THE VICEREGAL TOUR.

Visit to the Principal Places in Western Ontario.

A SERIES OF ENTHUSIASTIC DEMONSTRATIONS.

The Return to Ottawa—Hearty Greetings at Whitby, Cobourg, Port Hope and Belleville.

LEAVING HAMILTON.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—The viceregal party are comfortably ensconced at Norwood House, the residence of Bishop Hellmuth, after a day's journey, which has been marked by popular ovations at the cities and towns visited *en route* from Hamilton to the Forest City. Subjoined are the details of the journey:—

The party left the Ambitious City at about a quarter to ten this morning by special train. The *personnel* composing the viceregal party and the railway staff was as previously published. The departure was witnessed by a numerous crowd of spectators, hearty and lusty cheers greeting the arrival of his Excellency and the Princess Louise at the depot. The military arrangements included a guard of honour from the 13th, under Captain Stovell, and a cavalry escort. When within the station, her Royal Highness sent for Conductor Neighorn, of the Germanic Society, which furnished a musical welcome, and speaking in German, complimented him on the performance of the previous day. His Excellency also had a brief conversation with the German musician. Good-bye was then exchanged with the Mayor, Mr. Adam Brown, and the gentlemen, and soon afterwards the train left the depot.

BRANTFORD

was the first city visited, and the enthusiasm manifested by the people was a fitting key-note to the tour. At the depot an arch of evergreens had been erected, while a glance along the principal thoroughfares revealed a plentiful display of bunting and decorations, the Bank of British North America being lavishly trimmed. The viceregal party were received by Mayor Henry and the members of the City and County Councils. The guard of honour was composed of the Dufferin Rifles, and the Burford cavalry troops formed an escort. The firemen were stationed along the line of march taken by the procession, which was marshalled by N. T. Peatman, E. L. Gould, A. K. Bunnell, and C. Bunnell. The progress through the city soon commenced. Colborne street, which was generally decorated, was crowded with sight-seers, many of whom were from outlying sections. At the corner of Darling and Georgestreets, the pupils of the New England Indian mission, R. Ashton, Superintendent, occupied a stand and cheered with youthful gusto. Chief Johnson, in Indian costume, was a prominent figure among the boys. The procession moved on to Victoria Park, where 1,500 children were assembled on a spacious stand. The National Anthem was rendered in excellent style, and was followed by a song of welcome.

The presentation of an address took place on a platform admirably fitted up for the occasion, and surrounded by a canopy with evergreens and bunting after the most approved fashion.

THE YOUNG LADIES' COLLEGE.

The Marquis having inspected the guard of honour the viceregal party proceeded to Brantford Young Ladies' College. The grounds of the institution are well laid and kept in excellent condition. To-day they were much admired. The entrance to the College was adorned with evergreens and other decorations. The distinguished visitors were there received by Principal T. M. McIntyre and Mr. Alex. Robertson, President of the Board.

LORNE BRIDGE.

The procession reformed; the distinguished visitors proceeded to view the Lorne Bridge. The structure, which cost $40,000, stretches across Grand River. It has stone abutments and an iron superstructure, and was ready for traffic on 1st February last. After inspecting the work, the party returned to the depot, and the viceregal train moved out amid cheers.

WOODSTOCK

was reached after about an hour's travel, crowds of people at Harrisburg, Paris, and Princeton giving the travellers a passing greeting. Extensive preparations had been made in the neighbourhood of the depot for the visit. A commodious and substantial platform, covered with coloured cloth, had been erected, and the surrounding buildings belonging to the railway company were almost covered with evergreens. Flags were hoisted by the Highland Society and the Active Baseball Club, the champions. Buntings and mottoes relieved the greenery.

Amid demonstrations of popular delight came the viceregal party and ascended the platform, the people here as well as elsewhere manifesting the utmost desire to catch a glimpse of the Queen's daughter, and willing to submit to almost any discomfort to attain that end. The proceedings were brief. The Mayor's daughter presented the Princess with a bouquet and the Mayor read an address.

Members of the Town and County Councils were presented, and at the request of his Excellency, the officers of the battalion were sent for and introduced. The proceedings then concluded.

On descending the steps of the platform, her Royal Highness slipped and fell, but fortunately was unhurt.

The party again resumed their journey.

INGERSOLL

was reached after a short run. The loyalty of the people was given full vent, and the inhabitants vied with each other in making a handsome display. Almost every building was decorated. Young pine and spruce trees were planted at intervals along the roadways, and arches of graceful and novel designs spanned the streets.

The members of the viceregal party were received by the Mayor, Hon. Adam Crooks and the city officials. The guard of honour was the 4th Company of the 22nd Battalion, under command of Major Ellis. Among the officers present were Colonel Dempster, Colonel Cowan, Colonel Wonham, Major Munro, Captain Lowry, Captain Chambers, Colonel Skinner, M.P., Lieutenants Day and Long.

