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## VICE-REGAL PARTY ON VISIT TO CITY



Their Excellencies the Governor-General and The Lady Tweedsmuir are here shown as they arrived in Montreal this morning to officially open the Belgian Art Exhibit being held here in connection with Belgo-Canadian Week and the visit of a Belgian Trade Mission to Canada. On the extreme left is A. S. Redfern, secretary to the Governor-General, and Mrs. George Pape, lady-in-waiting. Baron Silvercruys, Belgian Minister to Canada, can be seen over Lord Tweedmuir's shoulder.

# LORD TWEEDSMUIR OPENS EXHIBITION

His Excellency Hopes Canada Will Send Group To Belgium

The hope that Canada would see fit to send to Belgium a trade mission such as the one from that country which landed in Canada over the week-end, was expressed this morning by His Excellency Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, as he declared open a Belgian Art Exhibition held in connection with Belgo-Canadian Week in the Henry Morgan & Co's store.

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The close connection of Belgium and Britain was stressed by the Governor-General in his remarks in declaring the exhibition open, particularly the lively interest which Britain has in seeing Belgium secure and prosperous. Her interest in the security of Belgium was proved in the Great War, the Governor-General said.

As both nations are colonizing nations, their problems are markedly similar, both monarchies, they

have many tastes in common. Britain respects the Belgian monarchy for the contribution it has made to the prestige of the system, and in all things wishes Belgium well, the Governor-General said.

#### VALUE OF DISPLAY

The value of exhibitions such as that which he was opening, was remarked upon by His Excellency, and said to be a distinct contribution to the cultural life of the country. Since the Middle Ages the cultural development of Belgium had been a close parallel to that of Britain, strengthening ties of common interest already created by other means. Between the two nations there had grown a strong bond of sympathy for each other, a common outlook upon problems the solution of which held hope for a common peace, Lord Tweedsmuir concluded.

The Governor-General was introduced and asked to open the exhibition by Baron Silvercruys, Belgian Minister to Canada, who thanked him and Lady Tweedsmuir for their interest in the exhibition with the substitute of the control of the exhibition of the control of the exhibition of their interest in the exhibition of the control of the

muir for their interest in the exhibition, and also those responsible for the Belgo-Canadian week and the exhibition.

Before opening the exhibition Lord and Lady Tweedsmuir inspected a number of exhibits, showing particular interest in the section devoted to the Belgian Congo and the exhibit of lace-work by Flemish craftsmen.

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The vice-regal party, consisting of the Governor-General and the Lady Tweedsmuir, A. S. Redfern, secretary; Mrs. George Pape, lady-in-waiting, and Capt. Campbell-Preston, aide-de-camp, was welcomed upon their arrival in the city by members of the Belgian Trade Commission and by Baron Silvercruys. The mission is composed of Lucien Graux, Vicomte A. du Parc, Alfred Franck, Fred. Met den Anctx, Henri J. P. Bedard, Jean Boels, Rev. P. Sebastian Braun, Crombe, De Mot-Morel, Rene Destree, Edmond Henquin, Charles Hervy-Cousin, George Manderveld, Jacques Masui, Alexandre Osterrieth, Tasiaux, J. Thomas, Van Halsberghe, Lucien Vertongen and Thiry. Accompanying Baron Silvercruys was V. de Meulemeester, secretary of the Belgian Legation at Ottawa.

Members of the Canadian committee named to co-operate with the mission, and who were present at the opening of the exhibition, were: Sir Edward Beatty, chairman; Senator Charles Beaubien, vice chairman; Major J. G. Parmalee, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce in the Dominion Government; S. J. Hungerford, Arthur B. Purvis, Ross H. McMaster, Jackson Dodds, Beaudry Leman, Lt. Col. Allan McGee, Rene Morin, president, Canadian Chamber of Commerce; B. W. P. Coghlin, president, Canadian Chamber of Commerce; J. W Nicoll, president, Montreal Board of Trade; H. Laureys, president, Belgian Chamber of Commerce; John Bassett, P. R. Du Tremblay and Rene Haesen.

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Good wishes were voiced by representatives of the City of Montreal and by members of the Belgian Trade Mission today when Baron Louis d'Empain, Henry Laureys and other members of the local Belgian colony, brought the trade delegates to the City Hall. They were welcomed by Acting Mayor Omer Cote who expressed the hope that better trade relationships would follow their visit to Canada. Lucien Graux, leader

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Before leaving the visitors signed the City's Golden Book of distinguished guests

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