

GROSVENOR HOUSE,

LONDON, W.1.

31st December, 1930.

My dear Mr. Beatty,

After a little over a fortnight in London I am getting away at noon tomorrow by train in order to catch my boat at Marseilles. My itinerary is roughly as follows.

I arrive in India at Bombay on January 16th, staying there for three days with the Governor of Bombay, Sykes, whom I knew as an Officer in the Air Force during the War, and who married a daughter of the late Bonar Law. Then I go to stay for three days with Sir Phillip Chetwoode, the Commander in Chief, whom I also knew during the War. After that we are taken for a two weeks' trip through interesting places in India, Agra, the Rajputana provinces, etc., and then back to New Delhi on February 7th where we stay with the Viceroy until the 15th. The inauguration ceremonies take place from the 9th to the 14th inclusive, and I perform at 11 o'clock in the morning of February 10th, when I unveil the Canadian column and make my little speech. The week is taken up with aeroplane displays, polo matches, garden parties, balls, receptions, investitures, etc.

After leaving New Delhi we go on a further tour to Benares, Calcutta, Madras and to Ceylon from which port we sail on a Japanese liner to Hong Kong, where we should arrive on March 9th. The tour in India you will note, does not include Punjab or North West frontier provinces; although I have made suggestions more than once that I would like to see something of that province. Perhaps Chetwoode will allow me to go when I broach the matter to him, but I imagine that owing to present conditions in India, visitors are not wanted in the Punjab. I am also told that many hostile incidents take place that are never recorded in the Press. Some of my old army friends here have told me that it is not uncommon for motors containing Europeans to be