The distinguished visitors entered carriages and accompanied by a numerous *cortege* proceeded to the grounds of the central and model school. The crowds were as large as the display was remarkable. A handsome mechanical arch in which agricultural implements were introduced, erected by Noxon Bros., was passed at the entrance to the bridge, which was shrouded in evergreens. Arches composed of cheese boxes and flour barrels respectively, built by the dairy and flouring interests were unique. A graceful and beautiful floral arch designed and erected by the ladies of the town was much admired.

The ceremony of the day took place in front of the Central school, where a large number of the pupils were stationed. Mayor Chadwick read an address.

The customary presentations were then made, and the party returned to the cars amid demonstrations of loyal enthusiasm.

LONDON.

Shortly after three o'clock the viceregal train entered the Great Western railway depot at London. An enormous crowd surged to and fro on the platform, eager to see the distinguished travellers and witness the proceedings.

The party was met by a special reception committee, consisting of his Worship the Mayor, the Warden of the County, the Sheriff, and the members of the Dominion and Local Legislatures for the city and county of Middlesex, and conducted to their carriages. In addition to the gentlemen indicated, there were present Bishop Hellmuth, Sheriff Glass, Warden Gilmour, Senator Leonard, a large number of military officers and leading citizens.

Under military escort the party proceeded to the park, entering at the south-western gates. The streets were gay with flags and streamers, and the crowds increased so rapidly as the *cortege* proceeded that the attendance of people in the park was estimated at 20,000. The streets were gay and lively. Between the two large Corinthian pillars near the centre of the G.W.R. waitingroom, a unique and tasty evergreen arch had been erected by the railway employés. The Holman Opera House was tastefully hung with flags. The banners of the national societies were hung out to the breeze. The public buildings were also in golden dress.

Amid lusty cheers, the Royal party drove under a neat arch at the park entrance and proceeded direct to the platform prepared for the occasion. The presentation of addresses was forthwith entered upon.

Warden Gilmour read the address from the County Council.

CHIEF HENRY, President of the Indian bands of Ontario, also presented an address.

RECEPTION IN THE CITY HALL.

At the close of the proceedings the party left by the east gate and proceeded to the City Hall. An immense arch covered with evergreens and surmounted by Union Jacks spanned the main entrance. Over the passage way was a gas illumination representing the Prince of Wales' feathers, and in large capitals the word "Welcome." On each side were the letters "L." Within the building variegated bunting was suspended from the ceiling, and formed a parti-coloured canopy over the entire hall. The galleries were artistically hung with the same material, and the windows were draped with lace curtains. The Council Chamber had been transformed into a handsome parlour. A scarlet-covered platform occupied the western end, the furniture being elegantly upholstered. A large oil painting of her Majesty and the late Prince Consort hung to the right and left. The windows were hung with lace curtains, and the chamber was separated from the hall by heavy scarlet drapery. Bouquets were distributed about the Chamber.

Here a morning reception was held by his Excellency and her Royal Highness, at which upwards of five hundred ladies and gentlemen paid their respects to the Governor-General and his royal consort.

The viceregal party afterwards drove to the drill shed. An ode of welcome, composed by Mrs. C. G. Moore, better known as F. J. Hatton, was there sung by Mrs. M. A. White's choir of five hundred children's voices, accompanied by the band of the 7th Battalion. The hall was prettily decorated and crowded with spectators.

AT HELLMUTH COLLEGE.

The next, and one of the most interesting items on the voluminous programme, was the visit to Hellmuth College. On the party arriving, they were met at the entrance by the Sheriff. They passed into the drawing-room, where the pupils, numbering ninety, were assembled. After the first verse of the National Anthem had been sung,

His Lordship the Bishop of Huron presented an address.

The pupils then sang a special ode of welcome written by Miss Wright, the lady superintendent, the words being set to the tune of "God Save the Queen." A short musical programme was effectively carried out by two instrumental and two vocal pupils.

His Excellency and her Royal Highness made a thorough inspection of the apartment, being conducted by Miss Clinton, lady principal, and on returning to the drawing room they signed their names in the visitors' book. An adjournment was then made to the chapel, where a short service of prayer and song was held, the Rev. Dean Boomer officiating.

His Excellency, her Royal Highness and suite then went to Norwood House, their temporary abode.

DEPARTURE FROM LONDON.

