

22,000 PEOPLE SAW THE UNVEILING.

Statue of Queen Victoria In Gore Park Presented to the City With Becoming Ceremony Yesterday Morning.

Received by the Mayor After the Governor-General Had Released the Flag With Which It Was Draped—A Day Long to be Remembered.

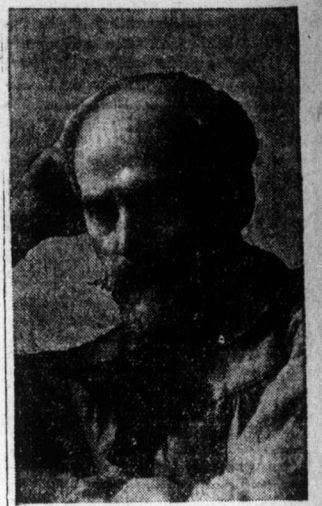


MR. ADAM BROWN, Hamilton's Popular Post Master, Who Made a Splendid Address at the Unveiling.

Hamilton paid its loving tribute of affection to the memory of Victoria, the Good yesterday, with a display of loyalty and patriotism unsurpassed in the city's history, when twenty-two thousand people saw Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada, unveil the Queen's Memorial statue in Gore Park. It was a magnificent spectacle. Thousands of hearts throbbing with patriotism, thousands of throats cheering with vigor and a combined chorus from the city schools singing, "O, Canada," combined in making a scene calculated to thrill the patriot's breast, and stamp indelibly on the mind the significance of that part of the inscription which adorns the monument, "May Children of our Children Say She Wrought her People Lasting Good."



Immediately after the unveiling, Earl Grey addressing the gathering.



PHILIPPE HEBERT, The Sculptor, Whose work the Statue is.

identified your beautiful city, not for the first time, with a loyal appreciation of what you owe to the British crown. "I have grown accustomed to look to Hamilton for a lead in movements bringing honor, distinction and benefit to Canada. "I am aware that Hamilton is the birthplace of that most valuable institution, the Canadian Club. I appreciate the impetus given by Mrs. Fessenden to the celebration of Empire Day, and it is only in keeping with the character and reputation you enjoy that you should be the first city in Canada to express, through the genius of Monsieur Hebert, one of the most talented subjects of the late Queen Victoria, and of our present King, the reverence, affection and esteem felt by your people for the memory of Queen Victoria."

Mayor Accepts the Statue.

As Earl Grey sat down the children's chorus sang "The Maple Leaf," hundreds of the spectators joining in the chorus. Mrs. Hendrie then formally presented the statue to the city. In accepting it on Hamilton's behalf, Mayor Stewart said:

"Your Excellencies, Mrs. Hendrie, Ladies and Gentlemen,—On behalf of the citizens of Hamilton, I accept at your hands this beautiful tribute of loyal affection to the memory of our late greatly beloved Queen, yes, to the memory of the queenliest woman that ever graced the throne of the British Empire. To you, Mrs. Hendrie, and your noble band of workers, who have accomplished this undertaking with so much credit to yourselves, and with so much satisfaction to the loyal people of this community, I tender on behalf of our people the gratitude they would gladly express had they the opportunity of doing so.

You have laid upon me and my successors in office the responsibility of caring for and guarding this statue. I need hardly tell you that these duties and responsibilities, are cheerfully assumed and so long as our children's children shall sing the praises of her whose pure and godly life was a benediction to the whole world, so long shall those duties be faithfully and cheerfully performed. Addressing the Governor-General, the Countess and Lady Grey, he said: "On behalf of the people of Hamilton, I extend to your greetings, and sincerely trust that your visit will be of the most pleasant nature, and that you will carry with you happy recollections of your stay among us."

An Eloquent Eulogy.

Following the acceptance of the statue by the Mayor, Adam Brown, Hamilton's veteran Postmaster, gave a brief address, containing an eloquent eulogy of her late Majesty. He spoke as follows: "Your Excellencies, Mr. Mayor and Citizens of Hamilton:

"For three score years, less two, have I lived among you, and at your hands received honors—the highest in the gift of the people—but none do I regard so great as the compliment of being invited to take part in the proceedings of the unveiling by His Excellency, the

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An Immense Crowd.

Hamilton or that portion of it which was anxious to witness the unveiling, favored with the ideal weather that a holiday crowd delights in, was astir early. Two hours before the time scheduled for the ceremony people were clinging to the iron fence around the Gore. An hour later the roads surrounding the park were crowded with sight-seers and when the Governor-General's party finally drove in eight James and King streets was a solid mass of humanity. They blocked the streets from wall to wall, extended down King street on both sides past Hughson street; north on James street to York; west on King street to MacNab, and south on James street to Main. Of course those on the outskirts could not see what was doing. The best they could do was to get a peep at the flag as it dropped from the statue, but they cheered and applauded just as loudly as those in the front. It was a big, good-natured crowd that did not mind the jostling and the crushing. Women fainted as they usually do in a crowd, and detectives and policemen had to imitate a football rush at intervals to get a mother and her treasures out of the crush, but no one was seriously hurt. The nearest approach to a serious accident was when a heavy piece of board crashed down off a new building on James street south, which is being repaired, and struck a man on the head. A stiff hat probably saved him from being fatally hurt. It smashed the hat and inflicted a severe scalp wound. The other end of the board touched the hats of two women, but they escaped unhurt. The windows and roof of the big Bank of Hamilton building, towering high up in the air on the opposite side, and every other building that made a good spot from which to view the ceremony, was a sea of faces.

The Governor-General's Arrival.

