

Halifax, N. S.

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CIVIC ADDRESS TO GOVERNOR MCCALL OF MASSACHUSETTS.

For the purpose of the record the following account of the reading and presentation of an address from the City of Halifax, to His Honor Samuel Walter McCall Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, taken from the Morning Chronicle, is inserted upon the Minutes of the Board of Control and City Council.

The Civic reception to Hon. Samuel W. McCall, Governor of Massachusetts, at the City Hall yesterday was a thoroughly democratic and enthusiastic one, and the distinguished guest entered thoroughly into the spirit of it. The City Council Chamber was crowded to its capacity with prominent citizens and officials as well as many ladies. Among those present were His Honor Lieutenant Governor Grant, His Grace Archbishop Warrell, Premier Murray, Admiral Chambers, Hon. L. G. Power, the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Justice Longley, Rev. Dr. Foley, Very Rev. Dean Llowyd, a large representation of military and naval officers, U.S. Consul General Young, Mr. Gancoury, French Consul, C.H. Mitchell, the members of the Board of Control, the Superintendent of Education, ex-Chairman J.P. Quinn of the School Commission W.A. Black, and very many others.

The City Council Chamber was brightened up in honor of the distinguished visitor. Back of the Mayor's chair the windows were draped with British, American and French flags. The Mayor's desk and the window ledges were decorated with plants, ferns and flowers. There was no possibility of any effective decoration in the lower part of the building, as the explosion repairs are still being made there.

ARRIVED AT NOON.

On arrival at sharp noon by automobile at the Parade, accompanied by Lieut. Gov. Grant, and Mr. G. Fred Parson, Governor McCall was received by the band of the Garrison Regt. and a guard of honor of 100 men from the Seige Battery the band playing the "Star Spangled Banner" which tribute Governor McCall acknowledged by uncovering. Lieut. Gov. Grant introduced the officer commanding the guard to the distinguished guest, after which Governor McCall and the Lieutenant Governor entered the City Hall, being met at the entrance and welcomed by Mayor Hawkins, who escorted them to the Council chamber upstairs.

The Mayor's and City Solicitor's chairs were removed from the platform they occupy to the main floor, that of the Mayor in the centre with that of Governor McCall on His Worship's right, and Lieut. Governor Grant on the left.

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THE CIVIC ADDRESS.

The address read by City Clerk Monaghan, to Governor McCall had been illuminated by Mr. Story in old English text, and was enclosed in a purple plush case. It was headed by the city coat of arms and was as follows:-

The Honourable Samuel W. McCall-
Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

May it Please your Honour-

On behalf of the City of Halifax, we extend to you our warmest welcome. Between the Commonwealth of which you are the chief executive, and this City and Province, there have always been the closest and most intimate relations. Some of our most prominent citizens have come to us from Massachusetts, and in return, many of our people have left us for your State, in which they have found, not only a welcome and a home, but have attained positions of distinction. Your laws and educational institutions have in many cases been the model upon which we have fashioned our own. In particular, the Charter of the City of Boston and its system of municipal government, was in a great measure adopted by this City when beginning its corporate existence in 1841.

If no other reason had existed for the heartiest greetings to a representative of Massachusetts the magnificent and spontaneous assistance rendered us in ~~the~~ the time of our great calamity last December, would have sufficed for all time to have ensured our deepest feelings of gratitude. The physicians and nurses you sent us, rendered invaluable service, and undoubtedly many lives were saved by their skilled and devoted attention. Altogether, apart from the large material gifts you made for the comfort and assistance of our people, the advice and organizing ability of the ladies and gentlemen you sent us were incalculable value, and we will never forget all that you have done for us. Great as your aid was at the moment of the disaster, it did not exhaust the good will of the people of Massachusetts, which is further manifested by the splendid work still being carried on by them for the benefit of this community. It is some small satisfaction to us that recently, that when trouble has come to your people, through the epidemic of Influenza, we have been able to afford you some slight measure of assistance. We wish that our circumstances, and conditions would have permitted us to make it more reciprocally commensurate.

The struggle in the cause of civilization and humanity in which the great Nation to which you belong is taking so prominent a place and in which we also are striving to do our utmost, is a fresh tie to bind us, and it is our warmest hope that the relations and intercourse between the two countries may steadily and harmoniously increase.

To yourself, personally, we desire to express our felicitations. We are not unfamiliar with

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your record of public service in Congress, nor with the manner in which you have discharged the duties of your high office. It is a special source of pleasure that your visit is to inaugurate a new course of instruction in a branch that most particularly concerns the task of civic government

Arthur C. Hawkins,
MAYOR.

L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

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THE GOVERNOR'S REPLY.

In his reply Governor McCall addressed the Mayor, the Lieutenant Governor and ladies and gentlemen present and said that he fully appreciated the beautifully worded unique address and the sentiments contained therein and he felt they were addressed to him as Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Word of the dreadful calamity in Halifax in December reached Massachusetts before other parts of America and calling the Massachusetts Public Safety Committee together they had the satisfaction of sending aid to Halifax almost as soon as the sounds of the explosion had died away. The calamity was regarded as a national one and Massachusetts' sympathy came right from the heart. Surgeon General Brooks, one of the most distinguished surgeons in the United States, proposed the relief train and the proposed was immediately carried into effect.

Governor McCall said he could well understand how the people of Halifax had regarded the surgeons and nurses from Massachusetts so early on the ground here as angels of mercy, aiding them in their struggle to overcome the effects of the great disaster. (applause). It was a great privilege for Massachusetts to come to the aid of Halifax. This morning he had visited ruins of buildings razed by the explosion and apartments built for people rendered homeless and he confessed he took more pride in looking over those relief apartments than he would in viewing magnificent palaces of imperishable material. "He who gives quickly gives twice" (applause).

Governor McCall said that he fully appreciated the reference in the address to the relations between Canada and the United States, and confessed he always had a warm regard for Canada. The President of the United States, after negotiations, had invited him to introduce in the House the reciprocity measure, and he did it in the firm belief he was doing something for Canada, doing something to draw the two great nations closer together without a line to check the aspirations of the people to trade with each other. If he therefore was to confess such as a crime, he pleaded his wish to do something for Canada. On the line which divides the two peoples birds build their nests in the mouths of the cannon and children played on and about the latter, It is a line defended only by kindly sentiment

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and friendship of two nations, which friendship and sentiment he hoped would always continue. They are fighting side by side in war now, and a feature of that great war is the part played by Canada. It is a war to establish a peace that will extend far into the future.

He was glad to be in Halifax to see the beautiful city to experience the genial hospitality of His Honor Lieut. Gov. Grant (long continued applause).

ADDRESS BY MAYOR.

Lieut. Governor Grant called upon the Mayor for an address.

His Worship said he heartily welcomed the distinguished guest and expressed his appreciation of all that the great State of Massachusetts had done so well for Halifax. He spoke of Governor McCall's eloquent address and said he himself was for reciprocity and thought opposition to the proposed at the time was a crime. Now the two nations are side by side, allies in the great cause, and that will have accomplished much in drawing the two nations closer together.

Lieut. Gov. Grant then invited all present desiring to meet Governor McCall to do so, and His Excellency had a half-hour of handshaking before he left the City Hall.