

The "Chief Scout" Visits the Headquarters in Toronto



H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught on Friday last made his first official visit to the headquarters of the Boy Scouts in Toronto. He was greeted by Sir Henry Pellatt, Lieut.-Col. A. E. Gooderham and Mr. Hammond, all of whom are seen in the centre of the picture.



The Scouts are here seen giving three cheers for the "Chief Scout for Canada," led by Scout Commissioner W. K. George and Chief Scout Master Hammond, after having presented him with an address and having heard some good advice and some hearty congratulations.

that there was a "reasonable doubt" about his eligibility for the position, whereby he had been "acquitted" of all responsibility for running, and was entitled to an honourable discharge; and after there had been a few days' political flirtation between the Major and the Citizens' Association or its committee, he concluded to come to the post and is already groomed for the race.

Necessarily, both of the candidates have announced platforms. When it is recalled that the Montreal mayoralty, under the present antique and much amended charter, is an office of much pomp but little power, it is a matter for wonder where they found all the timber for the construction of the numerous planks. If either of them is elected, as seemingly one of them must be, and he accomplishes all that he has outlined as his official programme, within a twelve-month Montreal will justly become a Mecca for political pilgrims who may wish to view municipal perfection at close range, whereof all minor and lesser civic organizations should take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In Montreal the mayor has a quasi-veto power, since he may sit back and decline to affix his signature without a referendum to the electors for their decision on the question before him, and Major Stephens has gone so far as to promise that, if he is elected mayor, he will thus decline to sign and will refer any proposed tramways company contract. But the mayor has no power whatever to initiate municipal legislation. All such measures must originate in the Board of Control, a select body of four only. Therefore, the real key to the situation lies in the selection of these four members of that Board. Of its composition no one is bold enough to venture a guess. Even the Citizens' Association had a long wrangle over the advisability of selecting any "slate" for nomination for the Board of Control, and thus insuring the Stephens kite from erratic diving by putting a tail to it.

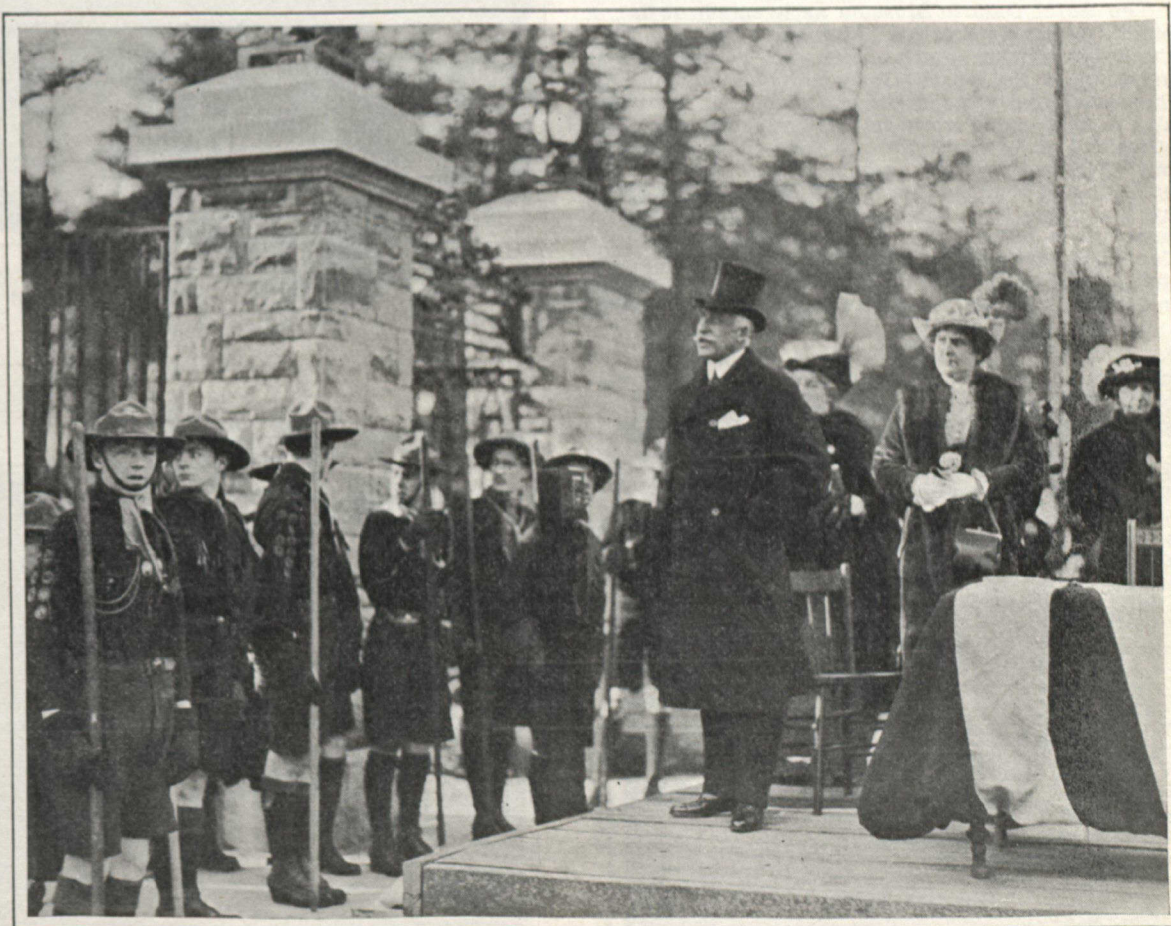
After strenuous exertion, and much negotiation and discussion, the Citizens' Association completed the slate for Controllers by naming Mr. Ainey, of the present Board; Alderman Emard, Mr. Duncan McDonald, and Mr. A. V. Roy.

The candidates in opposition to these four for the Board of Control, and the aldermanic candidates in the several wards, are as thick as blackberries in the Laurentians in August. And as the aldermanic council is able to stale-mate the Board of Control whenever it sees fit, it is quite important who will compose this body during the next two years. Not only will the mayoralty fight be a keen one, and its result close, but until the votes are counted it will not be known whether or not the successful mayoralty candidate is to have behind him a Board of Control and Council who will act in harmony with him for the accomplishment of the promised municipal betterments, of which no other city stands in need of more than Montreal.

The State Department at Ottawa has issued public notice that marriages between women of British nationality professing the Christian religion, and Moslems, Hindus and other persons belonging to countries where polygamy or concubinage is legal should not be allowed, unless these women are first warned that such marriages may be repudiated by the husbands if they return to their own country.



The Howard Memorial Gateway, dedicated to the late John George Howard, who presented High Park to the City of Toronto. Funds for this memorial were collected by the Westminster Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire. Distance between main pillars is twenty-five feet.



H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught dedicating the Howard Memorial Gateway. Just behind him in the picture is Mrs. John A. Ross, Regent of the Westminster Chapter, who read an address.