The Viceregal party resumed their journey on Wednesday morning by special train over the Grand Trunk railway, leaving London at nine o'clock. A full guard of honour was drawn up at the depot, and a short distance away the artillery corps took up position, and fired a salute as the cars left the Forest City. There was a large crowd of spectators to witness the departure, and the cheering was warm and general. The run to Stratford was made without incident, the road lying through an excellent farming country, which afforded his Excellency an excellent opportunity of judging the agricultural resources of the western peninsula. Although no halt was made at Stratford, a large concourse of people were assembled at the depot and cheered as the train passed eastward, a novel salute being given by sounding the whistles of about twenty-five locomotives drawn up on the sidings. The train soon entered upon the districts inhabited largely by German settlers. Passing glimpses were caught of Hamburg and Baden, situate in well-tilled sections populated by contented farmers, and then Berlin, the capital of the German country in Canada as well as in the Fatherland, was reached.

BERLIN.

The task of making the necessary preparations to extend a hearty and loyal greeting to the Governor-General and the Princess Louise, had evidently been entered upon with the skill and untiring perseverance of the German race. A reception programme after the manner of larger and wealthier communities had been prepared; addresses had been framed, and a platform erected on the city side of the railway station for the day's ceremonies. The depot itself was decorated with evergreens and bunting. An enthusiastic assembly gathered from the surrounding country surrounded the platform, and discussed in the German tongue the personal appearance of the viceregal party and kindred topics. Nowhere did the Princess receive a warmer welcome than from the usually grave and stolid German grangers. Their enthusiasm was worthy of the sons of the loyal people who have valorously upheld the German monarchy in stormy days.

The distinguished travellers were received by Mayor Breithaupt, and passing through the waiting-room entered upon the platform amid the strains of a song of welcome, given by the Mænnerchor, with excellent effect. Among a crowd of representative men were, Mr. Kranz, M. P., Judges Miller and Lacourse, members of the Town and County Councils, clergymen, Mayor Kaumpt, of Waterloo; J. E. Bowman, Jas. Young, &c. There was likewise a full representation of the fair sex. The presentation of addresses was proceeded with, the first being the greeting from the townspeople.

A HAPPY REPLY.

His EXCELLENCY acknowledged the address briefly, his remarks being loudly cheered. He said:—Mr. Mayor and Councillors of the Town of Berlin,—The Princess and I were both desirous of the pleasure of receiving at your hands the address which you have been so good as to present to us, giving on behalf of the inhabitants of Berlin the assurance of the patriotic feelings with which we are welcomed as representing among you the Imperial authority and her Majesty the Queen. We are glad to observe how flourishing is your town, which is already as large as was its famous prototype before the days when Frederick the Great began the career which has since led to the old Bradenburg capital being called the "young world town." (Cheers). Here, where the virtues of the Anglo-Saxon and German races meet to hasten your prosperity by their friendly rivalry, we, who descend from both Anglo-Saxon and German parents, gratefully accept the tokens of affection given by you on behalf of the people of Berlin, and thank you in the name of our Sovereign. (Cheers.)

A GERMAN ADDRESS.

Mr. Kranz, M.P., read an address from citizens of German descent, written in German.

His Excellency who was evidently gratified with this novel feature of reception ceremonies, briefly acknowledged the address in the German language.

The choir then sang "The Watch on the Rhine," and after some further musical selections had been given, the party returned to the cars and took a hearty farewell of this interesting German colony.

GUELPH.

In about half an hour Guelph was reached. The afternoon was occupied by the Viceregal party in fulfilling a programme which covered several prominent events.

It was perhaps because the armorial bearings of the last-created city in the Dominion include the arms of the House of Brunswick, that the citizens endeavoured to rival the welcome accorded elsewhere to the distinguished visitors. It was undoubtedly felt that the city which bears the name of the Royal House should manifest its loyalty and devotion in an especial manner. Whatever were the main motives which actuated the citizens, the task was undertaken and well fulfilled.

A CONTRAST

was indulged in by many between the appearance of Guelph yesterday and at the time of the visit of the Prince of Wales some nineteen years ago. In those days it was nothing more than a small country village, while now it is enrolled among the Canadian cities, has a growing population and increasing trade. Its handsome stone buildings may fairly be envied by its rivals of larger pretensions, and its prosperity is well assured.

THE STREETS WERE IN GALA DRESS.

Arches, flags, bunting, evergreen ornaments, and all that could possibly be devised by the ingenuity of our merchants and others were seen in abundance. The public buildings displayed themselves to the best advantage by their gay decorations, and every residence and place of business put on their holiday attire. Two public arches had been erected, one by the city at the Bank of Commerce corner, and the other at the main entrance to the Agricultural Park, by the Agricultural Society. The city arch was of large proportions, and presented an appearance of solidity, coupled with beauty. A triple arch, of Norman architecture, the whole was surmounted with the royal arms and arms of Canada. Flags judiciously placed added to the general effect. The main arch bore the words "Welcome to Our City," and the side arches, "Lorne," "Louise." As the procession passed, pipers on the summit played the "Campbells are Coming." The arch at the Agricultural Park was single and much smaller. The top was ornamented with the produce of the field and garden, and altogether was appropriate.

