

Malta, Port Said, Aden, Colombo and Singapore, receiving a warm reception in each place. In Melbourne the Duke opened the first parliament of the recently created Commonwealth of Australia. After calling at New Zealand, the royal pair started their long journey west. Durham, Natal, was reached August 12th, and Cape Town four days later. Then bidding adieu to the African continent they set sail to America. On September 15th, the Duke and Duchess landed at Quebec. The celebration they received, there and in Montreal was, as everyone knows, a most enthusiastic one. Nor was the Capital backward. The future king and queen of England alighted from their train amid the patriotic cheers of thousands. A still greater welcome was given them on Parliament Hill where all the school children of the city and the University students in cap and gown were waiting. Six thousand voices joined to sing the national anthem, while a couple of Varsity cheers expressed the respect the students of Ottawa University felt for the heir-apparent of the British throne. A still grander sight was there, on that same hill that night, when the three magnificent Gothic piles were made bright as day by thousands of electric lights. Hardly, if ever, has the world seen such a spectacle. Other cities may have shown the Duke something more interesting than a war-canoe race or a lacrosse match, or have given him something better than a trip with lumbermen down the slides, but Ottawa may at least claim that her electrical display, surpassed any other spectacle that the Duke has met so far, or will meet, in the rest of his trip across America.

Though one cannot yet definitely point out all the results of this visit, the bonds of friendship between the different portions of the British Dominions will likely be strengthened by it. And here comes to mind the great question of Imperial Federation. As Sir John Bourinot pointed out some years ago, Canada's present state that of a great colony, is merely a temporary one, and the day will come when she will have to choose one of the three futures, independence, annexation, or consolidation in the Empire. Annexation, if it were ever really thought of, has, since Confederation, become completely a dead question. On the other hand, Imperial Federation, before hardly dreamed of, has advanced by leaps and