



The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS IN BELLEVILLE.

Our Pupils in the Crowd.

Presentation of Address by Violet Gray and Frederick Terrell.

Their Royal Highnesses Very Much Pleased and Interested.

When it was announced many months ago that the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York were to visit Canada in the course of a grand imperial tour, the news was received with delight by every citizen in the Dominion. During the last few years Canadians have given many substantial evidences of their loyalty and devotion to the crown and empire, and this visit of Prince George, as heir presumptive to the throne and as special representative of his Majesty, the King, was regarded as a gratifying mark of royal favor and graciousness, and as the most fitting, as it was the most welcome, recognition of the services rendered by our soldiers in South Africa, and the feeling was unanimous that their Royal Highnesses should receive such a welcome as none had ever before received in this country, and such as would set at rest forever all doubt as to the absolute unanimity and heartiness of Canadian loyalty. It was on September 16th that the royal party landed in Canada at historic old Quebec, and from the moment that the Ophir was first sighted in the offing till now, the Duke and Duchess have lived and moved in the very vortex of such hearty acclamations and enthusiastic demonstrations of loyalty and devotion as were never before heard or witnessed in Canada. Old Quebec, rich in historic memories dear to all British hearts, welcomed our royal guests with appropriate ceremonies, Canadians of French descent vying with those of British blood in the cordiality of their reception. In Montreal a magnificent demonstration awaited them, which many said could not

possibly be surpassed by any other place. But Ottawa, beautiful for situation and sitting like a queen on the banks of the majestic river, surpassed Montreal in the magnificence of its decorations and the splendor of its fetes. Winnipeg, Vancouver and Victoria, all did well, the last named especially presenting some unrivalled features of beauty and attractiveness, while every town and village throughout the thousands of miles of royal progress, greeted the royal pair with spontaneous heartiness and enthusiasm. The culmination was reached at Toronto, which city, despite the high standard set by other places, gave the Duke and Duchess a reception that surpassed that of any other city in the whole Empire. All these demonstrations of loyalty they received as the homage due them as our future King and queen, and as representing our present noble sovereign, but that which began as an expression of abstract loyalty to the kingship has developed in demonstrations of personal affection and good will, for both the Duke and Duchess, before almost unknown and unregarded, have, by their perfect tact, courtesy, graciousness and simplicity, and by many little acts indicative of their thoughtful consideration and kindness, won all hearts; so that what was before loyalty to the throne has been transformed into love for and devotion to the persons who will in future reign over us. And this is well, for the chief element in cementing the unity of the Empire during the past sixty years has been less the loyalty of the people to the sovereignty than their great affection for the Queen as a woman, and this true homage of the heart to the personality of the sovereign has been transferred with scarce diminished ardor to King Edward and will in turn become the well merited heritage of King George and Queen May.

At every city which the Duke and Duchess have visited an effort has been made to have the ceremonies as far as possible representative of that which was especially charac-

teristic of the place. Hence, when an intimation was received that Belleville would be favored with a short visit, it was, after due deliberation, decided that some of the chief features of the programme should be provided by the Institution for the Deaf, since this would be something quite different from what had been seen at any other place in the Empire, and probably a spectacle such as our royal guests had never before witnessed. However, as events transpired, it was found impossible to carry out all the plans that had been made. Those in charge of the royal tour had arranged that all addresses should be presented at a few specified centres. However, as the following correspondence will show, the pupils of the Institution, by special favor, were allowed to present the address subjoined.

Institution for the Deaf and Dumb,
Belleville, Oct. 9, 1901.
The Right Honorable,
Earl of Minto,
Governor General of Canada,
Ottawa, Ont.

May it please Your Excellency

As the Royal Party will honor Belleville on the 15th with a short stay, a public meeting of citizens thought it would be an unique part of the proceedings, could the deaf children here, to the number of 25, present their love and respects, as per the short address herewith respectfully submitted. It has the merit of being brief and expressive, and I do hope you will kindly arrange for an opportunity for its presentation, as it will not occupy more than two minutes of the time, and the heartfelt pleasure it would give 25 deaf persons throughout the Dominion would be incalculable—they would remember the incident during their lives.

It is proposed to have the address spoken by a small girl, who was born deaf but who has been taught to speak, and signed by a deaf boy in the Sign Language. The National Anthem will be given by over 20 deaf and dumb children, in the Sign Language, on the platform of the station.

Awaiting your pleasure,
I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's
Most obedient servant,
H. MATHISON,
Superintendent.

TELEGRAM
Queen's Hotel,
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Oct. 11, 1901
Superintendent Mathison,
Belleville.

Their Royal Highnesses have been graciously pleased to signify their wish to see your deaf and dumb children on Tuesday morning at the Belleville station, as requested in your letter of the 9th inst.
(Signed) MAJOR MAUD

Tuesday, October 15th, the day so eagerly longed for, was marked by true King's weather. The children arose an hour earlier than usual, and after an early breakfast, were marshalled in line, and started for the station. Each officer, teacher and pupil was provided with a flag and also with an appropriate badge, and presented a very attractive ap-

pearance as they marched along the streets. On their arrival at the station it was found that the place that should have been reserved for them was filled with a crowd of other people, and it was with great difficulty that the police were able to clear a space for them, and when this was done the crowd again surged forward and pressed upon them on all sides, so that it was impossible for them to have free use of their hands. It had been arranged that when the choir sang "God save the King" the deaf pupils should sign the anthem in concert, but for the reason above indicated it was found impossible to do so, and for the same reason other features of the program that had been prepared by the Institution had to be abandoned. However the address as given below was presented:

Institution for the Deaf and Dumb,
Belleville, Oct. 15, 1901.

Your Royal Highnesses,
The Duke and Duchess of York.

May it please Your Royal Highnesses—

The deaf children of Canada loved your good grandmother, Queen Victoria, —they love your father and mother, our King and Queen,—and they love you.

May you have a long and happy life.
For the deaf children of Ontario.

Fred W. Terrell, } Pupils.
Violet Gray.

It was given in signs by Master Fred Terrell and interpreted vocally by Miss Violet Gray. Both of these are congenital deaf-mutes and both acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner. The Duke and Duchess were evidently very much interested, and in a few kindly words expressed their gratification and shook hands with the two proud and happy children. They also expressed their regret to Superintendent Mathison that the press of the spectators rendered it impossible to see the pupils sign the hymns &c., as had been intended. In view of the great interest manifested in the deaf by their Royal Highnesses, Mr. Mathison presented them with some literature which explained our methods of instruction and other information relative to the deaf.

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