

THE PRINCE LEAVES ON FISHING TRIP

His Royal Highness and Party Departed This Morning For Duncan's--State Dinner at Government House Last Night.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught and his distinguished party spent a most enjoyable time yesterday afternoon, taking in the beauties of Victoria and district. Shortly after lunch at Government House the big tally-ho was drawn up in front of the castle, which has been the scene of so many brilliant functions, and whose hospitality is enjoyed by almost every distinguished visitor who comes to Victoria. Some sixteen years ago the Prince's father, the Duke of Connaught, visited Government House and laid the foundation stone of the

shore. The golf links were pointed to with pride by those who know the grounds, and can, without exaggeration, describe them as the best and most charmingly situated on the continent. Some of the royal party will this evening play over the award. From Oak Bay the circuit was taken round the coast to Beacon Hill and through the park, where the visitors from the old country had a view which forcibly reminded them of home—the grand old oak trees which have withstood the storms of ages, the English holly and ivy, the laburnum, the white and pink thorn, the clusters of yellow flowered furze, everything in full bloom, and even the familiar "oak-caw" of the rookery—a scene which can be enjoyed nowhere outside of the British Isles except in Victoria. Such a familiar landscape so many thousands of miles from home, did not fail to produce its pleasing effect. From the park a drive was taken through town, rendered the more attractive by the gay decorations on all sides, to the fountain, and thence to the Gorge, without seeing which no visitor to Victoria can ever be satisfied. On the road to the Gorge Mayor Morley called the Prince's attention to one little patch of scenery—looking through the trees at the Eberts' residence to the waters beyond. His Worship suggested that this was as nearly a duplication of a particular spot near Windsor as he had seen, and the Prince readily realized the likeness. During the trip His Royal Highness and party were profuse in their praise of "pretty Victoria."

the C. P. R. for this trip, took a couple of snap shots. When the carriage in which the Prince was seated drew up at the entrance to the railway station, the crowd sent up a rousing cheer, which was gratefully acknowledged. At Government House this morning a guard of honor was formed from the Royal Garrison Artillery, and the Prince and party left with a genuine God-speed. In driving past the Central school the pupils were all assembled on the lawn, to the number of upwards of a thousand, and gave three ringing cheers for the Prince, which His Royal Highness acknowledged by standing up in his carriage and donning his hat. The children attending the Spring Ridge school had also an opportunity of seeing the Prince, for they had taken up a position at the corner of Cook and Yates street, and made their presence known by the volume of sound they sent up as His Royal Highness drove by.

As stated in yesterday's Times, the Prince and his party spent a quiet, unofficial day. In the morning, the royal visitor and his staff were photographed wearing the ceremonial uniforms donned at the Tokio palace on the occasion when the Japanese Emperor was invested with the Order of the Garter. The Prince wore the robes of a knight of this ancient order, as will be observed by the accompanying picture. During the afternoon Admiral Sir Edward Seymour and General Sir Thos. Kelly-Kenny drove out to Esquimalt.



PRINCE ARTHUR INSPECTING THE GUARD OF HONOR

This picture has a historic value apart from the visit of the Prince, as it is probably the last occasion upon which such a "duty" will be furnished by British regulars in Canada, as the troops will be replaced in May from the Canadian force. This guard of one hundred men, exclusive of the band, was commanded by Lieut.-Col. English, R. E.

Canard Sauvage.
Charlotte Russe. Gelee au Vin.
Caviar.
Rameaux de Parmesan. Creme a la Glace.
Fruits.
Cafe Noir.

After dinner the Prince personally complimented Prof. Claudio upon his excellent music, especially commenting upon the intermezzo from "Cavaleria Rusticana" and the selection from "Faust." By particular request, some choice dance music was given by the orchestra, and for a time the floor of the ball room was occupied by the party, the Prince mingling freely with the guests.

THE FISHING GROUNDS

Every Indication That Good Sport Will Be Had.

