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Canadian Confederation Anniversary Service,
Westminster Abbey, Dominion Day, 1942.

1. This Report deals, briefly, with the Service held in Westminster Abbey, LONDON, on Dominion Day, 1 Jul 42, to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Confederation of the Dominion of Canada.

2. While this was not exclusively, or even primarily, a military occasion, and the Canadian military authorities played only a secondary part in organizing it, the episode is perhaps of sufficient importance to merit the notice of the Official Historian. The presence of Their Majesties the King and Queen lent a special significance to the occasion.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CELEBRATION night to emit

3. This interesting wartime celebration of an important Canadian national anniversary was undertaken on the initiative of the Canada Club of LONDON and the High Commissioner for Canada, the Rt. Hon. Vincent MASSEY. Mr. Massey's office, and the Club, made the arrangements with the Abbey authorities, with the co-operation of the commanders of the Canadian fighting services in this country. Considerable assistance was given by C.M.H.Q., and the writer is indebted for information to Major E.H. JONES, D.C.M., noted in REGT.C. (A.G.7), who made many of the detailed arrangements for Army participation.

4. After considerable preliminary discussion, it was decided that the fighting services would be represented on this occasion by detachments which would march to the Abbey in a combined parade. No Guard of Honour was mounted. At a late stage it was decided that the detachment of Canadian Fire Fighters for Great Britain (which arrived in the United Kingdom late in June in Troop Convoy N.A.11) should also take part in the parade.

PARADE OF THE CANADIAN SERVICES

5. The Abbey service was scheduled to begin at 1215 hrs, with all ticketholders in their seats by 12 noon. To conform with this arrangement, it was provided that the parade

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would move off from the concentration area at WELLINGTON BARRACKS at 1119 hrs, and that the salute would be taken by the High Commissioner, accompanied by the senior officers of the three Canadian fighting services, at the DUKE OF YORK'S STEPS in THE MALL at 1131 hrs. Thence the parade moved by way of WHITEHALL, saluting the Cenotaph (the band being silent at this point), to PARLIAMENT SQUARE and the Abbey.

6. The composition of the parade, and the order of march, were as follows :

All Ranks

Band (R.C.A.S.C., plus 10 R.C.A. musicians)	36
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<u>R.C.N. Contingent</u> (Comd : Lieut.)	26
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Distribution

<u>Canadian Army Contingent</u> (Comd : Lt.-Col. R.C. MERRICK, M.C., E.D., Q.Y.RANG.)	
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Time Received

Army Troops (Comd : Capt.)	25
5 Cdn (Armd) Div (Capt.)	40
1 Cdn Corps Tps (Capt.)	25
1 Cdn Div (Capt.)	45
2 Cdn Div (Capt.)	45
3 Cdn Div (Capt.)	45
1 Cdn Army Tk Bde (Capt.)	15
Cdn Reinforcement Units (Maj.)	60

Time of Origin

300

<u>R.C.A.F. Contingent</u> (Comd : Squadron-Leader) Two groups : (a) aircrews, (b) ground personnel	109
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<u>Canadian Fire Fighters for Great Britain</u>	45
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TOTAL	516
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7. It will be noted that every formation in the Canadian Army Overseas was represented. Unit representation was almost equally catholic, though all formations did not follow the same procedure in this respect. With individuals of many different units included in the same small detachment, uniformity in appearance was out of the question. In spite of this, the parade made a good appearance and the marching of the Army Contingent was notably smart.

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THE ABBEY SERVICE

8. The congregation at the Abbey included Generals McNAUGHTON, CRERAR and MONTAGUE, and other senior officers of the Canadian Army; and there was a large attendance of all ranks of the Canadian services.

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9. This was an impressive occasion, adorned with the richest pageantry at the disposal of the Church of England. A printed copy of the order of service will be found attached as Appendix "A". Further details will be found in The Times of 2 Jul 42. It is believed that Mr. Massey was concerned in the arrangement of the service, which it will be noted was appropriate and rather unusual.

