

# EARL OF MINTO ARRIVES

Dawson Receives the Governor-General in Style and Splendor.

## COMMISSIONER'S AND COUNCIL'S ADDRESS OF WELCOME

To Which His Excellency Makes Most Happy and Befitting Reply

During Which Old Sol Beams Forth in Refulgent Splendor, an Omen of Future Prosperity and Amelioration From Grievances Long Endured—Vice-Regal Party Cheered by Thousands of Spectators—Afternoon Events—Citizens' Address—Parade a Success—Programme for the Evening.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The indisputable fact that a just God presides over nations and people was clearly demonstrated today, a day to which it is believed coming generations will point as an epoch in Yukon history—the day on which the Earl of Minto, governor general of Canada's vast dominion first honored this far off portion of his domain with his distinguished presence.

The morning was not an auspicious one. For the past several days the Yukon weather has been on its bad behavior. The weather clerk has been touching the wrong gauge and the proverbial "oldest settler" (now, Lord Minto, don't laugh, for we have him even in Dawson) has wrung his hands in terror and fear for the future of the country on which he, as an early settler, naturally thinks he has a patent right.

During the early forenoon a desultory rain fell, but the gentle breeze kept the many decorations with which the arches and buildings were festooned, fanned dry, and the flags, Canadian, English and American, continued to wave in readiness to welcome the queen's representative. At 10 o'clock the rain ceased but lowering clouds hovered threateningly near.

Fully an hour before the steamer bearing the vice-regal party was due to arrive thousands of people in holiday attire were parading up and down First avenue in anxious anticipation and expectation. At 11 o'clock the smoke of the steamer Sybil was seen over the island south of the city and 10 minutes later, with Capt. Cox at the wheel, the steamer was passing the barracks of the Northwest mounted police, when a salute of 21 guns was fired. Ten minutes later the beautifully decorated steamer tied up to the dock of the C. D. Co., the Orpheum theater band rendering in melodious strains the tune of the national anthem, "God Save the Queen."

Immediately on the landing of the steamer, Major Z. T. Wood, of the N. W. M. P., having been the escort of the vice-regal party, eight members of his force, with uniform and arms, alighted and lined up on the dock at the end of the gang plank. Commissioner Ogilvie and other members of the Yukon council with the district clerk, Dr. J. N. E. Browne, and members of the citizens' committee, Board of Trade, newspaper men and others, then boarded the steamer and were introduced to his excellency by Commander Wood.

Dr. J. N. E. Browne, secretary for the commissioner and clerk of the Yukon council, then presented, in behalf of the above mentioned officials the following address:

To His Excellency, the Right Honorable Sir Gilbert John Elliot, Earl of Minto and Viscount Melgund, County of Forfar, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Minto of Minto, County of Roxburg, in the Peerage of Great Britain, Baronet of Nova Scotia, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Etc., Etc., Governor General of Canada:

May it please your excellency, the commissioner and councilors of the Yukon territory desire to extend to your excellency and Lady Minto a hearty welcome to the territory.

In extending this welcome, we wish to associate with it congratulations to your excellency in having attained the

highest latitude any ruler has yet attained within the bounds of the empire of which we form a part, and, as a ruler in that empire we hail you as the representative of our beloved sovereign, and assure you that our loyalty and devotion to her are as sincere and earnest as in any other part of her vast empire, however much more favored it may be geographically or climatically.

We also wish to congratulate ourselves that your excellencies have undertaken the task of visiting us in this remote part of our Dominion.

During your excellencies' stay with us, we hope you will be pleased to consider that our desires to entertain you are hampered by the conditions surrounding us; but, notwithstanding this, we hope that any lack in that direction will be compensated in a large measure by the interest attached to our territory the world over, and the unique objects of study and consideration it represents.