The latest reports from the district in which the Prince and suite will spend to-day and to-morrow indicate that good sport will be had. Fish are plentiful, and rise gamely to the fly, and as His Royal Highness in an ardent disciple of Izaak Walton he will no doubt enjoy the trip, and retail many a pleasant incident of the occasion when he returns to England.

It might be well to say something of the resort chosen for the special honor of a visit from a member of the royal family of Great Britain. It is a typical mountain stream running due west and emptying into the Gulf of Georgia on the east side of Vancouver Island. Rising in Cowichan lake, a magnificent body of water, it flows through high and low lands until reaching the ocean. Near the head waters the stream diminishes into a swift-flowing rivulet seemingly impassable, and rolling over immense boulders and banks with a dull roar which obliterates all other sound. On either side is the impenetrable forests in its primeval state, unsettled and tracked by paths known only to the Indians, and a few of the more enthusiastic fishermen who think nothing of fatiguing travel when the goal is a shady pool well stocked with mountain trout. As the stream descends it broadens almost imperceptibly. The rapids become less frequent and the waters are swelled by numerous comparatively insignificant tributaries. This process continues until when it reached the pretty little town of Duncan it has developed into a somewhat pretentious river.

All along the stream from Duncan to the head waters there are ideal spots, spots that would delight the heart of the angler. A basket may be filled almost at any time of the year at this resort. The lake, owing to its distance from any settlement of size, and because of the difficulty of transportation to and fro, is seldom visited by large parties. Proceeding up stream the party will fish at all likely spots, remaining until well on in the evening. Providing the weather conditions are favorable some good baskets should be procured on this occasion. To-morrow the visitors will take a

number of automobiles, carriages and other conveyances and travel overland a distance of eight miles to a small Indian reservation on the banks of Cowichan river known as Shahtiam. Here Prince Arthur and those assigned to his party will find five more Indian war canoes awaiting their pleasure. Embarking, the river will be fished for a distance of several miles either way. The others will take the automobiles and go as far as possible towards the headwaters. When the road becomes impassable, they will take to the canoe and, in all probability, will go up as far as the lake, possibly trying their luck there.

Late in the afternoon Prince Arthur and his section, having been joined by those who went farther up stream, will put away their rods and start the voyage down, going the entire distance by canoe.

This should certainly prove the most thrilling of Prince Arthur's experiences. Great care has been exercised in choosing only the Indians most expert in the handling of paddles to pilot the Prince and his party along the perilous ways of the Cowichan river, a waterway which is more dangerous at this time of the year than in any other season. But no accident is apprehended as the Indians are much more at home in a canoe than upon their feet, and are very seldom known to meet with a mishap while manoeuvring their frail bark. And the adventure is just what the royal visitor wants. That he will realize his desire goes without saying.

The party will arrive at Victoria to-morrow night, and proceed direct to the steamer Princess Victoria, which will be used exclusively for the Prince and his suite. The Princess will leave her wharf here at 8 a. m. on Saturday, arriving at Vancouver about 12.30.

Provincial Constable Conway and Carter accompanied the train of the Prince and party to Duncan, where also special arrangements have been made by the police.

MESSAGE OF WELCOME.

Prince Arthur Replies to Telegram Sent by the Premier.

Ottawa, March 29.—(Special.)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier sent the following telegram to His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught:

Ottawa, Ont., March 28, 1906. On behalf of the government and people of Canada I desire to extend to your Royal Highness a warm welcome to this part of His Majesty's dominions and confidently hope that your visit may prove as enjoyable to yourself as it will be gratifying to the Canadian people.

(Signed) WILFRID LAURIER. The Premier received the following reply:

Victoria, B. C., March 28th. I am deeply touched by the kind message of welcome sent to me by you on behalf of the government and people of Canada. It gives me the very greatest pleasure to have this opportunity of visiting this vast Dominion, of meeting its loyal inhabitants and of learning

something of its great and ever-increasing resources.

(Signed) ARTHUR.

PLANS ALTERED.

The Prince and Party Go Direct to Cowichan Lake.

