

A RIGHT LOYAL WELCOME

—TO—

PRINCESS LOUISE
TO CANADA.

BY REV. J. T. BREESE, M. A.

*Royal Letter to Rev. J. T. Breese, Congregational
Minister, Alton.*

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, March 6th, 1879.

Lieutenant General Tonsonby has received the Queen's commands to thank the Rev. James T. Breese for sending his Poem on Princess Louise, which Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, Ottawa, Jan. 29th, 1879.

SIR.—I am desired by Her Royal Highness, Princess Louise, to thank you for so kindly sending the Poem which arrived to-day. And at the same time I am desired to say how much touched Her Royal Highness was by it.

I am, Sir your obedient servant,

RICHARD MORETON,

Private Secretary.

To Rev. J. T. Breese,
Alton, Ont.

Welcome, loving gentle Princess,
To our humble forest shore,
Million hearts do throb to greet thee,
With the love their depths can pour.
Leave the throne of ancient glory
With its glitter and its show,
And enthrone thy beauteous nature,
In the love our bosoms know.

Come with all thy native graces,
From the pomp of Europe's pride,
Bring them with thy gifted nature,
Briskly o'er the ocean's tide.
We do need the higher culture,
To refine our heart and soul,
Let us read thy finer instincts,
As they'll on our country roll.

Rough and rude to thy fine spirit,
Will be all around thee here,
With the absence of a presence,
That was always to thee dear.