



"The Norfolk Suit . . . of the English sportsman—
golfing or shooting"

of the sights of the South of England. Chatsworth, an estate of eleven miles in extent, rich in itself but richer far in tradition and historic meaning, was built in 1706, and it housed among others the ill-fated Mary Queen of Scots. The Duke's castle in Ireland, for he is a big Irish landlord, is Lismore, a rare beauty spot in a land of such. His personal wealth is enormous, despite the raids made thereon by the radical legislation of Premier Lloyd George, in his ruthless progress beginning with the Budget of 1909. Most certainly, Devonshire is "the" Duke.

These are the outward signs and tokens of the position of the man who has come to fill the office of the first gentleman in Canada. His journeyings across our farm lands and prairies, and from cities of half a million to towns of a few thousand, set like jewels amidst imposing mountains and quiet vales, will contrast oddly with his comings and goings from one of his palaces to another. He will miss the pomp and circumstance of his ducality, yet, from what we know of him, he will count them well laid by for a year or two.

He has, to be sure, some connection with Canada already, for his father, Lord Edward Cavendish, was here in the early sixties. He was a Rifle

Brigade officer, and, amongst other things, taught Sunday school at Hamilton. The Duke himself, however, has not been to Canada before. His wife, the Duchess, knows the Dominion generally and Rideau Hall in particular. She spent her early teens here, for her father, the Marquis of Lansdowne was Governor-General from 1883 to 1888. She was then Lady Evelyn Mary Fitzmaurice. The Duchess is a kindly and gracious woman who will be very popular. In disposition she is much like the Duchess of Buccleuch, a life-long and intimate friend of Queen Alexandra, and famous in her day, for she has a sprightliness and vivacious charm expressed in a winsome smile. One wonders how she agreed with the present Court in England, where soberness not to say austerity has been the ruling mood since the Queen so ordained. They say—"they" being Dame Rumour again—that the Duchess of Devonshire, who before the war held, by the way, the glittering office of Mistress of Robes, pleaded with the Queen when the latter condemned the irreligiousness of the Prince of Wales, who dared to stay away from church six Sundays hand running.

The Duke himself is very much of the Cavendish type, and to understand the manner of man he is, it is necessary to see the characteristics of those in his line who came before him. The house of Cavendish has had one of the world's supreme scientists and one of the world's supreme statesmen. The Cavendish type comes to us from the fourteenth century. The wealth of the Cavendishes came largely from the destruction of the monasteries, that act of Tudor despotism which gave so many members of the British aristocracy the foundation of their wealth. James I. created the then Cavendish an earl: it remained for a later king, whose kingship the Earl had helped by contriving, with others, the dethroning of the reigning monarch, to express his thanks by the presentation of a dukedom. Since