

Re Robert
Abraham
& Montreal
Gazette
1st Daily Paper
published in Canada
by him (in summer?)
& tri-weekly in winter

Re

November, 1935. QUEBE

THE CANADIAN LIBERAL CABINET.

The Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King	Prime Minister.
The Hon. Chas. A. Dunning	Minister of Finance.
The Hon. Ernest Lapointe	Minister of Justice.
The Hon. P. J. A. Cardin	Minister of Public Works.
The Hon. Wm. D. Euler	Minister of Trade & Commerce.
The Hon. T. A. Crerar	Minister of Natural Resources.
The Hon. J. G. Gardiner	Minister of Agriculture.
The Hon. Fernand Rinfret	Secretary of State.
The Hon. G. E. Michaud	Minister of Fisheries.
The Hon. Ian A. Mackenzie	Minister of National Defence.
The Hon. J. C. Elliott	Postmaster-General.
The Hon. C. G. Power	Minister of Pensions.
The Hon. James L. Ilsley	Minister of National Revenue.
The Hon. Norman McLeod	
Rogers	Minister of Labour.
The Hon. Clarence D. Howe	Minister of Transport.
The Hon. Raoul Dandurand	Minister without Portfolio.

Under-Secretaries for the principal departments will be appointed after legislation has been voted at the next session.

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**AN APPRECIATION OF
THE NEW CANADIAN GOVERNMENT.**

The following appreciation appeared in the "Montreal Gazette" (Canada's leading Conservative paper) of October 25th, the day after the Canadian Liberal Government took over office.

The new Liberal Government takes office under

LINK WITH SLAVE DAYS

**LIVERPOOL MAN GAVE MONTREAL
ITS FIRST DAILY**

A Liverpool man, Mr. Robert Abraham, is believed to have been the first newspaper proprietor to publish a daily newspaper in Canada. That was in 1844, when the Montreal Gazette was purchased by him, and published daily in the summer and tri-weekly in the winter.

The journal has just celebrated its 160th anniversary, and the jubilee issue (of 32 pages) makes this reference to Mr. Abraham, of Liverpool, stating that he was a competent journalist, and recognised as far the most able writer of the English newspaper Press of his day in Montreal.

The Gazette was inaugurated in 1778, being the first newspaper published in the city. The fourth number contained an advertisement for a runaway slave:

"Ran away on the 14th inst., a slave belonging to the widow Duffy Desaulnier; aged about 35 years, dressed in striped calico, of medium height and tolerable stoutness. Whoever will bring her back will receive a reward of six dollars, and will be repaid any costs that may have been incurred in finding her."

In 1804 the published news from the Mother Country and Europe was two months old on the average when printed in the Gazette.

Strangely enough, a Mr. Thomas White seems to have been one of the most progressive and successful proprietors and editors of the paper, and the description of him in 1871 said he "possessed exceptional aptitude for public life."

The anniversary number contains pages of complimentary letters and a full history of the paper.

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