AT THE PARK,

the party was received by the guard of honour, and drove to the pavilion. Immediately in front of this were assembled two or three thousand school children, who sang "The Campbells Are Coming" as the carriages approached. As their Excellencies passed up the aisle which the school children lined, the music was changed to "God Save the Queen," at the conclusion of which the children waved their handkerchiefs and cheered.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

On the party taking up positions in the pavilion, the presentation of addresses was commenced. While the Marquis was receiving them, the seats upon which the school children were accommodated fell, and several were injured. The cause of accident was the manner in which the seats were erected. They were simply boards supported by a number of other boards standing on end, and held in an upright position by small wooden pegs. The crowd pressed against the seats and the boards fell, letting seats and children, about 500 in number, to the ground. The planks in many cases fell on the legs of the children and pinned them to the ground, until the weight of the people and children was removed. Several children were injured, and some were carried out with broken legs, while others had ankles badly sprained. Hector Finlay, son of J. H. Finlay, of the Bank of Montreal, had his leg broken. Miss Johnson was hurt in both legs. Hattie Strouagh, Minnie Stewart, Theresa Lee, and Sarah Weldrake were seriously injured. Other children escaped with slight bruises. The accident did not prevent the programme being carried out.

THE FORMAL OPENING

of the Exhibition was then made by a declaration from the Governor-General to that effect—an announcement which was greeted with loud cheers.

An examination of the exhibits was subsequently made. As the Princess was leaving the fair grounds a basket of fruit was presented to her by Mr. George Murton, secretary of the Agricultural Association, on behalf of the Association. The basket contained grapes, apples, peaches and other kinds of fruit. The plums and pears were from the orchard of George Elliott; pears and filberts from the garden of A. A. Baker.

Leaving the grounds the party proceeded to Mr. Raymond's residence where her Royal Highness remained for lunch, his Excellency attending

THE PUBLIC LUNCH,

which was served in the City Hall. The interior presented a remarkably neat and highly artistic appearance. Upon the stage the dark green curtain was relieved with the legend, in gilt letters, "Canada, the Brightest Gem in the British Crown," artistically arranged. The proscenium boxes were draped in curtains of lace and handsome figured satin, surrounded with borders of evergreens and maple leaves, ornamented with rowan berries and miniature flags. The foot-lights were concealed by rare pot plants, and below and above were festoons of red, white and blue cloth. To the right the centre piece was a full size portrait, in oil, of her Majesty as she appeared many a year ago. The portrait was surrounded by a wreath of evergreens, maple leaves, and berries. The windows were darkened by means of green shades, each being ornamented in the centre with a banneret bearing an appropriate motto. The borders of the bannerets, and the borders of the window shades were marked with handsomely constructed wreaths of leaves showing the brilliant autumnal tints brought into being by the late frosts. To the left was a handsome portrait of the Prince of Wales, in the regalia and jewels of the Grand Master of Masons in England. This portrait was flanked by the beautiful banners of St. George and St. Patrick's societies, surmounted by a red ensign, and surrounded with neatly arranged wreaths and festoons. The centre piece at the foot of the hall was a large coat of arms, beautifully carved in wood, and tastefully painted in the proper colours. Lower down were a brace of mottoes in autumn leaves, "Hurrah, the Campbells have come," and "Welcome to the royal city." At this end of the hall was the raised platform for the Artillery Brigade band, fenced off by means of an evergreen hedge. This was afterwards occupied by ladies, the band playing in the vestibule.

The Mayor proposed the toast of "The Queen" in a few words, and the toast was drank with enthusiasm, the band playing the National Anthem.

The next toast given from the chair was "Our guest of to-day, his Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion." The toast was warmly received and loudly cheered, the band giving a few strains of "The Campbells are coming."

HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH.

