEYOND: What a change! O what a change—resigning from a newspaper office to take over the duties of a Governor-General. We know a good, healthy imagination is essential in the publishing line but this is beyond us. The viceroys! Think of the tips one could slip.

When youth calls to age, it's usually collect!

FEWER ALREADY! Illustrated books on early Prince Rupert are available which does not mean one is easy to find. It's a job, in fact. Once, these pioneer publications, with photos of earliest settlers, buildings and stories would not be called scarce but it's getting that way today.

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Father Hubbard predicts a huge volcanic eruption in the Alaska peninsula this summer. All signs indicate one. The good father is apt to be correct. During the summer of 1912, a fine silky-feeling dust—or perhaps ash—descended on the coast as far south as Puget Sound. Old timers in Prince Rupert will remember, for it was here and came from up north. But no one felt nervous. Nerves were in better shape in 1912.

Farmers' Problems

MONTREAL.—The farmer wants the price of his wheat related more closely to his production costs. He wants stronger price props for his butter and cheese and he would like to see the federal government take a hand in promoting a national livestock policy.

These and scores of other requests and suggestions, in the form of proposed resolutions, were considered by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture at the federation's two-day annual convention here. The federation embraces a membership of about 400,000 farmers.

The resolutions, flowing in from eastern and western regional conferences and from the federation's affiliated organizations, provided the backbone of the convention's business as the 200-odd delegates met to hammer out a new CFA policy.

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The New Governor-General Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey Has Had Extraordinary Career

Vincent Massey served Canada in two of the highest diplomatic posts maintained by the Dominion. He was the first minister plenipotentiary and envoy extraordinary to the United States and was High Commissioner for Canada to the United Kingdom at London, being appointed to the latter post Nov. 8, 1935, which he held until 1947 when he returned to Canada to become chancellor of the University of Toronto.

Of high academic attainments, a lover of the arts, and a successful businessman before entering the field of diplomacy, he was popular, not only in the Dominion but in the United States and England, as well.

By a strange quirk of fortune, his distinguished brother, Raymond Massey, the actor, wanted to be a statesman and the High Commissioner yearned to be a professional actor in his youth.

He was born in Toronto on February 20, 1857, the son of Chester Daniel and Anna, (Vincent) Massey. His mother was an American, born at Erie, Pa. His father's ancestors settled in Massachusetts from Knutsford, England, in the 17th century.

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His education was obtained at St. Andrew's College, Toronto, Toronto University, and Balliol College, Oxford. He took honors in modern history and later lectured on that subject at the University of Toronto. He was the possessor of more than twenty honorary degrees from universities throughout the world.

In the first world war, as a member of the Queen's Own Rifles, he was put in charge of musketry training in the Toronto military district and was promoted to lieutenant-colonel of the Officers' Training Corps of the university. In 1918 he was appointed associate secretary of the war cabinet at Ottawa. After the war he became director of the government's repatriation committee.

In 1919 he entered, as secretary and director, into the activities of the Massey-Harris Company and attained the presidency of the firm when he was only 34. This, after, until his retirement to enter politics in 1925, he was one of Canada's leaders in the industrial and commercial world.

His first political position was Minister without portfolio in the cabinet of Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King. He then resigned his position with the Massey-Harris Company and also the directorship of the Mutual Life Assurance Company and the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

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Drink Increases Death on Roads Cathedral's Good

LONDON (CP)—Drunk drivers are blamed for the increasing toll of British traffic accidents in a report by L. C. Nickolls, chief of the metropolitan police laboratories.

The report, published in the current issue of the British M.E. Journal, says records kept since May, 1949, show that 79 per cent of all arrests in connection with road accidents happen between the hours of 3 p.m. and 2 a.m. An "extraordinarily large" percentage of these, it adds, occur shortly after public houses close.

Mr. Nickolls also reports that a graph covering 630 cases of traffic violators showed many drivers had consumed six pints of strong beer or nearly half a bottle of spirits.

Professor Sydney Smith, of Edinburgh University, however, doubts that pub-closing hours are responsible for the rise in traffic arrests.

"It is not necessarily true," he said, "that this is due to the advent on the roads of an increased number of drunken motorists. It may be there are more drunken pedestrians on the road."

Prof. Smith said that, if it is felt the case against alcohol is sufficiently established, the only course open would appear to be to insist on a blood examination in all cases. Presence of any alcohol in the blood would then be regarded as sufficient grounds to warrant prosecution and conviction.

When he took over the High Commission at London, he attracted considerable attention by advertising the Dominion in what he called a "Canada Calling" campaign. These signs flashed on screens, tops of buildings, on buses, bill boards and in newspaper advertisements.

His official residence, alongside Hyde Park, was the scene of many notable social gatherings. Immaculate in dress, he observed all the fine points and proprieties of diplomatic life. He was in constant demand as a speaker at all sorts of functions.

He was married to Alice Stuart Parkin, daughter of the late Sir George Parkin, trustee of the Rhodes Scholarship Foundation and one-time headmaster of Upper Canada College, Toronto. They have two sons, Lionel, born in 1917, and Hart, born in 1919.

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Successful year in 1951 for St. Andrew's Cathedral was reflected by reports presented at the annual congregational meeting this week. Rector, Rev. Canon Basil L. Prockter, warden and representatives of the various church organizations presented the reports.

One of the most gratifying reports was that by Mrs. W. L. Hitchcock for the Sunday School which showed healthy growing membership but stressed a need for teachers.

The election of officers for the year resulted as follows: Rector's Warden—F. E. Anfield, People's Warden—F. J. Skinner.

Envelope Secretary—G. C. Sessions. Committee—H. E. E. Faure, A. M. Rivett, G. S. Reade, G. E. Moore, E. Taylor, G. J. Dawes, Mrs. N. E. Arnold and Mrs. W. L. Hitchcock.

Others presenting reports were Warden G. J. Dawes and F. E. Anfield, Treasurer A. M. Rivett, Secretary H. E. E. Faure and Mrs. L. A. N. Potterton and Mrs. E. Lindseth for the Woman's Auxiliary branches.

Emphasis was laid in the reports on the need for continued loyalty and effort.

STATISTICS: Statistics as follows were presented: 103 Sunday services with sermon; 14 weekday services; 45 infant baptisms; 12 confirmed; 19 weddings; 11 children's services.

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