Duncan, March 29.—(Special.)—The Prince and party arrived here by special train shortly after noon. Duncan was in gala attire, and a hearty welcome was tendered the royal visitor by local residents at the crowded station, turning out en masse to do honor to the occasion.

All arrangements for the fishing expedition have been altered. Directly after lunch the Prince and staff left for Cowichan lake over the road, a distance of 22 miles, and should arrive there, providing the road is in good condition, and autos do not break down, early this evening. They will make their headquarters at the Lake View hotel, a messenger having been dispatched there by bicycle hours ago to see that proper arrangements were made for their reception. Probably some fishing will take place to-night, and at any rate the Prince will be active first thing in the morning with rod and line.

The unexpected alteration in the plans is a result of reports that fishing along the river is not good, while that at the lake now cannot be excelled. Several fine catches have recently been announced. Local sportsmen are confident that the Prince and the distinguished noblemen who accompany him will bring back creditable catches. The conditions are ideal.

It has been decided to divide the party into two sections, one having gone to Cowichan and while the other remains at Duncan fishing up the river. The Indian war canoes are stationed at Shahtiam and Kopalatsea. It is uncertain whether they will be used. Providing the Prince obtains good fishing at the lake the river trip will be eliminated.

LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER HONORED.

Commission Given J. Savannah to Photograph the "Garter" Party.

During the stay of the Royal party in Victoria H. B. H. expressed a desire to have a photograph taken of himself and suite attired in the uniforms worn at the time of the carrying out of his mission to Japan. It was the original intention to have this done in the East, but on learning that Victoria possessed artists whose qualification for the work was unquestioned, the Prince caused arrangements to be made for taking the group here. Mr. Savannah, whose work is so well known on this Coast, was entrusted with the commission, and notwithstanding that the photograph was taken in the open air and without the accessories of a studio, he secured a capital plate of the party.

The reproduction in another column, while printed off stereotyped plates and from a coarse screen half-tone, will give readers of the Times some idea of the effectiveness of the photograph.



THE "GARTER" PARTY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

By special permission of His Royal Highness.

Prince Arthur of Connaught in the uniform and robes in which he appeared when decorating the Mikado. The Prince is seated, with Lord Redesdale, K. C. V. O., C. B., on his right, and Admiral Sir Edward Seymour, G. C. B., O. M., on his left. Those standing, from left to right are: Capt. W. F. G. Wyndham, Esquerry to H. R. H.; Gen. Sir Thos. Kelly-Kenny, G. C. B.; Col. Arthur Davidson, C. V. O., C. B., and Mr. M. W. Lampton. The picture was taken on the grounds of Government House, Victoria, yesterday, by J. Savannah by special command of His Royal Highness.

—Photo by Savannah.

Royal Jubilee hospital. The Duke of York was also among the royalties who were entertained in this historic old building, while the various official representatives of the British government who have occupied Rideau Hall have from time to time been welcomed at British Columbia's capital by her respective lieutenant-governors. And

water with its background of snow-capped mountains across the straits was viewed with an appreciation of the grandeur which has made this bit of scenery famous the world over. Oak Bay looked charming in the balmy afternoon—not a ripple on the waters, but just enough action in the tide to mark its incoming as it kissed the

toris," and were unanimous in the expression that it is indeed a bit of the old country on the Pacific coast. The party returned to Government House in the evening, having enjoyed a drive which all declared to be a most enjoyable one.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught and party left this morning for Duncan by their special train, consisting of three carriages and big baggage car. The Sandringham dining car was beautifully arranged for the delectation of the distinguished visitors, the most competent chef and experienced waiters in the service of the C. P. R. being on hand to cater to the palates of the select few. The floral decorations were particularly effective and had the additional charm of being home products. In the other luxurious cars, the Venetian and Wakefield, ample accommodation was provided for sleeping and other approved methods of rest, nothing being overlooked calculated to add to the comfort and convenience of those en route to the fishing grounds.