Again, assuring your excellency of our loyalty to yourself as the ruler of our dominion, and of our devotion to the empire, we are your excellency's most obedient servants,

WILLIAM OGILVIE,  
J. E. GIROUARD,  
W. H. P. CLEMENT,  
Z. T. WOOD.

With Lady Minto at his side his excellency received the address most graciously and in reply made a neat address, saying in substance that he was most pleased to be able to visit Dawson and become acquainted with the people of the far-away Yukon; that he fully appreciated the hearty welcome with which he was being received; that he was anxious to learn of conditions as they exist here and that, in his position as governor general of the Dominion he will willingly and gladly do all in his power to further the interests of this portion of her majesty's domain.

It may have been either accidental or providential; certainly, as no previous opportunity has ever been given, it could not be termed a coincidence, but it is nevertheless true that, during the short address of his excellency Old Sol, for the first time in the day and for several days, beamed forth in all his effulgent radiance, an omen of the good times that are to follow the gracious visit of our distinguished guest. A more auspicious bursting forth of the sun's rays was never witnessed, and as such it was hailed as a good omen by the many who expect only good to follow the visit of the governor general of the Dominion to what is generally accepted on the outside as the benighted region of her majesty's domain.

To thrilling and enlivening strains from the band the party came ashore and were seated in waiting carriages, the former being occupied by Lord Minto, Judge Craig, Lady Minto and Commissioner Ogilvie; the second by Major Wood, Dr. Catto and Col. MacGregor and other distinguished personages, and the third by Crown Prosecutor F. C. Wade, Inspector Starnes, of the N. W. M. P., and Dr. J. N. E. Brown. The sidewalk and street were lined with people anxious to get a glimpse of the party in the first carriage as it was driven rapidly towards the barracks, preceded by four mounted police officers.

As the carriage containing the distinguished visitors passed down the street, hats and handkerchiefs and flags were waved by the crowd that lined the way, and cheers echoed on every hand, being responded to by the earl, who re-

moved his hat from time to time, bowing his acknowledgments. The party were escorted to the quarters arranged for their accommodation by the reception committee, where they were left to themselves till later in the day.

The stand erected on First avenue just in front of the Aurora Dock has been decorated in a very pretty, tasteful and appropriate manner, with flowers and evergreens. The platform is surrounded with a railing and underneath this on the sides and front, with the exception of the space taken up by the stairway, benches were placed, and upon them were displayed samples of the Yukon's vegetable products, consisting of cabbage, lettuce, turnips, radishes, carrots, peas and tomatoes. Besides these, there are displayed some very fine looking samples of wheat, barley and oats. The platform is backed by evergreens, extending across which are words "The Earl of Minto," in the form of an arch worked in flowers.

A table bearing two handsome vases filled with flowers occupies the central space, and around this in a semi-circle at the back are chairs for 12 or 15 people.

This is the stand arranged for the accommodation of the governor general and party, where he will receive the addresses prepared by the citizens' committee and the Board of Trade.

The address of the citizens committee was as follows:

To the Right Honorable Sir Gilbert John Elliott Murray Knykmund, G. C. M. C., Earl of Minto, Viscount Melgund, Baronet of Nova Scotia and Governor General of Canada, Etc., Etc.

May it please your excellency, we, the undersigned, a committee duly appointed by a public meeting of the people of the Yukon territory, to represent them in receiving and entertaining your excellency and the Countess of Minto, during your sojourn with us hereby present the following:

We welcome your excellency and Lady Minto to the town of Dawson in the Yukon territory. We wish to contribute to the pleasure and interest of a visit of which we hope you will always retain pleasing memories.

Your excellency and Lady Minto, in coming here will have the satisfaction of seeing what we believe to be one of the greatest gold placer mining camps yet discovered.

Though still in its infancy, its future as a mining camp is world wide. Though laboring under many difficulties its future is full of promise.

While unable to accord your excellency a reception such as would be given in places more in touch with commercial centers, we think that in no other district is your excellency's visit more heartily appreciated, and we believe the circumstances and conditions of this district will tend to make your visit interesting and instructive.

