

## THE DUKE'S VISIT.



ROYALTY has rarely been seen on this continent. Since the downfall of the Aztecs there have been two short-lived monarchies, Brazil and Mexico. Brazil had three Emperors; the exiled John of Portugal, who was foully murdered; his son who reigned peacefully for a few years; and his grandson, who twelve years ago was deposed. Mexico's Emperors have a still more disastrous history. Her liberator, Iturbide, proclaimed himself Emperor, only to be executed two years later. Archduke Maximilian, who came to Mexico in 1863 to found a dynasty, was four years later, on the anniversary of Iturbide's death, mercilessly executed by the victorious republicans. In a very different manner and with happier results Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, visited Canada and the United States, in 1860, remaining three months on the American continent. Now he is King of England, and his son George, Duke of Cornwall and York, is in our midst.

The Prince of Wales came to America, a youth of nineteen. His trip was marked by the opening of Victoria Bridge, the laying of the corner-stone of the Parliament Buildings, and by public ovations all along the route; whilst the balls, banquets and hunting trips in which he took part are still well remembered. Prince George comes a man of thirty-six years. He had settled down to a quiet life in the navy when the death of his elder brother, the Duke of Clarence, gave him, not only his claim to the throne, but the latter's intended bride, Princess May. Everybody pitied the well-nigh widowed Princess, and it was with the public's warmest approval she married the younger brother. Upon the death of the Queen and the accession of his father, King Edward, Prince George became heir-apparent, and consequently, Duke of Cornwall. His other title, Duke of York, he had received shortly before his marriage. While the Queen was yet alive, the present trip to Canada and Australia had been arranged.

March 16th, the Duke and Duchess started their long voyage. They proceeded on the royal yacht "Ophir," by way of Gibraltar,