10. A fanfare by trumpeters of The Blues signalled the arrival of Their Majesties, who entered the Abbey by a side door. The King wore the uniform of a Field Marshal. After Their Majesties had taken their places in the sanctuary, the Canadian Ensign was carried up the church while the first verse of "O Canada" was sung. The Ensign was carried by a corporal of the TORONTO SCOTTISH (employed as an orderly at CANADA HOUSE) flanked by a naval rating and an airman.

11. A summary of the brief sermon preached by the Archbishop of CANTERBURY will be found in The Times.

12. No Canadian clergyman took part in the service, ~~Dislike~~ Bishop WELLS (Principal Chaplain, Protestant) was present.

SOURCES

THIS RECEIVED

13. The writer witnessed the parade, and was present in the nave of the Abbey during the service.

LINE OF OFFICE

14. Documents relating to the arrangements for the occasion will be found on C.M.H.Q. file 27/DOM DAY/1 ("Dominion Day Parade 1942").

15. 2/Lt. E.J. HUGHES (War Artist) was present in the organ loft of the Abbey (where representatives of the Press were placed) and made sketches of the scene during the service. It is likely that he will develop this material into a large watercolour.

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WESTMINSTER ABBEY



An Act of COMMEMORATION AND THANKSGIVING

To mark

The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the
Confederation of the Dominion of Canada.

DOMINION DAY

JULY 1st, 1942

AT 12.15 P.M.

BEFORE THE SERVICE THE FOLLOWING SHORT ORGAN RECITAL WILL BE GIVEN BY
DR. O. H. PEASGOOD :

Introduction and Passacaglia
in E Flat Minor

Healey Willan, D.Mus.
Organist of the Church
of St. Mary Magdalene
and Professor of Music at
the University of Toronto

Solemn Melody

H. Walford Davies

Two Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes

Ralph Vaughan Williams, O.M.,
D. Mus.

Order of Service

At a quarter of an hour after noon, a Fanfare of Trumpets shall be blown by Trumpeters of His Majesty's Royal Horse Guards (The Blues), stationed on the screen. The Clergy and Choir of Westminster Abbey shall then be conducted to their places, after which shall be sung the following Anthem :

O CANADA !

O Canada ! Our Home and Native Land !
True Patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North, strong and free,
And stand on guard, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, glorious and free !

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee !

THE PRESENTATION OF THE ENSIGN OF CANADA

During the singing Three Representatives of the Fighting Services of Canada shall be conducted from the west end of the church, bearing the Ensign of the Dominion.

The Ensign shall be received at the steps of the Presbytery and borne to the Right Reverend the Dean of Westminster standing at the High Altar, who shall lay it thereon and say :

V. In the name of our God we will set up our banners.

R. Our help is in the Name of the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

V. Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but in vain that build it.

R. Except the Lord keep the City, the watchman waketh but in vain.

Let us pray.

O God of our fathers, who oft-times when they were in trouble didst bring them out into a wealthy place ; receive, we pray Thee our unfeigned thanks for the good land which Thou hast given us. Forgive us our transgressions, and so teach us thy servants to walk trustfully in Thy presence, and to fight manfully under thy banner that we may continue to do Thee service to the end : through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM LXXII. *Deus judicium*

Give the King thy judgments, O God : and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

Then shall he judge thy people according unto right : and defend the poor.

The mountains also shall bring peace : and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

He shall keep the simple folk by their right : defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.

They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth : from one generation to another.

He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool : even as the drops that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish : yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other : and from the flood unto the world's end.

They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him : his enemies shall lick the dust.

The Kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents: the Kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

All kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall do him service. For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth: the needy also; and him that hath no helper.

He shall be favourable to the simple and needy: and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong: and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia: prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.

There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high upon the hills: his fruit shall shake like Libanus, and shall be green in the city like grass upon the earth. His Name shall endure for ever: his Name shall remain under the sun among the posterities: which shall be blessed through him; and all the heathen shall praise him.

Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel: which only doeth wondrous things;

And blessed be the Name of His Majesty for ever: and all the earth shall be filled with his Majesty. Amen, Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

At the conclusion of the Psalm the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, P.C., D.C.L., LL.D., the High Commissioner for Canada, shall be conducted to the Lectern, where shall be read the following passages of Holy Scripture:

THE LESSON

ECCLESIASTICUS XLIV. 1-15.

