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Dear Rotarian:



ARTHUR LAGUEUX  
President Rotary International  
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#### VISIT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Thursday, August 3rd 1950 will live long in the memory of the members of this Club. It marked the first occasion on which an International President made an official visit to this Club, and to "Arthur" Lagueux, fourth Canadian to be honored with that high office fell the privilege of being our distinguished visitor. In the many eventful days in the life of "Ray" Gushue, 30th President of this Club, the date will ever remain a red letter day.

The memorable day had its commencement at 11.30 p.m. Tuesday, August 2nd as R.I. President "Arthur" and his charming Rotary-ann Christine stepped from the T.C.A. plane at Torbay to be welcomed by President "Ray" and Rotaryann Phyl and many officers and their wives. In their suite at the Nfld. Hotel your President and Secretary had the pleasure of hearing some first hand news of the requirements of the high office.

"Arthur" has decided that he is going to visit as many Clubs as possible which have not seen a R.I. President in many years.

The eventful day opened at 10 a.m. when R.I. President "Arthur", Club President "Ray", Vice-President "Frank" and your Secretary were most graciously received by His Honor, Colonel Sir Leonard Outerbridge, Kt., C.B.E., D.S.O., Lieutenant Governor of Nfld. at Government House. At 10.30 President "Arthur" received the freedom of the City of St. John's from His Worship, Mayor Harry G. R. Mews. At 11 the members of the Liantamers Group explained the typical workings of our renowned group system. As President "Arthur" sat in the little theatre completely equipped by the group members for the patients at the Sanatorium.

Joined by the Liantamers the little cavalcade of cars paused during its drive thru beautiful Bowring Park as President "Arthur" viewed the many points of interest which included the replica of the Beaumont Hamel Monument to the immortal memory of the gallant men of Newfoundland who died in the first World War; the swimming pool and playgrounds.

At 12 noon R.I. President "Arthur" was met at the plateau of our National War Memorial by Major F.W. Marshall and Lieutenant R.W. Martin, President and Secretary of the St. John's Branch of the Canadian Legion. Accompanied by President "Ray", R.I. President "Arthur" advanced to the main shaft of the beautiful Memorial and in the name of the world wide organization of Rotary placed a wreath in grateful thanks to the men and women of Newfoundland who served and died that Service Clubs such as ours might be free to strive for a better world and a permanent peace.

At Cabot Tower on Signal Hill overlooking the safe harbour of St. John's, President "Arthur" was greatly impressed with the history in which this famous hill is steeped. This old battleground over which French and English fought for mastery of the island still has relics of the old fortifications as well as evidence of modern equipment. President "Arthur" stood on the spot from which Signor Marconi received the first wireless message. Looking westward over old St. John's "Arthur" could plainly see the spot from which Alcock and Brown took off to conquer the Atlantic Ocean. In fancy he saw Lindberg in his single-engine plane as he saluted old Cabot Tower on that famous flight. This spot also marked the most easterly point of the North American Continent.

At Murray's Pond Club the Directors and Chairmen A. & O. Committee with the R.I. President enjoyed a leisurely lunch of which

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the main dish was our famous native trout which occasioned many fish stories. "Arthur" hopes to return some day to enjoy our Salmon fishing.

At the Sunshine Camp President "Arthur" was greeted by the full committee under the Chairmanship of President "Jim" Herder. A full hour's tour of the beautiful grounds, the swimming pool with the children disporting themselves, the spacious playgrounds with its equipment and the well laid out accommodations of the main camp, and the work which it all entailed caused President "Arthur" to express himself as being "deeply moved" with this phase of the Club's interest in underprivileged children. In the Hickman Memorial Wing "Arthur" saw broken little bodies recuperating under the care of competent nurses.

Returning to the City President "Arthur" met the Citizens' Committee which now operates the Rotary sponsored Children's Playgrounds at the five hundred capacity Rennie's River Swimming Pool and afterwards the fully equipped grounds of Bannerman Park.

At 7.30 p.m. President "Arthur" and Christine met and chatted with all the members and wives of Club Officers as they assembled at the Old Colony Club prior to the Banquet in honour of our distinguished visitors.

Upon the arrival of His Honor, The Lt. Governor and Lady Outerbridge, the assembly sat down to a very appetizing dinner. The affair followed the usual weekly luncheon routine with the addition of two solos each by Miss Roma Butler and Mr. Stuart Godfrey. Community singing featured two Nfld. Folk Songs which were enjoyed by our guests.

