



**"THE QUEEN—GOD BLESS HER."**

**SUNDAY'S PARADE OF ENGLISHMEN IN HONOR OF HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY.**

**THE BIGGEST TURN-OUT OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING PEOPLE EVER SEEN IN THE CAPITAL.**

**St. John's Church Filled up to the Communion Rails, and Hundreds Unable to Obtain Admission—A Memorable Day for Englishmen.**

The organizers of the English parade on Sunday are well satisfied. The turn out was larger than the most sanguine could expect in such wet weather. As stated in the last issue of the *ANGLO-SAXON*, it had been decided by Bowood Lodge, S.O.E., that their observance of the Queen's birthday should be postponed until Sunday, May 29, owing to the absence of Supreme Grand President Stroud in Toronto to attend the celebration there on Sunday, May 22. It was also resolved to invite the sister lodges, St. George's society, the Boy's lodge, and all Englishmen in the city to join the parade.

The weather on Saturday was ideal, cloudless blue sky, bright sun and invigorating atmosphere. On Sunday during the morning church services, threatening clouds began to obscure the sun, light showers fell, followed by a heavy sullen downpour of rain reminding one of the Old Country. At dinner time rain was still falling and the outlook for the parade was extremely dismal. At two o'clock, the hour for assembling at the different lodges, the sky was black and lowering, the streets muddy, sidewalks wet, and rain coming down at intervals, with prospects of a very wet day. All hope of a large turn out was given up, and many of those who had gathered on the street corner prophesied a "fizzle."

**AT THE LODGES**

Very few were present at 2 o'clock, but by the quarter past, members suddenly began dropping in fast. Then came Englishmen and sons of Englishmen not belonging to any lodge or society. They turned up in swarms, in ones, and twos and threes, and finally when the fall-in was sounded and the order to march was given, an official count was taken, and it was found that in spite of the discouraging conditions and the certainty for most of them of being wet through to the skin, there were close on 1,400 in line. Among these were some brother Britons not of English birth, and also a few brother French Canadians. They were under the impression that the parade, being in honor of the Queen's birthday, was British, and of course were made to feel as much at home as though the event was not intended to be specially English. All told, there might have been 50 to 60 such visitors in line, but the remainder were Englishmen and sons of Englishmen.

Had the weather been fine, the number in line would certainly have exceeded 2,000. As it was, the result was considered satisfactory in the extreme. Among those in line unquestionably were at the most moderate computation 800 taxpayers and voters of the city of Ottawa.

There were hundreds of Englishmen on the sidewalks in the afternoon when the rain ceased for awhile, who would have joined the parade had the streets been clean and dry, and hundreds more

who staid at home in deference to the condemnation by the ministerial association of a parade on Sunday, a condemnation by the bye, which had been reserved for a turn out of English born citizens.

Among those present were one veteran of 83 and another of 79, who hale and hearty, and filled with patriotic fire marched through rain and mud in honor of the Queen's birthday, as blithely as the youngest men in the parade.

**THE ORDER OF MARCH.**

The procession was massed on Wellington-street by the Grand Marshal, J. R. Hooper, mounted, and assisted by Deputy Marshals, Alderman Harken, Messrs. Guppy, Tink, Morgan, Capt. Winter and Roger.

The head of the column moved around Lyon to Sparks. Sixteen banners were carried and had it been a fine day there would have been, as originally intended 23. Over 1,300 extra badges were given out. None of the outlying contingents came in, owing to the heavy rain storm. The Imperial veterans made a particularly fine showing. The order of procession was as follows:

- GRAND MARSHAL,
- Guards Brass Band,
- Imperial Veterans,
- Guards and Sharpshooters,
- Northwest Contingent,
- Ancient Order Foresters,
- Canadian Order of Foresters,
- St. George's Society
- Sons of St. George,
- DRUM CORPS,
- Englishmen and English Canadians,
- English School Boys,
- Lion Juvenile Lodge, S. O. E.,
- Russell Lodge, S. O. E.,
- Stanley Lodge, S. O. E.,
- Bowwood Lodge, S. O. E.,
- Derby Lodge, S. O. E.,
- Clarendon Lodge, S. O. E.,
- Members of Parliament and Senators.