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us. The Lord hath wrought great glory by them through His great power from the beginning: Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power, giving counsel by their understanding, and declaring prophecies: Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge of learning meet for the people, wise and eloquent in their instructions: Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing: Rich men furnished with ability, living peaceably in their habitations: All these were honoured in their generation, and were the glory of their times. There be of them, that have left a name behind them, that their praises might be reported. And some there be, which have no memorial; who are perished, as though they had never been; and are become as though they had never been born; and their children after them. But these were merciful men, whose righteousness hath not been forgotten. With their seed shall continually remain a good inheritance, and their children are within the covenant. Their seed standeth fast, and their children for their sakes. Their seed shall remain for ever, and their glory shall not be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore. The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation show forth their praise.

HYMN.

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Trumpet of God, sound high,

Till the hearts of the heathen shake,

And the souls that in slumber lie

At the voice of the Lord awake.

Till the fenced cities fall

At the blast of the Gospel call,

Trumpet of God sound high!

Arnold Brooks

Hosts of the Lord, go forth:

Go, strong in the power of His rest,

Till the south be at one with the north,

And peace upon east and west;

Till the far-off lands shall thrill

With the gladness of God's

"Goodwill,"

Hosts of the Lord go forth.

Come, as of old, like fire;
O Force of the Lord, descend,
Till with love of the world's Desire
Earth burn to its utmost end;
Till the ransom'd people sing
To the glory of Christ the King,
Come, as of old, like fire.

THE INTERCESSIONS

Then shall the Precentor say, the people devoutly kneeling:

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

V. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

R. *Behold he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

V. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

R. *The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in; from this time forth for evermore.*

Let us pray FOR OUR KING AND OUR QUEEN

O God, who didst move thy servant King Edward the Confessor to build here an house to the honour of thy Majesty and didst enthrone him in the hearts of the English people: mercifully grant to our King and Queen that as they received their earthly crowns in this the place of his burial, so they, ever possessing the hearts of their people, may at length attain unto a heavenly crown, through Him who is the only Potentate and King of Kings, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray FOR THE DOMINION OF CANADA

Almighty God, we give Thee hearty thanks for the many blessings manifested upon the Dominion of Canada this three-quarters of a century. Be pleased to continue that Confederation. Let the deliberations of its Parliament and Assemblies and Councils promote the common good. Unite the whole Dominion in the bonds of fellowship from the one ocean to the other. Prosper the divers Provinces in harvest and in home, and make the frontiers not a barrier but a means to trade and understanding and goodwill between the nations. So let all be joined together under one King and Government to serve Thee, the only God, in singleness of heart and mind. These our prayers and thanksgivings we humbly make and offer this day to thy divine Majesty, who livest and reignest Three Persons in one God, for ever and ever, world without end. Amen.

HYMN

Ralph Vaughan Williams, O.M., D.Mus.

*John Bunyan
(1626-1688)*

He who would valiant be

'Gainst all disaster,

Let him in constancy

Follow the Master.

There's no discouragement

Shall make him once relent

His first avowed intent

To be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round

With dismal stories,

Do but themselves confound

His strength the more is.

No foes shall stay his might,

Though he with giants fight:

He will make good his right

To be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend

Us with thy Spirit,

We know we at the end

Shall life inherit

Then fancies flee away!

I'll fear not what men say,

I'll labour night and day

To be a pilgrim.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Ye shall pray for Christ's Holy Catholic Church, that is for the whole congregation of Christian people dispersed throughout the whole world, and especially for the Church of England and all Ministers of God's Holy Word and Sacraments.

And herein ye shall pray for the King's most excellent Majesty; for all who bear office in the British Commonwealth of Nations, especially for His Excellency Alexander, Earl of Athlone, Governor-General of Canada; for all rulers, administrators and teachers, and in this place more especially for the members of the royal foundation of the Collegiate Church of Saint Peter in Westminster.

Finally, let us praise God for all those who are departed out of this life in the faith of Christ and pray that we may be partakers with them of the glorious resurrection in the life everlasting.