Your first knowledge of the western portions of Canada was obtained under somewhat different circumstances, but your present visit is looked upon by us as another link in the chain which will draw us closer to other portions of Canada and to the motherland and enable them to better grasp the difficulties of our position and the energy that has overcome the hostile forces of nature.

Our town of Dawson is simply ancillary to the mining region of which it is the center. It has the incompleteness of a frontier mining town of a few years' growth, but it is to our placer mining creeks that we must look. They have already produced enormous wealth and are only in the initial stages of their development.

In addition to the rich Eldorado creek which drew the attention of the world to the Yukon territory, further developments have shown large deposits of gold in the valleys and hillsides of Bonanza, Hunker, Sulphur, Dominion, Gold Run and other creeks. While these are by no means Eldorados they have already proved that under ameliorated conditions and with increased facilities for transportation they will be great sources of wealth and credit not only to the Yukon territory but to the whole Dominion of Canada.

With a proper development of the industry and resources of the country this territory would support a large population and afford the largest and most profitable opening to the people of Canada; a fact which we fear Eastern Canada has not fully appreciated.

It is only by personal inspection that our methods of mining, with their attendant great difficulties and expenses, can be properly comprehended, and we are pleased that your excellency and Lady Minto have undertaken this long journey for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with the conditions of the Yukon territory.

Gold mining is not the only resource of this country; deposits of coal, copper and other minerals have been found, and we feel confident that quartz mining

will yet become an important industry in this territory.

Poling boats have already given way to steamboats, dog teams to horses, while our gardens now produce vegetables and flowers which were at one time almost a priceless luxury in the Yukon.

You have noticed our magnificent waterway and the scenic beauties of our country.

The development of this country has but commenced, and it will continue to support an ever increasing population.

The enforcement of order by the Northwest mounted police has been excellent and we congratulate your excellency upon their efficiency and excellence.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria the people express their loyalty, and devotion, and to your excellency and Lady Minto they gladly express their appreciation of this visit.

The parade of floats representing largely the wealth and industries of the territory was reviewed from the stand as it passed.

The fire department came first, being led by the chemical engine, upon which was set up the pole of the little black cub, who perched and sprawled on the bar at the top. After this came the hook and ladder truck, followed by the hose wagon, with the steamer bringing up the rear.

The Ladue Lumber Co. was represented by a wagon bearing an appropriate load of timbers.

The A. C. Co.'s display was appropriate and unique. It consisted of a small log cabin upon which were hung pelts, and about the base were displayed sacks of flour and other commodities formerly used as articles of barter. The cabin bore the date of 1868, and illustrated the beginning of the present great commercial house.

The Yukon Iron Works was well represented by a large float bearing a large variety of mechanical appliances.

Two trucks loaded with freight bore the name of Lancaster & Calderhead, and the Ames Mercantile Co. had a very pretty and tasteful display of rugs and draperies.

The Yukon saw mill sent a four-horse load of heavy sawed timbers, and McLennan & McFeely displayed some of their wares on a buggy.

The A. E. Co. had a very large and handsome float representing a car of state filled with little girls, who sang as they went. On the side was the single word "Greeting."

The Dawson Transfer and Storage Co. sent a small steam engine and portable wood saw; and McLennan & McFeely were represented a second time by a large boiler drawn by four horses, and followed by a very large pack mule.

At 4 p. m. the party left the stand and were driven over the city. At 9 o'clock this evening the governor general will hold a reception at the residence of Major Woods for the gentlemen of the city who care to call.

