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## THE PRINCE IN THE METROPOLITAN CITY

While the visit of the Prince of Wales has been throughout a splendid triumphal progress from the Atlantic to the Pacific and back again, we doubt very much if in any centre, the welcome has been given His Royal Highness has approached, in unbounded and spontaneous enthusiasm, that accorded to him this week in Canada's Metropolitan City. The Prince came, saw, conquered. Montrealers have realized in him a veritable Prince, charming, manly, modest, buoyant, eager, and considerate, and citizens of both races, all classes and every creed have delighted to honor him.

There is sometimes evident in quarters not conspicuous for either perspicacity or knowledge, a tendency to decry the loyalty of our French-Canadian citizens. This week's happenings should be sufficient to kill forever a slander that has never had any real foundation in fact. Our French-Canadian citizens have this week vied with those whose mother tongue is English in doing honor to the heir to the British Throne, and they have given to their welcome that grace and abandon which only those whose mother country is France can ever possess. In this respect, we think that the Prince's visit to Montreal is of a greater significance than that to any other Canadian centre, since here, the two races which are jointly moulding the destinies of Canada, have collaborated, cordially and whole-heartedly, to honor the Prince who will one day personify the great Commonwealth, for the preservation and progress of which, both races have alike fought and suffered and struggled.

The events of this week are worth more than scores of speeches, and months of dry-as-dust deliberations, in the furtherance of the cause of Imperial unity. The Prince has brought the human touch into affairs of State, and thousands of Canadians, to whom by force of circumstances, Great Britain and the other parts of the British Commonwealth that are scattered around the seven seas, can only be names, will have a keen realization of loyalty by reason of their little meeting with him, in the street or at a public function. In the admirable speech which he made at the civic luncheon this week, the Prince made an excellent reference (with a tactfulness worthy of his grandfather) to "Freedom of speech, freedom of language and mutual respect," as constituting a secret of the success of British policy in establishing political union between peoples of different race, language and history. The visit of the Prince shows also, it may be added, the wisdom of British policy in maintaining the monarchy as an integral part of its political system, to add that touch of human nature without which the most scientific of political utopias must fail.

It is a happy sign for the future coherence and unity of the British Commonwealth that never at any time in history has the Monarchy been more firmly rooted in the affections of the British people throughout the world than at the present time. It is equally a matter for congratulation that the future occupant of the British Throne is one, who promises so well as does the Prince, to fill worthily the duties of the high office to which in due time—though we all loyally hope, a very long time—he will be called. Montrealers will part from the Prince with unfeigned regret, but with the hope that those who have the active charge of British and Canadian State affairs will have the vision and foresight to arrange, at not too distant a date, a second visit, in order that, by honoring the Prince, we may realize afresh our own privileges as citizens of the British Commonwealth.