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VISIT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES TO BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL ADDRESSES AND REPLIES.

The Heir to the Throne of the British Empire visiting the Provinces of that empire in America is a new fact in the history

of both. Never was a visit more graciously made, or more cordially received. The personification of free monarchical government and the spirit of British North American liberty meet for the first time, and never was meeting more affectionate, or congratulations and prayers more hearty. The representative person of majesty, and the representative thousands of freedom, mutually embrace each other with an ardour and earnestness that bespeak the strongest convictions and the deepest feelings.

Why is this? No favours are sought or expected on either side. The visit is not diplomatic, nor are the greetings those of official cliques. The visit is the expression of a Queen-mother's affection to her son, and a Queen-sovereign's love to her free people; and the reception is the spontaneous ovation of all ranks, classes, parties, and ages; the unanimous, concentrated heart of our

whole country, offering its warmest tribute of love and loyalty to the filial representative of the most beloved of sovereigns, and the truest guardian of civil and religious liberty.

The universal and cordial welcome to the Prince of Wales, were no prostrations of superstitious ignorance and galvanized

serfdom before an Eastern potentate or an European despot; they were the cordial homage of a virtuous people to parental, royal, and personal virtue—the intelligent appreciation by a free people of a principle of government and law, which is above party; which, like the sun in the firmament, is no less impartial than universal in its benefits. It is in this that a free monarchy is distinguished from a free republic on the one side, and an arbitrary despotism on the other—as the personification of impartial authority and supreme law, and not the head of a party—as the impartial guardian of public rights and freedom, and not the absolute disposer of a people's religion, liberties, properties, and lives.

The visit of the Prince of Wales to these Provinces must have been one of great pleasure, profit, and pride to His Royal Highness, as it has been one of great interest and satisfaction to all classes of their inhabi-



HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, AS COLONEL OF THE 100TH REGIMENT.