His EXCELLENCY, in acknowledging the toast, said:—"Mr. Mayor and gentlemen, I beg to return you my most hearty thanks for the extreme cordiality with which you have received my name. I thank you for the expressions of loyalty towards her Majesty the Queen, whose representative I have the honour to be in this country. (Cheers.) It has given me the greatest possible pleasure to visit in Ontario so many towns during the last few days, and although I have seen some hundreds of thousands of her Majesty's subjects, I am happy to say that I have not seen amongst them one person whose attire showed him to be in anything but what we would call comfortable circumstances. (Cheers.) We have passed through great towns containing large populations, built in places where during the lifetime of a man there was nothing but verdant forest; and the quantity of land which you can place at the disposal of incomers is shown, among other ways, by the magnificent width of your streets What strikes me next is the number of churches, showing in what direction only you ask for assistance. The next feature of which I would speak as a Dominion official, is the fine Governmental buildings, which adorn many of the towns. I remark with pleasure the absence of some buildings, which in older countries, I am sorry to say, are only too conspicuous—the gin and spirit liquor palaces. They are almost wholly absent here. (Cheers.) When we go from the cities and look at the country around, I cannot imagine a more prosperous, a more smiling and more delightful country. We have seen the exhibits which your farmers have been able to make, and everywhere I have heard of contentment reigning among the people, notwithstanding the few bad years we have lately experienced, and there are many Scotchmen present who would understand the phrase that during the bad years the people had put a stout heart to a stae brae. I believe you are mounting the hill, and it will not be long before you reach the summit, and I trust there will be a good view of future prosperity when you get there. (Cheers.) As our time is brief, and as the reception must shortly commence at which the fair sex will be present, I must conclude by thanking you for the exceedingly cordial greeting you have extended to us, and by assuring you that it is with the greatest pleasure we have spent a few hours in Guelph, and I regret the time has been so short. I now beg to propose "The health of the Mayor and prosperity of the city of Guelph."

The MAYOR briefly acknowledged the compliment, and the proceedings concluded.

The programme of the day was thus brought to a conclusion, and with it the first tour made by the viceregal party through Western Ontario. The distinguished travellers reached Toronto shortly after six o'clock, where they were met by the Mayor, and, accompanied by a cavalry escort, drove to Government House.

OPENING OF THE CREDIT VALLEY RAILWAY.

On Friday morning the Credit Valley railway was formally opened by his Excellency the Governor-General, as far as Milton, the county town of Halton, a distance of about thirty miles from Toronto. His Excellency, accompanied by Capt. Harbord, A.D.C., arrived at the Queen street crossing at Parkdale shortly after ten o'clock, and was received by Mr. Laidlaw, the president of the road, and a large number of the citizens and others interested in the line. A special train consisting of four passenger cars and the Intercolonial palace car, in which his Excellency has been travelling throughout the country, was drawn up at the temporary station erected near the roadway. The engine attached to the train was the "R. W. Elliott," and was appropriately decorated with evergreens and flags, with the letters "L. L." in front. His Excellency was at once conducted to the palace car, in which he was introduced to the officers of the road, viz., Mr. J. C. Bailey, chief engineer; Mr. James Roper, superintendent, and Mr. H. E. Suckling, secretary and treasurer.

The train started at about half-past ten o'clock, every precaution having been taken to guard against accidents. A pilot engine preceded the train, and men were stationed at every crossing. As the Humber bridge was passed, his Excellency expressed his admiration of that structure and of the beautiful view obtained from this part of the line. His Excellency asked many questions of the officers of the road in regard to the various departments, and evinced great interest in the undertaking. The train on reaching Cookville made a short halt, and his Excellency alighted amid the cheers of a large number of people who were assembled at the station. A beautiful arch had been erected on the platform, having the Union Jack flying on the left, and a flag bearing the cross of St. Andrew on the right. In the centre of the arch was a crown with the letters "V. R.," and beneath were the word "Welcome" and "L. L." On the platform was a large stand of flowers and bouquets. As his Excellency alighted, Miss Helen Silverthorn came forward and presented him with a bouquet and a basket of peaches intended for the Princess. With Miss Silverthorn were Mrs. Goulding, Mrs. Wright, Miss Griffith, Miss A. C. Wilson and Miss Edith Riddall. His Excellency thanked the donor for the present, which he stated he would convey to her Royal Highness. The train then moved on, and after a pleasant and smooth run arrived at Streetsville at half-past eleven. Here another halt was made to give the large number of people who had assembled an opportunity of greeting his Excellency, which they did with a series of hearty cheers. His Excellency then left the train, and was conducted to a carpeted platform, enclosed with evergreens and gaily decorated with flags and bunting. From a conspicuous position were displayed the words "God save the Queen." A number of the school children who were assembled on the platform sang "Canada the Gem of the Crown," in a manner which elicited the thanks of the Marquis. The party, which was here joined by Messrs. Robert and William Barber, James Graydon, Reeve; W. J. Penny, Town Clerk, and others, then re-embarked, and the train proceeded on its way to Milton.

MILTON

was reached at ten minutes to twelve o'clock, and the train drew up in front of Martin's Park, a charmingly-situated grove, about half a mile from the town. The ascent of the embankment had been made easy by the erection of a carpeted stairway, and from the summit a short path down a gentle slope led to a covered platform from which it had been arranged the Marquis would declare the road open. Streamers of red, white and blue were suspended from tree to tree, and mottoes of welcome met the eye at every turn. One very pretty device, "Welcome to Lorne," in mountain ash berries, on a white ground, attracted general attention. His Excellency on alighting was received by Mayor Smith and the Warden, Mr. J. Ramsay, and others, being saluted by a guard of honour formed of the Halton Rifles, and commanded by Captain Robertson, while the band played the National Anthem, he proceeded to the platform amid the loud cheers of some two thousand people of the town and its vicinity, who had assembled for the purpose of doing honour to the Marquis.