These prayers and praises let us offer in the words which Christ himself has taught us saying:—

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

THE ADDRESS

*Preacher: THE MOST REVEREND AND RIGHT HONOURABLE
WILLIAM TEMPLE, D.D., D.Litt., D.C.L., LL.D.*

Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of All England

HYMN

Henry Smart (1813-1879)

St. Thomas à Kempis

Translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1864)

Light's abode, celestial Salem,	Now with gladness, now with courage,
Vision whence true peace doth	Bear the burden on thee laid,
spring,	That hereafter these thy labours
Brighter than the heart can fancy,	May with endless gifts be paid;
Mansion of the Highest King;	And in everlasting glory
Oh, how glorious are the praises	Thou with brightness be array'd.
Which of thee the prophets sing!	

There for ever and for ever	Laud and honour to the Father,
Alleluia is out-pour'd;	Laud and honour to the Son,
For unending, for unbroken	Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Is the feast-day of the Lord;	Ever Three and ever One,
All is pure and all is holy	Consubstantial, Co-eternal,
That within thy walls is stored.	While unending ages run.

Amen.

AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

During the singing of the hymn, the Right Reverend the Dean, preceded by the Cross of Westminster, shall be conducted to the entrance to the Presbytery where, supported by the members of the Collegiate Body, he shall lead the people in the following devotions, all standing:

V. Bless the Lord O my soul.

R. And forget not all His benefits.

Let us offer unto Almighty God our most high praise and hearty thanks for the discoverers of our land, for the pioneers who blazed the trails, for the builders of our institutions, for the upholders of our laws, and for the great company of those who have led our people in all generations:

For the great explorers; for Jacques Cartier, Samuel de Champlain, Captain George Vancouver and Alexander Mackenzie:

For the founders of New France; for Paul de Maisonneuve and the Count of Frontenac:

For Prince Rupert's Company of Adventurers of England and the settlers who braved the wilderness:

For General James Wolfe and the Marquis de Montcalm who as victor and vanquished gave to Canada the pattern of chivalry:

For the United Empire Loyalists who for their devotion to the Throne endured hardship and built a great tradition:

For John, First Earl of Durham and all those who laboured to bring about a full measure of self-government:

For the faith and vision of the architects of Confederation and their successors: for John A. MacDonald, George Brown, George Cartier, Charles Tupper, Wilfrid Laurier and Robert Borden:

We praise Thee, O God.

For the riches of our heritage, for the fruitfulness of our land and for all the treasures of a bounteous creation:

We praise Thee, O God.

For the faith and loyalty of our people in times of trial and stress; and for their ready answer to the call of noble causes:

We praise Thee, O God.

Let us give humble thanks for the high service of those from Canada who fought in the last war and who have left a shining example of valour to their sons:

We praise Thee, O God.

And as we give thanks, let us invoke the blessing of the Most High upon our country,

That it may please Him to endue the King and his Ministers in our Dominion with wisdom, with understanding, and with ghostly strength:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That it may please God to bless and guard the men of our country who bears arms in the service of the King:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That He may guide, protect and uphold our kinsfolk at home:

Lord, hear our prayer.

And let us remember with pride and thanksgiving those who in this generation have laid down their lives :

" They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old ;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them."

We will remember them.

Then shall the Dean and the members of the Collegiate body take their places in front of the High Altar, while the following is sung :

HYMN

*L. Bourgeois
Genevan Psalter, 1551*

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice ;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth
tell,
Come ye before Him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed ;
Without our aid He did us make ;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

*William Kethe
Daye's Psalter, 1560*

O enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto ;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name
always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why ? the Lord our God is good ;
His mercy is for ever sure ;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God Whom Heav'n and earth
adore,
From men and from the Angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

Then shall the Dean say :

Let us pray :

O Lord God, when thou givest to thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same, until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth the true glory ; through him that for the finishing of thy work laid down his life, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Sir Francis Drake, on the day he sailed into Cadiz, 1587.)

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help ; that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Ensign of Canada shall then be replaced into the hands of those by whom it was borne up the Church and the Procession shall pass to the west door.

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

March "Pomp and Circumstance"—Edward Elgar

The congregation are kindly requested to await the instructions of the Stewards before leaving their seats.