**At the Church**

The church was soon filled to overflowing and it soon became evident that some hundreds would be unable to obtain admission. Large numbers, soaked to the skin and tired of waiting, gradually dispersed for their respective homes. The remainder filled every seat, and a dozen men went to work bringing in chairs with which every available foot of space was quickly lined. Even the chancel was invaded. Rev. H. Pollard, whose benevolent features were lighted up with surprise at the enormous congregation, himself left the reading desk where he was patiently waiting to begin the beautiful service of the church of England, and conducted a number of little ones to the chancel and seated them there. Such a sight was never before witnessed on a similar occasion in the capital of Canada. Had arrangements been practicable at that late hour, an overflow congregation could have been gathered and gone a good long way towards filling the great Sunday school hall adjoining the church.

The musical services under Mr. Evelyn G. Steele, were perfect. Old English airs stirred the heart with silent rapture before the worshippers were seated. Miss Bacon sang the solo in the anthem with exquisite expression. Miss Code sang Home Sweet Home most charmingly during the offertory. The hymns were all of the triumphal character, and the congregation joined in the singing with one voice, the effect being singularly impressive. The service was read by Rev. H. Pollard, the beloved rector of the church. The sermon was preached by Rev. A. W. Mackey, the

assistant clergyman of St. John's, who is the chaplain of Bowwood, and in that capacity held in most affectionate regard by the lodge. It was as follows:

**THE SERMON.**

**England's Destiny as the Guardian and Champion of the Bible.**

DEUTERONOMY, IV 8 & 9—"What nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life; but teach them thy sons, and thy son's sons."

The children of Israel had been chosen by God as His own peculiar people; in wealth, in intelligence and honor they exceeded the surrounding nations. Their greatness was not owing to their numerical strength nor to their warlike propensities for they were unused to the spear and the bow. Their prosperity was due to the statutes and the laws given by God through His servant Moses, and in keeping them, was their great reward.

England is a great nation surpassing in wealth and importance the ancient empires of Greece and Rome, Macedonia and Persia, her sails whitening all waters, her flag flying from every fringe of coast, girdling the globe with her possessions. Her commercial enterprise, her civil and religious character give her the first place among the great powers of the world.

Looking at her history both past and present we can recognise the kindly hand of Providence guiding and shaping her destiny, and can say: "Not unto us O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name be the praise."

In times of great national danger God has shielded and protected our native land and granted success to the daring and courage of our countrymen. We should remember this at all times lest prosperity should make us puffed up and we begin to say, "My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth."

There are those who say that England's day is gone, that "westward the course of empire takes its way," and with the exhaustion of her coal fields she will sink back into oblivion. No nation can perish and pass away into contempt and ruin for any other cause but for her sins. Self-indulgence has ever been as the hand pointing to ruin on the dial plate of a nation's destiny. It is righteousness which exalteth a nation, and iniquity which destroys it.

"Long may our hardy sons of honest toil Be blest with health and peace, and sweet content And oh! may Heaven their simple lives prevent From luxury's contagion weak and vile! Then howe'er crowns and coronets be rent, A virtuous populace shall rise the while And stand, a wall of fire, around our much loved isle."

Canada is the comeliest of England's daughters and let the twelve thousand members of Sons of England lodges in the fair Dominion ever be true to the land of their adoption. God has given to us a goodly heritage and here the high and low, rich and poor, can unite in a cordial brotherhood, each seeking not his own but his brother's welfare.

We need have no fears for our Dominion's future if we are brave, and honest and true, if we live in soberness, temperance and chastity, and scorn to do anything mean, detest every form of falsehood and impurity, love the Lord Jesus Christ with all our hearts, and never grieve the Holy Spirit of God by wilfulness.

We may tremble for ourselves and our country when men give themselves up to evil deeds and self indulgence and

transgress the statutes and the judgments which the Lord our God hath commanded us.

Much of the prosperity of our country and the improved condition of the people is due to the benign influence of OUR BELOVED QUEEN.

For more than half a century she has ruled over the millions of her subjects with the golden sceptre of love. The hand which holds the sceptre is no longer young and the once bright and happy brow now bears the furrows of bereavement. Each birthday as it adds to her years, adds also to the devotion of her people, and when a few months ago she mourned the death of her grandson, all parts of the empire were drawn closer around the Royal mourner by the bonds of a common sympathy.

Her example exhorts us ever to wear the white rose of innocence, to remember the Creator in the days of our youth and he will not forsake us in the time of our old age. May God grant to her a long and beautiful sunset at the close of her life's labours, so that "at eventide it shall be light."

**AT WORKMEN'S HALL.**

After service the line re-formed and marched to Derby lodge hall on Albert street, where votes of thanks were returned to Rev. H. Pollard, rector of St. John's, and Rev. A. W. Mackey, chaplain of Bowwood lodge, the choir and church officials of St. John's, sister societies, the marshal, deputy marshal, etc. A number of addresses were given, including those from Bro. Tyrwhitt, M. P., Grand President Stroud, S.O.E., and Mr. W. L. Marler, President St. George's society.

