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them with degrees, and visits were paid to many places of interest, including the Convent of Ville Marie. Ottawa showed much loyalty, and the prince was specially delighted with the noble Parliament buildings. A statue to Queen Victoria was unveiled, and war medals were presented. Amongst those thus honoured was Lieutenant Edward Holland, who received the Victoria Cross, the highest meed of valour which the king can bestow. After visiting a lumber camp, the prince and princess were paddled down the river in canoes manned by French-Canadians, singing the old-time boat songs.

From Ottawa the royal visitors journeyed by the Canadian Pacific Railway past Fort William to Winnipeg, where the same loyalty was evident. Amongst those who greeted the prince was a member of the Red River Brigade, who was then lieutenant-governor of the province. After hearing the National Anthem sung and seeing the schoolboys drill, the prince and princess departed for Calgary, where they inspected the North-West Mounted Police, and drove to an Indian encampment in the neighbourhood. The red men at a "pow-wow" claimed that they refused to bear arms against their queen in 1885, and that they were loyal to their king. The children sang "God save the King" as well as English children could have done.

So the royal pair passed on, pausing at Banff before crossing the "Great Divide" into British Columbia. At Vancouver city and at Victoria the prince and princess received a most hearty British welcome. A few days later the return journey began, and on the 10th of October Toronto was reached. The most remarkable enthusiasm prevailed, and in reply to an address the prince said that the deeds of Canadians in the South African War had shown not only their loyalty, but their warlike character. "You have," he said, "fully maintained the noble traditions of your forefathers, who fought for heart and home under the leadership of the heroic Brock."

The next day ten thousand troops were reviewed by the prince, and war medals were distributed, Major H. Z. C. Cockburn also receiving the Victoria Cross, and a sword of