President "Ray" called upon the members to extend a cordial Rotary Welcome to the head table guests included amongst whom were:- His Honor, Colonel Sir Leonard Outerbridge, Lt. Governor of Nfld., and Lady Outerbridge; His Worship, H.G.R. Mews, Mayor, City of St. John's, and Mrs. Mews; Mr. M.J. Pratt, President St. John's Kinsmen's Club, and Mrs. Pratt; Mr. Douglas Pinsent, President St. John's Lions' Club, and Mrs. Pinsent; Rotaryann Signe Hunt; R.I. President "Arthur" and Christine Lagueux; Rotaryann Phyllis Gushue and Col. W.F. Rendell, A.D.C.; and Mrs. Rendell.

The toast to "The King" was proposed by Sir Leonard Outerbridge Honorary member of the Club.

In his introduction of Rotary International President "Arthur" Lagueux, O.B.E., President "Ray" welcomed our visitors to Nfld. and assured them of the pleasure which was ours of being visited for the first time by a fellow Canadian who has distinguished himself in private as well as Rotary life.

President "Arthur" received a very warm and generous welcome as he stepped before the speakers table. His address was an inspirational talk on the ideals of Rotary and the many opportunities of Service in sick, maimed and distressed people to be found everywhere. "An Ideal is the heart of Rotary and Rotary must come from the heart and reach the heart of the other". Continuing he said "We must harness the powers of our Idealism for better to-morrows, Rotary is vital--not synthetic, it was born, not made." Referring to the upset condition of the world, "Arthur" said, "Treaties must be written by men with understanding in their hearts". Like his predecessor in office, R.I. President "Arthur" is strong on the application of Vocational Service which he said "is worthy of our greatest efforts".

Having expressed his gratitude to the local club for its many Community efforts and thanks for the welcome he and Rotaryann Christine had received, he wound up with, "Rotary is an opportunity for Service and Fellowship----to do something for someone else, lets translate Aims into Action---NOW".

At the conclusion of the address President "Ray" thanked R.I. President "Arthur" and asked Lady Outerbridge to present to our distinguished guest a miniature of our national emblem, the Caribou, mounted on the Rotary wheel imbedded deep into the relief map of Nfld. "Arthur" was visibly moved by this manifestation of our regard. Rotaryann Christine was presented with a genuine Nfld Seal-skin purse and matching beret. The purse contained a Nfld. silver

dollar. The presentation was made on behalf of the Club by His Honor, the Lt. Governor Sir Leonard Outerbridge. Both gifts were the craftsmanship of Past President "Jim" Ewing.

Once again at the Hotel it was the pleasure of your President and Secretary to have an informal chat with "Arthur" and Christine. Short though their stay had been it was one they would long remember and both expressed themselves as being deeply impressed with all they had seen and hoped to return some other day. The day had been gorgeous, the sun shone in all its glory and the planned programme had been carried out without a hitch.

Early Friday morning farewells were said by President "Ray", Vice-President "Frank" and your Secretary and much to the delight of all three, "Ern" Maunder appeared split seconds before plane departure and presented "Arthur" and Christine with a beautiful coloured picture of an early morning fishing scene. As the plane soared gently into the western sky it took away a couple who, in the short stay at old St. John's, had endeared themselves very truly in the hearts of all with whom they came in contact. We wish for them both good health and good fortune as they journey throughout the Rotary world spreading the gospel of Fellowship, Peace and Understanding.

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TO BE A ROTARIAN

It takes a long time for a man to become a real Rotarian. If he is not something of a Rotarian in spirit before he joins the club, he hasn't much chance of ever becoming a true one. That is, he must have something of the Golden Rule spirit in his life to build upon, and then he must be exposed to the atmosphere of Rotary until it soaks in. A man who has been in the club for two or three years begins to catch the idea. By the time he has been in for ten years, his attitude and viewpoint are definitely coloured by the principles of friendship and service, or else he is no longer a member. It takes a long time to build a genuine Rotarian, but the finished product is worth the time it takes.

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Attendances abroad are credited to:

"Jim" MacIntyre, at Edinburgh, Scotland, on June 29th  
"Harry" Dustan, at Moncton, N.B. on July 26th

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At this Thursday's meeting, August 10th, our speaker will be:  
"Cal" Pratt, Subject: "NAFEL"  
Chairman will be "Val" Earle.

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A message from District Governor "Ed" Ford to his fellow members of the Halifax Club:

"The basis of Rotary is classification (don't  
twist it out of shape)  
The joy of Rotary is fellowship (don't be  
exclusive)  
The obligation of Rotary is service (support  
Rotary - don't lean on it)  
The life of Rotary is attendance (to enjoy it  
you must be there)  
The privilege of Rotary is yours (exercise it)

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Rotarily,  
HERB  
Secretary.