

VISIT OF DUKE OF CONNAUGHT

Hearty Reception Accorded Distinguished Visitor---Address of Welcome and Reply---Other Notable Functions.

Yesterday morning the official landing of H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught took place in the presence of thousands of people.

At 9.30 His Excellency Governor Davidson went on board H. M. S. Essex and along with Captain Watson of the warship accompanied His Royal Highness to the shore at 10 o'clock. The ship then fired 21 guns. At the King's Wharf the Duke received a right royal and enthusiastic reception from the multitude of patriotic people assembled in that neighbourhood. A guard of honour consisting of 40 police lined the pier and at the moment of landing H. R. H. was greeted with vociferous cheers following the rendition of the National Anthem by the Methodist Guards band.

Chairman Gosling then read the City's address of welcome after which the following were presented to the Duke:—The City Commissioners, the Premier, Executive members, clergymen and consuls representing foreign nations.

ADDRESS.

St. John's, Nfld.,
July 9th, 1914.

To Field Marshal His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Governor General of Canada, K. G., Etc., Etc., Etc.

May it Please Your Highness:—

On behalf of the citizens of St. John's, we, the Municipal Board, extend to Your Royal Highness a heartfelt welcome to our City and tender you an expression of high appreciation of the honour you have conferred upon its inhabitants by your visit to this, the oldest town in the British Empire Beyond the Seas, and the capital of Britain's most Ancient Colony.

The community of Newfoundland is perhaps unique in the fact, that it has been created, it may be said, altogether by settlers from the United Kingdom. As a consequence loyalty to our King, reverence for our Royal House, love of law and order are traditions which lie deep in the hearts of our people and only await the presence of a member of the Royal Family to fan them into enthusiastic manifestation. How this was shown when our late loved King Edward the Seventh, of glorious memory, your Royal Highness's revered brother, visited St. John's in 1860, as Prince of Wales, is a matter of history; how it was shown when our present King, George Fifth to whom be long life and a happy reign, came to us in 1901 will be a matter of happy remembrance.

We beg of Your Royal Highness to convey to His Majesty an assurance of the unalterable devotion and love of His people in St. John's and Newfoundland generally, and their ardent hope that under His high and noble influence the Great Empire of which we form but a small part may be linked closer and still closer together in the bonds of a common loyalty to the Throne and in the splendid ambition of working out a common destiny.

In conclusion the Municipal Board trust that your Royal Highness's short stay in the Colony may be immensely pleasurable, and that you will have a safe return to Canada, to continue for a space the high office which you have done so much to dignify and popularize.

Signed:—

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REPLY TO ADDRESS.

St. John's.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: The nature of my reception during my voyage round the coast of Newfoundland has already shown me the deep loyalty of your people and their genuine attachment and devotion to the Throne and to the Empire.

Your welcome to me to-day and the terms of your eloquent address have shown me, in a most convincing fashion, that these sentiments are deeply rooted in St. John's, your capital city. I thank you from my heart for your welcome and you may rest assured that, when I return to the old country, I will not fail to tell our Sovereign that he has so many loyal subjects

than the people of Newfoundland and that their affection has a permanent note in it, since his visit to St. John's some thirteen years ago.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I can assure you that I have greatly enjoyed my visit to your island and am sincerely sorry that it is now drawing to a close. I have been struck by the wildness and beauty of your scenery; I have been impressed by the number and size of your splendid harbours, but above all I carry away the conviction that Newfoundland, old as her history, is a land of great future possibilities. I am glad to hear that these possibilities are now being increasingly developed, as, with the growth of your industries, the prosperity and comfort of your people will become more and more independent of circumstances.

While hesitating to touch on so tragic a subject, I venture to express the deep sympathy that I felt at the news of the sealing disaster, which is fresh in all our memories.

If there were no other sentiment common to British subjects we should still be united by our common association with what we have come to regard as our special element, namely the sea. Consequently when the news of your disaster, with its mingled tragedy and heroism, became known, the sympathy with you all through the Empire was most genuine. I can only trust that it will be many a long year before your sturdy fishermen are visited by any such calamity.

Ladies and Gentlemen once more let me thank you for your welcome and let me conclude by saying that my only regret is that the Duchess and Princess Patricia were unable to accompany me on my visit.

AT KING GEORGE INSTITUTE.