Hon. G. W. ALLAN, Chairman of the Trustees of the Municipal Trust Fund of the Credit Valley railway, then addressed his Excellency as follows:—I have been requested on behalf of the Company and of the municipalities through which the line passes, to express to your Excellency their cordial thanks for having so kindly acceded to their request to be present to-day and inaugurate the opening of the Credit Valley railway. The deep interest which these municipalities and the people of this part of Ontario have taken in the construction of this road, is fully attested by the fact that no less than five counties, Peel, Halton, Wellington, Oxford and Waterloo—the large towns and villages adjacent, and the City of Toronto, have at different times voted and put into the hands of the trustees over one million dollars in debentures of their respective municipalities, as their gift to aid in the construction of the road. The ratepayers, who have freely taxed themselves to assist this important enterprise, have watched with great interest the progress of the work which the company has carried on, after many difficulties, incidental more or less to all undertakings, and it was hoped that the only obstacle which now remained to the carrying of the line into the City of Toronto would soon be overcome. The company were at present employing over 2,000 men, and I am informed by the President that in spite of all difficulties, 110 miles of line are now completed and ready for traffic, and that within three months 150 miles will be completed. (Cheers.) The people of this part of Ontario through which the line passes, the thriving towns and villages along its route, and the citizens of Toronto will have open to them a most important highway for business and traffic, and fresh facilities will be afforded for speedy and cheap transportation of the agricultural products of this part of the country to Toronto and the seaboard. I am sure that those who are present here from the various municipalities will agree with me that a large share of the credit for this happy result is due to the energy with which the directors of the company have gone on with their work in the teeth of the obstacles I have alluded to, and particularly to the indomitable pluck and perseverance of the President, Mr. Laidlaw. (Cheers.) I trust that the communities along the line of the railway will appreciate the benefits it will confer upon them. I beg to thank your Excellency for your kindness in coming here to-day to attend this formal inauguration of the Credit Valley railway. We trust that this may be but the precursor of many more visits of your Excellency to this section of country, and that the people assembled here to-day may have the gratification of welcoming on another occasion the illustrious lady who has already won all hearts wherever she has gone—the daughter of our gracious Sovereign. (Cheers.) I now request your Excellency to declare the railway open. (Cheers.)

His EXCELLENCY in reply said, I shall certainly tell the Princess of the cordial way in which you have greeted the mention of her name. It is a matter of regret that she could not accompany me this morning, being prevented by other duties she had to perform in the City of Toronto, and however much your interests are bound up in these municipalities, you no doubt all take some interest in the small City of Toronto. I think you have a promising future before you in having this line brought to your doors. You have a splendid country, and many of you can no doubt remember when a great part of the district we have passed through was primeval forest. I need not tell you how little of that primeval forest is left, but I may express to you my gratification that you have left in this beautiful spot the one bit of woodland in which we are assembled. While you have made the forest smile, you have evinced a practical taste by levelling it wherever the excellent land has tempted you to do so. I wish God speed to the railway and have how the pleasure of declaring it open, and I hope that the rich belt of country along the line may ever increase in prosperity. (Cheers.)

A series of cheers were given for the Queen, the Princess and the Marquis, and for Mr. Laidlaw, and the proceedings terminated.

The viceregal party were then photographed in the glade by Messrs. Notman & Fraser, and after a few minutes' delay got on board the train, which was now attached to the engine "Angus Morrison," and left for Toronto, which was reached at half-past one o'clock, the run of thirty miles being made in a little over an hour. His Excellency, as he left the station, was loudly cheered by the gentlemen who had accompanied him on the trip.

PROGRESS OF THE LINE.

It is expected that before the close of the year quite 160 miles of the road will be completed, as the work of construction is being pushed on with great vigour. The road-bed is in good order, and laid with steel rails, and the running yesterday was very smooth. The large bridge over the Grand river at Galt is well in hand; the piers are finished, and the iron superstructure, which has been built by the Toronto Bridge Company, will be in position in a few days. Two trains a day each way are now being run between Toronto and the Brock Road, a distance of 45 miles, and this section will be ready for freight traffic early next week. During the past few days the railway has brought some thousands of visitors to the Exhibition. Thirty miles of the branch line from Streetsville to the forks of the Credit river are also completed and ready for traffic. The party yesterday expressed their unqualified satisfaction with the remarkably easy and smooth travelling of the train between Toronto and Milton.