The train, which was beautifully decorated with flags and bunting, was pulled out of the station at 10.40, Engineer Sylvine handling the throttle. At this moment there were only about a score of favored mortals on the platform, and no effort was made to give the Prince a parting cheer. Half an hour earlier there were thousands of people within the precincts of the E. & N. depot, but a peremptory order came to have the station cleared, much to the disappointment of all who attended to have a look at royalty. The crowd hung around Store street in front of the depot, and it was with no small difficulty that the police managed to keep the course clear for the carriages conveying the city's distinguished guests. Every vantage point was availed of to secure a view of the party—the small boys shining the telegraph poles, the elder ones sitting on the house-tops, or into the windows, but the ladies—the poor ladies—not being able to fight their way had to content themselves with a tip-toe glance at the royal carriage as it passed through the surging crowd, and even then were not quite sure that they had seen the Prince, as His Royal Highness was simply dressed as an ordinary English gentleman—no outward and visible sign of royalty.

As the royal party stood on the platform, before boarding the train, G. P. Langley, the official photographer of

They had a look at the incomplete work at Signal Hill, but did not go down to the dockyard nor board H. M. S. Shearwater, the only representative of the British navy in port.

His Royal Highness and other members of his suite, accompanied by Under Secretary of State Pope and Col. Trotter, A. D. C. to the governor-general, visited the golf links at Oak Bay, and enjoyed a foursome over this beautiful award, the players being the Prince, Col. Davidson, Capt. Wyndham and Mr. Lampton. All expressed themselves delighted with the links, which they declared to be as fine as any they had ever played over.

THE STATE DINNER.

A Distinguished Party Enjoy the Hospitality of Government House.

The state dinner at Government House in the evening was a very enjoyable function. The invited guests began to arrive shortly after 8 o'clock, and no time was lost in taking the seats assigned at the beautifully decorated tables in the spacious dining room. Signor Claudio's orchestra was in attendance, and discoursed a very select programme (published in yesterday's Times.) The guests of the evening were, in addition to His Royal Highness and party and representatives of the Dominion, etc.: The Bishop and Mrs. Perrin, Mr. Galletly, Mrs. Galletly, Captain R. G. Tatlow, Mrs. Tatlow, Canon Beauland, Mrs. Beauland, Mr. Marpole, Mrs. Marpole, Hon. Mr. McBride, Mrs. McBride, Hon. Mr. Pooley, Mrs. Pooley, Miss Pooley, Senator Macdonald and Mrs. Macdonald, Col. English, Miss Macdonald, Major Bland, Mrs. Templeman, His Lordship Archbishop Orby, Mrs. Pemberton, Commander Hunt, Mrs. Soames, His Worship Mayor Morley, Mrs. Langworthy, Mr. J. C. Pope, Mrs. Croft, Mr. W. R. Baker, Miss Bryden, Captain Trotter, Miss Casper, Captain Wyndham, Miss Musgrave, Mr. Lampton, Miss Tyrwhitt-Drake, Colonel Davidson, Miss Duns-muir, Colonel Hall, Mrs. Hall, Chief Justice Hunter, Mrs. Hunter, Colonel Prior, Mrs. Prior, Hon. A. B. Smith, Miss Keefer, Lord Redesdale, Mrs. Koper, His Royal Highness, Mrs. Nanton, General Kelly-Kenny, Capt. Drake, Admiral Seymour, Mr. Muskett, Capt. Parry, Mrs. Parry.

The menu served was the following: Hors d'Oeuvres Variés. Soupe aux Herbes. Soupe à la Tortue. Saumon. Halibut. Sauce Tartare. Petits Pates Riz de Veau. Poulets aux Champignons. Dinde. Sauce Victoria. Roti d'Agneau.



—Photo by Jones.

GENERAL SIR THOMAS KELLY-KENNY, G. C. B., Of South African Fame, Who is a Member of Prince Arthur's Suite.



MAYOR MORLEY WELCOMES THE PRINCE TO VICTORIA

Admiral Seymour and Gen. Kelly-Kenny stand to the right of the picture.