Leaving the King's Wharf, the Duke, accompanied by the Governor, proceeded to King George V. Seamen's Institute, where H.R.H. was received by Hon. R. Watson, Chairman of the Institute Committee, Hon. W. C. Job, Chairman of the International Grenfell Association, Mr. J. A. Paddon, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. A. Sheard, the Secretary. After these gentlemen were presented to His Royal Highness, by His Excellency, they entered the Grenfell Hall where the various committees were assembled. The Duke graciously gave his assent to a group photograph being taken by Mr. Holloway. The Governor and Mr. Watson then presented to His Royal Highness the Directors of the Nfld. Grenfell Association, of which His Excellency is Chairman, the members of the Entertainment Committee and Mr. Jones, the Superintendent of the Institute. Mr. Watson then asked His Royal Highness to accept an album of views of the Institute which had been specially prepared by Mr. Sheard, the Secretary. In making the presentation Mr. Watson expressed his regret that Dr. Grenfell, through whose efforts the Institute had been erected, was not present on such an auspicious occasion, and thanked the Duke for his visit, assuring him of the great pleasure it gave them to welcome His Royal Highness. The Duke accepted the album, and made a very gracious reply, thanking the Committee for their reception and assuring them of his deep interest in the work of the Institute, for which he expressed his sincerest wishes for its career, prosperity and usefulness. His Royal Highness then inspected the Royal portraits in the Grenfell Hall and promised to send his own portrait, after which the Duke, accompanied by the Governor and Mr. Sheard, inspected the men's quarters and expressed his appreciation of the various departments. His Royal Highness then visited the Girls' Department, where Mrs. W. C. Job, the President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, the Ladies' Committee and Lady Davidson were presented. The Duke was very pleased with this department, and had much pleasure in declaring the department open for the reception of visitors. Returning to the men's department His Royal Highness took leave of the members of the committee and as he proceeded to his carriage, Mr. Watson called for three cheers for the distinguished visitor, which were heartily accorded by the citizens assembled in front of the building. The members of the various committees and others who were presented to the Duke were Sir E. Morris, Hon. M. G. Winter, Dr. Macpherson, Hon. P. T. McGrath, and

Messrs. H. W. LeMessurier, J. Fenelon, H. R. Brooks, G. H. Grimes, M.H.A., P. F. Moore, M.H.A., B. E. S. Dunfield, F. C. Berteau, W. F. Lloyd, M.H.A., W. F. Hallyard, M.H.A., A. A. Parsons, H. P. Shortis, Arthur Mews, D. J. Davies, I. C. Morris, W. G. Gosling, C. P. Ayre, Dr. Mosdell, R. P. Holloway, Thomas McNeil, Frank J. Morris, J. W. Morris, Superintendent of Institute, Mr. W. Jones, Mrs. W. C. Job, Mrs. Edgar R. Bowring, Mrs. W. C. Gosling, Mrs. J. S. Benedict, Mrs. J. B. Mitchell, Miss Annie Hayward, Miss Barnes, Miss Manuel, Miss M. Furlong and Miss Bennett.

H. R. H. after viewing the new extension of the Girls' Department said to Mrs. (Hon.) W. C. Job, the President, and the other members of the Ladies' Auxiliary who were present:—"I have much pleasure in declaring open these beautiful rooms for the use, comfort and happiness of the girls, and I wish you every success."

As His Royal Highness and party were passing the R. C. Cathedral on the way to St. George's Field, the joy bells sent forth a glorious peal of welcome. The Duke was particularly impressed with the beautiful expression of loyalty, as was also His Excellency and the others of the party.

INSPECTION OF BRIGADES.

Following the ceremony at the Institute, the procession wended its way by way of Water Street, McBride's Hill, Church Hill, Queen's Road, Rawlins' Cross and Military Road to St. George's Field, where an inspection of the Brigades took place. The brigades present were the C.L.B., Lieut. Colonel Rendell; C.C.C. Lt.-Col. Conroy; Highlanders, Lt.-Col. Paterson; King Edward Brigade, Mr. Grace, Lt.-Col. James; Frontiersmen, Lt.-Col. Holloway, and King George Brigade, Carboner, Major Duff. Each battalion was inspected by H.R.H. who was accompanied by Governor Davidson, the Captain of the Essex, Rt. Hon. Sir E. P. Morris, Lt.-Col. Rendell and Aides-de-Camp. The brigades formed up in quarter columns and afterwards marched past in four deep to the music of their own bands. Next the officers of the different brigades were presented to His Royal Highness by the Lieut. Colonels, including Major Hutchings, Lieut. Ayre and Captain Mews, of the Methodist Guards. H.R. H. addressed the brigades, congratulated them on their appearance and also on the admirable way they went through the manoeuvres. He expressed surprise at the large gathering of young soldiers on parade, and expressed the hope that they would prove worthy sons of the Empire. His Royal Highness and suite then made their way to Government House via Military Road and King's Bridge Road and through the Eastern Gate. His Royal Highness had luncheon with the Governor.

OPENING OF BOWRING PARK.

Exquisite Syrian Scenery.

