

MONTREAL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The ceremony of the presentation of the statue of Her Majesty Queen Victoria to the city of Montreal, took place last Wednesday in Victoria Square. The day was somewhat bleak and cold, but at an early hour in the afternoon, crowds began to assemble in the square. One hundred Volunteers furnished by the Prince of Wales' Rifles were early present, with two bands and the Field Battery commanded by Col. Stevenson. His Excellency arrived promptly at the time appointed, three o'clock accompanied by Lt. Col. Fletcher, Sir Hugh and Lady Allan, Miss Allan, His Worship the Mayor, &c., &c., and was received with a rousing cheer from the expectant spectators. The chairman of the Executive Committee (Mr W Murray) read the following address;

To His Excellency the Governor-General the Earl of Dufferin and Clarendon, Governor General of the Dominion of Canada and Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief over the Island of Prince Edward:

May it Please Your Excellency:

The Executive Committee entrusted with the collection and administration of a fund for erecting a portrait statue to Her Majesty, in Montreal, acting on behalf of the numerous contributors to that fund, approach your Excellency and thank you for your presence here this day. The purpose for which the committee was appointed, being now fulfilled, it remains only to request your Excellency graciously to crown their work by presenting to the city of Montreal, as a free gift for ever, this representation of our revered and much beloved Queen, in the statue of Florentine bronze, which is the work of Mr. Marshall Wood.

As the name of the contributors to the statue fund are appended to this address, it is proper to notice that the Mayor and City Council have granted the site and supplied the pedestal.

In soliciting Your Excellency to undertake the duty, which cannot but be a pleasing one, of formally presenting the statue, the committee venture to hope that as a work of art it may be found worthy of its subject; may be accepted as an ornament and art model by the city, and may long remain as an abiding testimonial of the respect and attachment of the citizens of Montreal towards the Royal Lady who rules over the Empire of which this Dominion forms a part.

His Excellency, who was heard with extreme difficulty even within a short distance opened his remarks by giving expression to the satisfaction with which he accepted the duty entrusted to him by the contributors to the Queen's Statue Fund, who he stated had executed an undertaking which would adorn their town and form a perpetual ornament and possession to the citizens of Montreal and their descendants for ever, and which would remain to them and to this country long years after that honored and loved queen, Victoria, had passed away a representation of that grace, dignity, and majesty of aspect which throughout her life had distinguished her Majesty more than any other hereditary sovereign of the age. To the citizens of Montreal he now turned to confide this precious trust, leaving in their hands and charge this graceful imper-

sonation of their Queen. It had been his good fortune in early life to be allowed to serve near the person of Her Majesty, and in connection he stated the high impression made upon him by her faithful performance of her multifarious, and responsible duties, in which, previous to her widowhood, she had been largely assisted by the most tender of husbands, and most sagacious of counsellors, and he was confident that when they would cast their eyes upward to that work of art, and as they gazed upon those sculptured linaments to each citizen would recur the blessed memories associated with her pure and blameless existence which had been the joy and pride of every British heart, and above all these would inspire every patriotic Canadian, as he contemplated the bright and ever brightening destinies of his native land; and he hoped that these sentiments would be transmitted to their children, and their children's children from generation to generation, and that they would gather fresh power under the auspices and government of her whose statue he then confided into their keeping. He trusted that these mighty Province constituting the foundations of the great Dominion would become more and more powerful, ever associated with the Empire of Great Britain, and again thanked them for permitting him to take part in the proceedings; and he felt that the best return he could make to them for all the kindly expressions which they had used towards himself, as it was his most earnest hope, as it would be his most anxious endeavor, to follow out at a very humble distance the example of their beloved Sovereign, who during her long reign, had ever fulfilled her duty to her Ministers, her Parliament, her Crown, and her People. He followed with a few observations in French, during which he expressed her Majesty's sense of the continued loyalty of the French Canadian population.

His Worship the Mayor then stepped forward and said if there were anything that could add to his pleasure in receiving in the name of the citizens of Montreal, so magnificent a gift as this, it would be the reception of it at His Lordship's hands. It would afford the highest satisfaction to those who had contributed to this object to learn that in the opinion of one so well-qualified to judge, the artist had succeeded in accurately delineating the features of our beloved and revered Queen.

This large gathering, despite the severity of the weather, would doubtless be constructed by His Excellency, and he presumed to suggest that such a construction would be perfectly in accord with truth as an evidence that the citizens of Montreal were thoroughly devoted to Her Majesty's throne and person, and eager to avail themselves of every opportunity of giving expression to their deeply rooted sentiments of loyalty and affection. His Excellency had fittingly reminded them of their duty in this respect, but, speaking for the citizens, one and all, irrespective of nationality or any other distinction that could exist in a mixed community like ours, he might venture to say that there was nothing which they should regard with greater pride than the gift which His Excellency had just presented.

Durable as might be the material which the skilled artist had employed, it would not however, outlive the regard in which the honored and illustrious personage on the representation of whom that skill had been exercised, held by those on whose behalf he now spoke, and by Canadians, of every age and sex, to come. He further desired to be permitted to add to the acknowledgment of His

Excellency's kindness in visiting our city, on this auspicious occasion, the hope that the term during which His Lordship should continue to represent Her Most Gracious Majesty, might be one of uninterrupted peace and growing prosperity, that this would be the case was less a hope than a belief, that His Lordship's past services to the empire most fully warranted.

On behalf of the citizens he gratefully accepted the gift which His Excellency had been pleased to transfer to him in his official capacity.

His Worship also spoke in French. A salute was then fired by the Artillery stationed in the park, the bands began to play the National Anthem, the children present joining in and subsequently "God bless the King of Wales" with instrumental accompaniment, the effect being very fine.

Three cheers having been given for the Queen and His Excellency, the latter proceeded to the carriage in waiting. The volunteers who were extended in a double line to Craig Street, opened their ranks, and as His Excellency passed, escorted by No. 1 Troop of Cavalry, presented arms.

The Prince of Wales' Rifles, which turned out as a Guard of honour, presented a very creditable appearance.

In the evening Sir Hugh Allan gave a ball to His Excellency for which some seven hundred invitations were issued. It was much remarked that none of the staff received invitations—were very quietly snubbed in fact—this omission was much talked of; it was in fact little better than an insult to Her Majesty's representative, for as such it was looked upon.

The servant girl question now agitates the community. B.

A Washington special to the Herald says, that the President to-day will read to the Cabinet a complete draft of his message. He has yielded this year, as he did last year, to the advice of experienced politicians, and changed its tenor so far as it relates to the South. He gives that section passing mention, praises wisdom of the enforcement of the laws, alludes to the disappearance of lawlessness in the South as well as good behavior at the polls in the November election, and hopes for a continuance of this indication of affairs. Although he has no special recommendation to make in behalf of the South, he desires that Congress shall do whatever it deems wisest in the interest of the late rebel States, reiterating his previously expressed sentiment that he has no policy to enforce against the wishes of the people.

The country is rejoiced on the accomplishment under the Treaty of Washington, Cuba is lightly passed over; Mexico does not receive a large share of attention; our relations with different foreign nations are disposed of in the usual brief paragraph; the coming Vienna Exposition is commended; the Philadelphia Centennial is also spoken of; our credit at home and abroad; the efficiency of the management of foreign and home policy, and the prosperity of the nation make up the substance of the balance of the message.

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