AT THE EXHIBITION.

As there was a certain amount of uncertainty as to whether her Royal Highness would visit the Exhibition on Friday and as to the hour at which it was probable his Excellency would arrive, there was not that same air of expectancy noticed amongst the visitors in attendance as on the previous day. A little after two, the firing of the York Pioneers' Armstrong gun announced the arrival of the Marquis, who was accompanied by Capt. Harbord and Hon. G. W. Allan. A visit was made to the horse ring, where his Excellency remained for a short time and witnessed the speeding of the horses and the racing of the Toronto Hunt Club. He was next conducted to the carriage department, through which he passed rather hurriedly, as he was an hour behind time in his appointments for the day, in consequence of the trip over the Credit Valley railway. He examined with interest a patent folding seated buggy, also a handsome dark brougham, as well as the refrigerators on exhibition, and then passed on to the glass hen. This novel exhibition excited his Excellency's curiosity, and he remained for quite a while at the first incubator, examining the chicks either emerging from their shells, or in the first stages of their career. He took out the day-old chickens and remarked upon their hardy appearance, and was generally interested in the matter of artificial hatching. From the glass hen he proceeded to the stove department, and was greatly struck with the magnificent display. He had the mechanism of many stoves explained to him, and was generally pleased with the exhibit. The show of granite ware attracted his notice as being clean, durable, and difficult to break, and he remarked that it was a pity that it was not manufactured in Canada. The Machinery Hall was the last department visited. His Excellency appeared interested in the different milling machines, and asked a number of pertinent questions. The lithographic printing and the paper ruler also engaged his attention, and with regard to the different machines for cutting and boring iron, he made particular enquiries. Owing to the shortness of the time at his disposal, the Marquis had to make a hurried tour through the different departments. He left the grounds, amid the cheers of the people, at 3 30 o'clock.

AT HOME.

OTTAWA, Sept. 20.—His Excellency the Governor-General and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, with their suite, arrived at the capital this evening. There was no demonstration at the depot, and the very drowsiness which hung over the place was a positive relief to the salutes and cheers with which the distinguished travellers had been greeted throughout their Western tour. Entering carriages, they drove to Rideau Hall, the plain and quiet viceregal residence on the banks of the Rideau river.

THE WESTERN TOUR.

A word about the tour throughout the western peninsula. It is no secret that their Excellencies have been much gratified with their visits made to Toronto and other western cities and towns. The unanimity which marked the labours of the inhabitants to welcome the Queen's representative and daughter in a befitting manner, the toil and expense undertaken to secure that end, were all noted and fully appreciated. The crowds which gathered at every point of call, and the numbers which attended the receptions marked the desire of the people to meet the distinguished travellers face to face. But what gave his Excellency and Her Royal Highness the deepest pleasure was the spirit of loyalty and devotion to her Majesty everywhere manifested. The response given to this display of popular feeling was a declaration by his Excellency that both the Princess and himself are anxious to do everything within their power to promote the welfare and happiness of the Canadian people. This feeling was also entertained, he said, by the Prince of Wales and Prince Arthur, who had most pleasant recollections of their visit to the Dominion. In the course of a warm tribute of praise upon the merits of our home army, his Excellency expressed the assurance that they would never be called upon to bear the brunt of battle alone, but would be supported by the whole Imperial army. These are only a few points in the replies delivered by his Excellency to addresses received by him during the journey from Toronto to this city. These speeches were happy efforts, and should be perused by our readers. The arrangements at Port Hope and Belleville were excellent, and received special commendation from his Excellency.

DEPARTURE FROM TORONTO.

The Queen's weather, which accompanied the viceregal party throughout the western tour, did not desert them during the last day. Setting out in the fresh morning air, crisp as an October day, several hundreds of citizens wended their way to the Union depot to bid *au revoir* to the distinguished guests. The 10th Royals were out in full force with the band. The Mayor, the members of the Reception Committee, who did good service during the festive season, city aldermen, Hon. G. W. Allan, and other leading citizens were at the depot. His Excellency and her Royal Highness, accompanied by their suite, arrived at about nine o'clock. A cordial good-bye was extended to the leading citizens present, and the party then entered the special train which had been provided for their accommodation. The cars shortly afterwards left the Union station for Ottawa, amid loud cheers, frequently renewed, the band playing the National Anthem, and the military presenting arms.

