

Freedom of The Worshipful Company of Musicians be presented to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn *K.G., K.C., K.P.*, President of the Royal Academy of Music, and President of the Royal Choral Society, in grateful appreciation of his valuable National Services.

Signed

H. G. de La Fontaine	Master
Ernest Clarke	Wardens
Wm. J. Lancaster	
J. G. Fenwick	Clerk

The Duke made a gracious reply and said how interested he always had been in music, especially English music, and having again cordially shaken hands with the Master and the other members of the deputation the members withdrew.

The new Master Sir William J. Lancaster, *J.P.*, was sworn in at Stationers' Hall on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1921 when Mr. William Henry Ash, *J.P.*, was admitted to the office of Senior Warden and Mr. William Henry Perry Leslie to the office of Junior Warden.

It was decided to send the following telegram to H. R. H. The Prince of Wales, on the eve of his departure for India:-

H. R. H. The Prince of Wales

St. James's Palace

On behalf of The Worshipful Company of Musicians tonight holding its annual Livery Dinner at Stationers' Hall I beg leave to wish you as one of its Honorary Freemen good speed and a safe return home.

William Lancaster

Master

To which the following reply was received on the next day:-

H. R. H. The Prince of Wales