### Contraband Booze Galore.

Yesterday, through some machination known only to himself Sergeant J. J. Wilson succeeded in locating 60 cases of smuggled whisky in a cabin occupied by Wm. H. Robertson on the side-hill near Fifth street. The stuff was packed in various cases labeled "eggs," "tomatoes," etc., and had been shipped in by the upper Yukon where it had passed inspection of the customs officers undetected and unsuspected. As there is over 300 gallons of the liquor, the amount saved by the smuggler was upwards of \$600, as the import tax even on whisky coming from other parts of Canada is \$2 per gallon; but if shipped from the United States the amount saved to the shipper and lost to the government by the process of smuggling would be much greater.

Robertson was placed under arrest and taken to the barracks. The whisky was also taken possession of by the officers and removed to other quarters for safe keeping. It will later be sold as contraband goods. Robertson's friends were endeavoring to secure his release yesterday evening, but their efforts were unavailing. He was formerly one of the proprietors of the Grotto, now the Rochester Bar. It is certain that he had one or more partners in the smuggling business, but their names have not yet been revealed.

Robertson is still in jail in default of \$10,000 bond.

### Corral Your Horses.

After today all horses found running at large within the city limits, if an unincorporated town can be said to have limits, will be taken up and impounded at the expense of the owner. The same course will be pursued with horses as with dogs. When impounded they can be redeemed on payment of a stipulated sum not yet announced, and if not redeemed within a certain time will be sold at public auction.

# LORD MINTO

Addresses the People in Response to a Memorial.

WHICH WILL MAKE SUGGESTIONS AT OTTAWA

Which Will Result in Great Good to the Yukon.

THE KEYNOTE OF HIS ADDRESS

Vast Audience Greet His Excellency and Listens to the Memorials and Speeches.

"As the constitutional representative of her majesty, you are well aware that I have no direct voice in the legislative affairs of the Dominion, but I must say that I believe I shall be able to make such suggestions as a result of this visit that great good to the country will accrue therefrom."

Thus, in substance, spoke his excellency the Earl of Minto before a vast audience which greeted him this afternoon at the grandstand erected on First avenue. The words when spoken brought forth an enthusiastic round of cheering from the multitude who had assembled every man of whom felt the earnestness of the speaker and received the conviction that in those few short sentences was an omen of better things for the Yukon.

Lord Minto's speech was in reply to the address of the reception committee published elsewhere in this paper.

"I must thank your committee as well as the people of your city in general, for this splendid reception," began his excellency. "In fact I have been greeted by so hearty and generous receptions ever since I entered the Yukon territory that in responding I am quite likely to repeat myself."

"As we came in sight of Dawson this morning the sight of your city built upon such substantial and permanent lines was a perfect revelation. You have had an up hill fight, but in spite of great obstacles of which I am well aware you have in the short space of less than three years accomplished wonders."

Then came the words which appeared in the head of this column and which brought forth a series of ringing cheers from the audience. In conclusion his excellency again thanked the committee and the people for their welcome, and brought his address to a close with a further assurance of his good efforts in behalf of the Yukon territory.

### Stage Overturned.

An accident occurred to Orr & Tuckey's stage last night at about 8 o'clock while en route from the Forks to Dawson, when, on account of the bad road, the vehicle upset, seriously injuring a lady by the name of Anderson and a man whose name was not learned. The ridge road, which, by the way, is the only wagon road through to the Forks, is said, owing to the late rains, to be in a deplorable condition and it is with delight that the arrival of Official Road Builder Tasche is hailed.

### Without a Country.

New York, July 4.—Concerning the present social status of William Waldorf Astor, in England, the London correspondent of the World cables that it is frankly admitted at Cliveden, Mr. Astor's villa on the Thames, that he will not tenant it this autumn, as has been his custom, but will go over to the continent for a year at least. His magazine property, the Pall Mall Gazette, is in the market, too, and the brokers say it can be had at a very reasonable figure, much less than the outlay already made upon it.

If Mr. Astor quits England for good, many say, he will be in a queer position. Though an American by birth, he has foresworn his allegiance, and is now a naturalized British subject. If he leaves England he will practically be a man without a country.

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