The City Hall presented a scene of activity and bustle. It was there that the reception committee assembled and the automobiles came chugging up one by one. Ten minutes before train time the gasoline buggies whisked Mayor Stewart, Colonel Gibson, Colonel Hendrie and the others who were to greet the

distinguished guests off to the station. A big crowd had gathered there and along James street. A guard of honor from the Thirteenth Regiment, consisting of Captain Fearman, two lieutenants, Sergt.-Major Huggins and one hundred men, stood at attention on the platform as the Toronto train, to which the Governor-General's private car was attached, rolled into the station. A cordon of police kept the crowd back. As Colonel Hanbury-Williams swung off the rear platform, followed by His Excellency and his aide-de-camp, Captain Newton, the Thirteenth Band struck up the National Anthem, and the troops presented arms and stood at attention. The Mayor, Colonel Gibson, Colonel Hendrie, M. A. Hendrie, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. W. H. Bellard and Mrs. John Crerar welcomed His Excellency and the ladies as they alighted. The band played "O, Canada," while the Governor-General, Colonel Hanbury-Williams and Captain Newton passed up and down the line inspecting the guard.

Arrival at the Park.

The singing by the combined children's chorus from the Public and Separate Schools was a notable feature of the ceremony. Nearly five hundred boys and girls were assembled within the enclosure on the south side of the monument, and they eagerly awaited the arrival of the Governor-General. Rev. Father Lepp, superintendent of Separate Schools, accompanied the children from the station. As the automobiles drove in sight on James street southward changed slowly through the crowd His Excellency was greeted with cheers and applause all along the line, and was kept busy bowing his acknowledgments. Lady Grey and Lady Sybil Grey smiled graciously in recognition of the reception. The guard of honor, a hundred men from the Ninety-first, attired in their splendid dress uniforms, their big bushy-towering above the heads of the crowd, and the Thirteenth men, one hundred strong, in their attractive blue and scarlet uniforms, presented arms and the band struck up the National Anthem. With the sun's bright rays reflecting on bristling bayonets and shining accoutrements the soldiers, standing statue-like at attention, presented a splendid appearance. A cordon of police made a passage to the northwest gate for the entrance of the party. As His Excellency and the ladies stepped on the platform the school children, under the direction of Professor Johnson, sang "O Canada," their voices rising strong and clear above the music of the band. As the last note died away the crowd that thronged the windows opposite responded with an outburst of applause. While the guests were taking their seats the children sang "May God Preserve Thee, Canada."

Drive Around the City.

The party walked through the station to the rear archway where the cars were in waiting. A big crowd waited to see them whiz off one by one. First came the Governor-General, Colonel Hanbury-Williams, Mayor Stewart and J. Moodie in the latter's car. The order of the others was:

Second car—Captain Newton, Lady Grey and Mrs. Hendrie.

Third car—Lady Sybil Grey, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Calder.

Fourth car—Philippe Hebert, Aldermen Sweeney, H. G. Wright, Farmer.

Fifth car—Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. John Crerar, Thomas W. Watkins.

Sixth car—Ald. Farrar, Clark, Nicholson, Evans, Bailey.

The party drove down James to Main street, to West avenue, to Hunter street, to Victoria avenue, to Stinson street, to East avenue, to Main street, to Delta, to John street, to Main street, to Queen street, to King street, to Victoria Park.

The big platform in front of the

The Unveiling.

Expressing the pleasure it gave him to officiate at the ceremony, the Governor-General pressed the button. As the statue was revealed to view the big crowd gave vent to their feelings with a mighty cheer. As the big Union Jack parted, one end of it floated over the sceptre held in the Queen's hand and rested there. His Excellency referred to it as a "happy accident." "It shows," he said, "that the Union Jack is inseparable from the sceptre."

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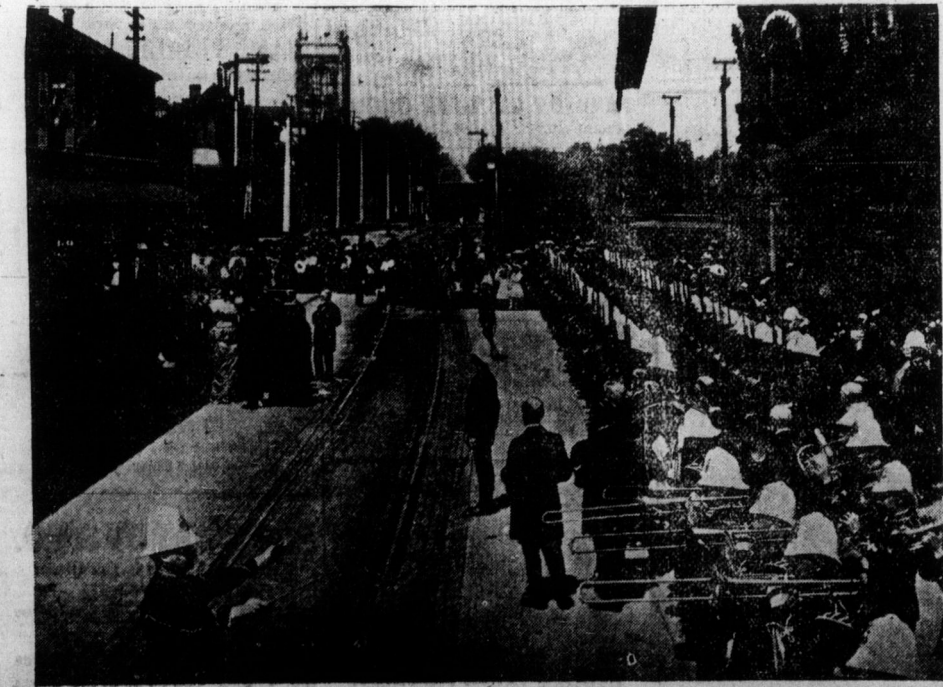
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Arrival of His Excellency's party at the T. H. & B. station, for the unveiling.



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