Thousands of people wended their way yesterday afternoon to Bowring Park by train, vehicle, motor car and by walking. The Park was clothed in the fresh foliage of early summer and was a delight to the visitors. On a stand erected in the Park the Duke of Connaught and his suite the Governor and Lady Davidson, representatives of the donors Hon. Edgar Bowring, Mr. John Munn, Mr. Eric Bowring, the Premier, Sir Edward Morris and a number of invited guests too their place.

THE PREMIER'S ADDRESS.

Your Royal Highness, Your Excellency, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen:—

We are assembled here to-day for the purpose of participating in the ceremony of opening and dedicating the beautiful Park by which we are surrounded, to the use of the public of St. John's and their friends who may visit it from time to time. Nature has done a great deal for it in the assembling of river and stream, hill and dale, forest and vista, but under the magic wand of the donors, and the artists working under them, it has been transformed into an abode of rare beauty.

We are privileged to-day in having the ceremony of the opening of the Park, the bestowing of the name by which it will be known hereafter, and the dedication of it to the public, performed by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. His Royal Highness comes to us to-day, not alone as

a great pro-consul of Empire, the Governor General of our great, friendly neighbour and sister, the Dominion of Canada, that but recently in the disaster which cast a gloom over the whole land, showed in a tangible manner its sympathy with our people, but he comes to us as the uncle of the Sovereign of the British Empire, the greatest Empire the world has ever seen, an Empire which knows no sunset, an Empire of which it is our proudest boast to be the oldest and most loyal portion. He comes to us as the son of the great Queen Victoria, who for over sixty years ruled over Newfoundland, and under whose beneficent and glorious reign responsible government was granted to us, and many of the restrictions and burdens under which we laboured through foreign treaties removed. He comes as a brother of our late King Edward, who contributing to the cordial relations with France and other European powers, rendered it possible for British statesmen to remove from the shoulders of Newfoundland the burdensome exactions and restrictions of French treaties. He comes to us in his personal capacity as a general of the British Army, a great Englishman, one who has worked in the interests of the Imperial cause, and the Empire, and for these, and for many other reasons, it will forever add interest to the work in which we are engaged to-day, that his name should be so closely associated with it, and we one and all tender him a right Royal welcome here to-day.

The beautiful Park which will be presently dedicated to us, as you are aware, the gift of Messrs. Bowring Brothers to the people of St. John's and their friends who visit St. John's from time to time. It is given by them to mark the centenary of one hundred years successful business and trade in Newfoundland. There are many of the older people here to-day who could better testify than I, to their record amongst us, and indeed there must be thousands all over the country who can bear out the statement, that in all the relations of the firm with the public during that long period they have maintained a high standard of integrity and liberality in all their dealings. Further, they have shown a commendable spirit of enterprise—a sporting spirit, if you like—in investing large portions of their profits and capital in the risks attendant on the prosecution and development of the fisheries of Newfoundland and its resources. And, looking around after one hundred years' triumphant career, for some fitting form of commemorating the event, some way by which the milestone they have passed, the red letter day in their career might be perpetuated. I know of no better means they could have selected than the gift to those amongst whom they have worked and lived, of this beautiful Park.

On behalf of the people of St. John's and those who in the years to come will visit the Park, and on behalf of all, I thank His Royal Highness for the pleasure he has given us all in coming here to perform this ceremony; and I thank Messrs. Bowring Brothers for their generous gift to the people, and particularly do I thank Hon. Edgar Bowring for the adoption of the idea of this Park, and also his associate directors, Messrs. John S. Munn and Eric Bowring, who have so ably assisted him in working out his plans, and I feel that all will join with me in expressing the hope that when another century rolls by the name of "Bowring" will be still a household word in Newfoundland, and its trade will have continued to expand and flourish, and on that occasion some other educating and ennobling work may be dedicated to the public in commemoration of their 200th anniversary, by a worthy action of our present Royal House.

I now beg to request His Royal Highness to graciously open and dedicate the Park, and I beg to present to His Royal Highness the representative of the donors, the Hon. E. R. Bowring.

Hon. Edgar Bowring, on stepping forward, received an ovation from the vast concourse. He said:—

Your Royal Highness, Your Excellency, My Lord, and Ladies and Gentlemen:—

It is with very deep feelings of pleasure and gratification that we all so welcome here to-day His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught who has been good enough to come here and open this little Park of ours during his very short visit to us. I would wish to thank him very much indeed for having come here, and to say how very much we appreciate the high honour he has conferred upon us. The visit of His Royal Highness to Newfoundland is a most important thing, for it shows us, in this most Ancient and Loyal Colony, small though it be, that he has taken the trouble to come all the way from Canada to pay a visit to this island and go around our shores. That we appreciate this to the fullest extent I need hardly say. The pleasant duty devolving upon me to-day is to present this Park (which we have been at work upon during the past two years), to the Commissioners of the City, to be held in trust by them for

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