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President Rotary International Sees Local Group's Work

One-day Tour Carries Arthur Lagueux To Rotary Projects - Visits Lieut-Governor And Mayor

The local St. John's Rotary Group did it up and packed into a mere twenty-four hours so much experience for Rotary International President Arthur Lagueux, that he said, at the conclusion of the day, "Wherever I go, I will point out the St. John's, Newfoundland Club as an example of what Rotary can do anywhere."

The first president of Rotary International to visit here, Mr. Lagueux, was very impressed with his visit, his itinerary being planned by Raymond Gushue, L.I.B., Department of Fisheries, and President of The Rotary Club, St. John's, Newfoundland, and Mr. H. K. Wyatt, secretary of the local club, who was, at the most recent conference of Rotary International, honoured by being appointed a member of the Canadian Advisory Board.

The twenty-four hour tour, which saw President Lagueux introduced to everything from what the capital Rotary Club is doing to a fairly comprehensive knowledge of the history of Newfoundland, as explained by visits to historic sites, said he was "deeply moved" by efforts of the St. John's Rotary Club, particularly by their group efforts. Their work at the Sunshine Camp for underprivileged children, their deep concern, and attention to patients in the various hospitals had left him wondering in admiration, the president said.

His first scheduled visit yesterday was to Government House, where he met and talked with His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor Colonel Sir Leonard Outerbridge, Kt., C.B.E., D.S.O., President Lagueux chatted informally with His Honour for some moments. The Lieut-Governor said how much he wished that the Rotary International President had been present on Wednesday to witness the Regatta, and then the two distinguished gentlemen went on to talk of fishing on Newfoundland rivers. The Rotary International President is an ardent angler, and so particularly anxious is he to try for a salmon, that he indicated his desire to the Lieutenant-Governor for a return visit.

VISITS MAYOR
Later, he, in company with Rotarians President Raymond Gushue, L.I.B., Vice-President Frank O'Leary, Secretary H. K. Wyatt, paid a special visit to His Worship Mayor H. G. R. Mews at City Hall. The Mayor of the oldest city in Canada extended a cordial welcome to the president, and they spent some moments talking of the history of St. John's.

Mr. Lagueux next visited the Sanatorium, where he saw the famed Lion Tamers group's work—especially in the "San" theatre, which they have built through their efforts. On hand to greet him were chairman of the group Tommy Tomlinson, Deputy Mayor George Nightingale, Jack Lacey, Joe Dewling, Ray Manning, Paddy Halley, Ron Maunder, and Bobbie Innes.

Later, the Rotary President had "elevenes" with the Liontamers, and members of the Sanatorium staff. He was particularly interested, when he learnt that other Rotary groups are carrying out somewhat similar work in other hospitals.

At Bowring Park, which he toured, points of interest, including the imposing Caribou Memorial, the impressive statue of the Fighting Newfoundlanders, were pointed out to him by President "Ray" and Secretary "Herb". Later, he met Parks Superintendent Harry Hamlyn, whom Deputy-Mayor George Nightingale introduced.

LAYS WREATH

A more solemn moment came only a short half-hour afterward. With President Ray Gushue holding a wreath, the Rotary International President approached the National War Memorial base to lay a wreath in tribute to the men who had died. Watching were Major Fred Marshall, and Secretary W. R. Martin, representing the Canadian Legion.

Earlier, Mr. Gushue had pointed out to the Rotary International President the spot where the British flag was first raised overseas—at the base of the shrine where Sir Humphrey Gilbert first planted the British flag. Visits were also made in the morning to Cabot Tower, and Signal Hill. St. John's Rotary President Raymond Gushue explained a net used by fishermen there. Secretary Herb Wyatt told of the great and historic battle fought on the hill, bringing to life D'Iberville and Bouillon, Amherst, and Townshend.

President Lagueux was particularly interested, since so much history of his native province was first forged, during the Seven Years' War, on Signal Hill.

LAUNCH AT MURRAY'S POND

A 1:00 p.m. luncheon was held at Murray's Pond, attended by distinguished Rotarians, including His Excellency the Portuguese Consul Senhor J. Henriques de Moraes. A semi-tasse on the pond's edge completed that phase, after which the party moved onto the Sunshine Camp—the largest effort of the St. John's Rotary Club.

After looking at the wonderful 40 acres of sunshine, which the camp provides, President Arthur Lagueux turned to his hosts, and visibly impressed said, "I am deeply moved—this is a wonderful thing you are doing." Later, he confessed that, in his experience, he had seen very few such camps, if any, to equal it. Among those present at the Sunshine Camp for the International Rotary President's tour were St. John's Rotary Club President Raymond Gushue, L.I.B., Secretary Herb Wyatt, Jim Herder, Fred Martin, Joe Crocker, C. R. Bell, T. S. A. Freeman, Mrs. Lagueux, Mrs. Raymond Gushue, Mrs. Jim Herder, Mrs. H. K. Wyatt, Mrs. Fred Blair. Met by officials of the camp, they also spent some time on the edge of the pool, where they were met by Miss Penelope Goodridge, and Miss Pat Summers.

Later, the Rotary International President also visited the Rennie's River Swimming Pool, where he learnt that Rotary was the mentor of the Playgrounds' Association in St. John's.

RECEPTION AT OLD COLONY

At 7:30 p.m., there was a reception at the Old Colony Club for the President, and his Rotaryann Christine. An official banquet in his honour, followed, when the speaker was President Lagueux.

Presentation of a Silver Caribou to the President was made by

President Addresses Banquet



(Daily News Photo) Arthur Lagueux, President of Rotary International, giving an address at a banquet held in his honour at the Old Colony Club last evening. On his right is Mr. Raymond Gushue, President of St. John's Rotary.

Lady Outerbridge, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor, whilst a presentation of a sealskin handbag to Madame Lagueux was made by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Leonard Outerbridge.

President Lagueux, in his address, paid tribute to the St. John's Rotary Club. He indicated that, within the next year, he may visit some 40 countries, but "always," he said, "I shall tell them of the example you Rotarians in St. John's have set."

The theme of his address was the translation of "Aims into Action," which urged that the principles learned in Rotary be applied in the world. Dealing graphically with his subject, the Rotary International President warmed his listeners by such phrases as "we have now learnt the vanity of war, and the sanctity of friendship." "Meet of us," he said, "find it easy to shake hands, let us henceforth speak not with that easy informality, but with that heart."

This morning, at 5:10 o'clock, he and Mrs. Lagueux left for the mainland. President Gushue and Secretary H. K. Wyatt were on hand to see them off. Also in attendance were the Consuls for France, Monsieur Maurice Bonade, Senior J. Henrique de Moraes, consul for Portugal, the consul for Brazil Rotarian G. R. Williams, M.B.E., and Rotarian Secretary H. J. Wyatt, vice-consul for Spain.

Mayor Greet's Rotary President



(Daily News Photo) The oldest city in North America—our own St. John's—extends a welcome to Rotary International President Arthur Lagueux, as Mayor Harry G. R. Mews extends the hand of fellowship at City Hall yesterday. Seep (l. to r.) Secretary of the local Rotary Club H. K. Wyatt (a member of the Canadian Advisory Council) between the two—President of the St. John's Rotary Club, Mr. Raymond Gushue, L.I.B., and left Mr. Frank M. O'Leary, O.B.E.—Vice-President of the St. John's Rotary Club.