Mr. Marler in his remarks said he would be glad to see the Sons of England all members of St. George's society. St. George's society was a purely benevolent institution, but the \$2 spent in membership fees would never be regretted, owing to the good it would do. He was glad to see the Sons of England prospering and wished them continued success.

When Supreme Grand President Stroud got up to speak he courteously returned the compliment to Mr. Marler and said he would like to see all members of St. George's society, including Mr. Marler himself, members of the Sons of England.

Supreme President Stroud in introducing Col. Tyrwhitt, M. P., said he was one of a body of men in parliament who were ever ready to stand up for British connection and British supremacy. He was a man of whom Englishmen the country over were proud. (Applause.)

**COL. TYRWHITT'S REMARKS.**

Col. Tyrwhitt, M. P., received quite an ovation. He was, he said, very pleased to have turned out in procession with the Englishmen of Ottawa, and he was glad to see that Englishmen at Ottawa were so well organized. He was one of those that believed that Englishmen, as the conquerors of this country, had too little voice in the councils of the people. He belonged to a county where the British connection sentiment was very strong, and even Canadian independence was scouted. He hoped again to see such a procession here, and even if possible a larger one, as it would have been had the weather been favorable. He concluded by wishing the Ottawa Englishmen all success in going ahead with the organization of their fellow countrymen.

**OTHER SPEECHES.**

Bro. J. E. Andrews, secretary of the committee of management, congratulated the Englishmen of Ottawa on the handsome turn out they had made, but thought that if another parade was held it should be on a week day, say the Queen's birthday, as the Ministerial association were opposed to Sunday parades. This sentiment was generally applauded.

Bro. John R. Hooper, the marshal, replying to a vote of thanks, said most people had imagined that there was only a handful of Englishmen in Ottawa, not worth reckoning with in anything connected with the future of the country, but he thought the parade of that day, by way of a beginning, would have the effect of opening their eyes. The parade next year, when properly organized, would be twice as large. (Applause.) The meeting broke up with the singing of the doxology.

**NOTES.**

Ex-President Geo. T. Carey, Quebec St. George's society, was in the parade.

Thanks are due to Ald. Scrim by many members of the S. O. E. and St. George's society for roses.

Mr. H. Parks had large supplies of roses at the lodge rooms for the use of those who had neglected to make provision the previous evening.

The actual count by deputy marshals of their respective divisions was as follows: No. 1, 375; No. 2, 426; No. 3, 295; No. 4, 380; total 1,476.

The Canadian Order of Foresters were under the supervision of their district deputy high chief ranger, Mr. A. N. McNeill, and they made a splendid showing.

Major Harrison, late commanding Co. H, Midlanders, Northwest Field Force, was in the parade, also Capt Stewart, late Royal Horse Guards, and who was one of the Egyptian Camel corps.

The success of the day is largely due to the energy, zeal and organizing ability of Bro. Hooper, the grand marshal. Each of his deputies worked with a will. D. D. Bro. Ackroyd was also indefatigable.

**They Want Our Nickel.**

New York World—The question of Canadian annexation will be more favorably considered if the reports of the Canadian nickel mines should be verified. Canada expects to do nothing less than furnish nickel-plated steam vessels for the world and generally to substitute nickel for steel.

**British World-Fair Notes.**

Great Britain's building at the Exposition will be a typical specimen of a picturesque, half-timbered English home of the time of Henry VIII, or about the period which the World's Fair will commemorate. It will be ninety feet square, two stories high, and built of red brick, heavy timber and yellowish terra cotta, with red tiling for the roof.

According to the Liverpool Journal of Commerce the English railways will carry World's Fair exhibits at half rates from any station to the port of embarkation, and most of the Atlantic steamship lines will transport them at a uniform rate of 11s [\$2.67] per ton.

The great rowing event of the season at Vancouver, B. C., will be the regatta on August 14, under the auspices of the Northern Pacific association of amateur oarsmen. Crews are expected from Portland, Seattle, Victoria and Westminster.

The premier and the attorney-general of the colony of South Australia have been conferring with the New South Wales Ministry on Trade and Federation. The conference has resulted in a decision to seek power to coin silver.

Ottawa Evening Journal—In the United States, it would take two or three years to hang or electrocute Deeming. A month is sufficient beneath the Union Jack.

The Irish local government bill has passed its second reading in the Imperial house of commons.

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