

FROM ALONG OVER THE MARINE PROVINCES

Saturday, Aug. 3.

Coming back to St. John after a few years' absence the attention of the old-time resident is at once arrested by the transformation which has taken place in the sentiments of the people in regard to their manner of amusing themselves. It is only a short while ago since a lady would have considered it beneath her dignity to sit for any length of time in one of our public squares, or to spend the afternoon unaccompanied at one of the beaches near the city. Happily all that is ended and on days when the sun shines the seats in the parks and squares are filled with women, sewing or chatting to their friends while all the time they keep a watchful eye on the juvenile members of their family who frolic about the grass-enclosed walks or, in King square, sail their ships in the diminutive lake, where the fountain plays such an important part in the amusement of the children, the most beautiful of the city's playgrounds.

And so it is everywhere, wherever the public can reach, at the seaside, at Rockwood Park or along the river bank, the lure of the sun and sea holds the people of St. John until now the once deserted byways, leading to the beauty spots around the city, have been converted into motor roads, and the once lonely roads, this is especially noticeable on Sundays and holidays, particularly so to those who have occasion to cross the harbor bridge as on such days hundreds of fashionably dressed women and children, with their male attendants, form a continuous procession from the bridge to the beach. If there is a swimmer left who doubts that St. John has progressed in the last few years he should take his walk abroad in this direction.

The approach to the city by the Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia to St. John, lends interest to accounts of their reception in other cities and the maritime provinces. In Charlottetown for instance, was to use the phrase of one of the city newspapers "A carnival of color by day and a black and white by night." The summer's royal party, with the exception of the Duchess of Connaught and her escort, who remained on board the S. S. Earl Grey, arrived at Charlottetown at 11.15 p. m. on Monday, July 29, at the station a platform surrounded by an artistic canopy beautifully decorated with the national colors had been erected. The royal party, accompanied by their aides, stepped on the platform at the guns rang out a salute from Fort Edward. His Worship Mayor Lyons then read an address of welcome. Afterward the royal party, who were there were presented to The Royal Highnesses. A pretty incident was the presentation of a beautiful bouquet of pink roses to the Princess Patricia by the Mayor. The little daughter of the mayor, the military were presented in numbers and as the royal party left the station to take carriage for Government House, the Fourth Regiment Band played "God Save the King. Lieutenant D. O. M. Reddin of the Light Horse was marshal of the procession.

The city was on edge for the memorable occasion, the decorations being particularly fine on the route which the procession followed. At Great George street the school children lined up to receive the royal visitors and here they were greeted by a great demonstration of flag waving and cheering. Arrived at Government House the royal guests were entertained at luncheon and this was purely private function being confined solely to the royal party. Hon. J. E. Wyatt, Lieutenant-Governor Rogers and Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Reddy Rogers and daughter, Mrs. Rogers, the governor's wife, was seated at the table. The luncheon table was of pink carnations and maiden-fair fern. The Princess Patricia wore a dress of brown, with pink roses, and Mrs. Rogers, the governor's wife, was seated in silver grey crepe de chine, black picture hat, black lace scarf and black gloves. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who had arrived on the steamer Earl Grey, was most pleased at having seen her and to the Princess Patricia's exquisite baskets of roses and sweet peas, gifts from the Daughters of the Empire of Charlottetown.

The government reception at the Park was held in a handsome, recently erected pavilion designed after one of the buildings at the Durbar and here Premier Matheson read an address to the duke, after which little Miss Arville Matheson presented to the duke a basket filled with purple berries. The duchess was seated in a rich heliotrope costume veiled with black tulle, black hat with purple panels. Over the duke's shoulder were those black ateen-palmerines which are being revived this season. The Princess Patricia was gowned in navy blue, white with black trimmings. Mrs. Rogers, the governor's wife, was gowned in navy blue, black hat with white ogreys. Miss Adams and other members of the royal suite were present in great numbers. The duke and duchess were dressed in the citizen of P. E. Island. In the evening the residences and public buildings were beautifully illuminated, the boats in the harbor also were decorated and lighted and this added greatly to the brilliant effect.

On Tuesday morning the royal visitors were given a sail up West River. This was a delightful visit. The duchess was present on this occasion. Among those on board were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. B. McCready, formerly of this city, now residents of Charlottetown.

On Tuesday afternoon tea was served at the golf-links and immediately upon their arrival at the links the Princess Patricia, Miss Adams and other members of the royal suite were present in great numbers. The club house was gaily decorated with flags and evergreens. Sweet peas in palest pink were the table decorations. The tea was given by the house committee and varied with each other in attending to the needs of the large assemblage of visitors.

A highly successful dinner was served at Government House on Wednesday. The Duke, Princess Patricia, Miss Adams, Colonel Lowther, Buller and Bulky, St. Louis and Lady Davis, Chief Justice and Miss Sullivan, Premier and Mrs. Matheson, Mayor and Mrs. Lyons, Colonel and Mrs. Peake, Senator Yeo, Captain Palmer, and United States Consul and Mrs. Foster were present. The elegantly appointed dinner table was resplendent with roses, tulips, intermingled with costly silver, china and glass, and presented a beautiful appearance. The Princess Patricia's gown

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ROTHESAY

The tennis match which was arranged to be played in St. John on Saturday between members of the city and Rothsay clubs, had to be postponed until Aug. 17 on account of the rain. Five events, played in the morning, were won by Rothsay. The Misses Hazen, Mrs. J. E. Sayer, Mrs. S. A. Sayer, Mrs. F. R. Taylor, Mrs. S. A. Thomas and Mr. J. A. Belyas.

SHEDDIE

Sheddie, N. B., July 31.—Mrs. F. Davidson, of Calgary, who has been spending some weeks at Point du Chene, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Schwartz, left on Tuesday upon her return to her western home.

HAMPTON VILLAGE

Hampton Village, Aug. 1.—Mrs. Gillis Dickson and daughter, Dorothy, of Boston, are the guests of Mrs. Charles Dickson.

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, July 31.—Miss Gordon, of Chatham, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John Brander, returned to her home last Friday.

BATHURST

Bathurst, N. B., July 3.—LaBilhou, of Dalhousie, who is visiting Miss Nellie Meahan for her home during the summer.