WHITBY

was the first stopping place, although the groups gathered at points reached earlier in the trip indicated a desire to unite in the ovation extended to the travellers. At Whitby the cars were backed as far as possible into the town, and the reception took place in a large field adjoining the railway. On leaving the carriage, his Excellency and the Princess were received on a temporary platform by Mayor Harper, Judge Dartnell, Messrs. W. H. Higgins and Jas. Holden, Managing Director of the Whitby & Port Perry railway; Rev. Mr. Hare, of the Ontario Ladies' College; Mr. T. J. Smith and Rev. T. H. Dewart. The Hon. T. N. Gibbs was among the general company assembled. A guard of honour was furnished by the 34th Battalion, Major Donovan being in command. After greetings had been exchanged and some introductions made, the party proceeded along a raised platform between rows of pupils from the High, Public, and Separate schools to a pavilion, the children meanwhile singing the National Anthem and throwing flowers along the path. The decorations were simple, but suitable to the occasion. At the entrance to the platform an evergreen arch, surmounted with flags, presented a good appearance. At the opposite end a larger streamer extended the wish "Cead mile Failthe to the County of Ontario." A short distance beyond, a magnificent flag floated from a flagstaff, while the private dwellings a short distance away were gay with bunting. The proceedings occupied somewhat less than half an hour.

Members of the city and county councils and officials were then introduced. Misses Ida Williams and Florence Rawlings presented bouquets from the Ontario Ladies' College to the Princess. Misses Netty Palmer and Vair made to his Excellency like floral offerings. From the High School Miss Emma Bateman, from the Public Schools Misses Bella Cormack, L. Armitage, and Lucy Blow, and from the Separate Schools Misses Gatey Johnson and Nellie McCan made similar presentations. Copies of an ode of welcome were presented by Misses Woodruff and Van Arsdale. As the party were returning to the train, a loyal welcome was sung by the pupils of the Ontario Ladies' College. The last verse, which fairly indicates the character of the composition, runs as follows:—

> Though far from Britain's shore,
> We only love the more
> Our Sovereign here.
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> No space this love can break,
> And for Victoria's sake,
> Right to our hearts we take
> Her children dear.

The visitors re-entered the cars and resumed their journey.

PORT HOPE

is not only one of the most picturesque towns in the Dominion, but its inhabitants are pre-eminently loyal. The best evidence they could furnish of this fact was the splendid reception given to the Queen's representatives. The train drew up opposite to the Town Hall, and the space intervening between that building and the railway track was covered with a dense assemblage of enthusiastic spectators. It was at once apparent that the arrangements were such that the people would be as a whole enabled to witness the proceedings, and at the same time the distinguished visitors would be saved from the unpleasantness of being surrounded by a turbulent crowd. Nothing could have been better suited to the occasion than the elevated platform, which extended from the railroad to the Town Hall, and along which the viceregal party passed to the pavilion. A guard of honour was supplied by the 46th Battalion, under command of Major Dingwall, a salute being fired by the Durham field battery, under Captain Graham. The Town Hall was gay with bunting, festoons of bright coloured cloth, and scrolls. The party passed under a beautiful arch composed of evergreens and floral wreaths, a floral crown in the centre forming the most attractive feature.

ADDRESS FROM THE TOWNSPEOPLE.

The proceedings in front of the Town Hall were brief. His Excellency and her Royal Highness were received by Mayor Randall and Col. Williams, M. P. Among the company present, besides members of the Town Council, were Mr. John Rosevear, M.P.P.; Rev. Dr. O'Meara, Rev. Dr. Murphy, of Philadelphia; Rev. Dr. Bethune, of Trinity College School; Rev. Messrs. Cooper and Baker; Mr. Lewis Ross, Chairman of the Harbour Board; the members of the Harbour and School Boards, Mr. Quinlan, &c. The military force was represented by Capt. Williams, 3rd Cavalry; Major Gurney, Garrison Artillery; Major Benson, 46th; Majors Bolton and Howder; Capt. Graham; Surgeon Turner, of the Cavalry; Capts. Hunter and Walsh, Lieut. Adams, &c. After preliminary proceedings, the Mayor read the address from the townspeople.

His Excellency having replied, a large number of introductions were then made. His Excellency afterwards inspected the guard of honour, and complimented the town, through Col. Williams, on the excellent display and admirable arrangements. The party then entered the cars, and departed amid loud cheers.

COBOURG

was reached after a short run. Judging from appearances, the distinguished travellers had arrived before the preparations were completed, although the train was twenty minutes behind the appointed hour; but subsequent inquiries elicited an assurance that the authorities had been for some time awaiting the arrival of the special train. Confusion, however, reigned at the depot, from which it was necessary to convey the visitors to the town, a short distance, as the ceremonies were to take place at the town hall. There were no carriages arranged with any system to transport the arrivals. The horses' heads were invariably the wrong way, and to turn was a difficult feat in the confusion. After some delay the Marquis and Princess were provided with a conveyance, but the staff were obliged to fall back on a vehicle placed at their disposal by private citizens.

AT THE TOWN HALL.

The journey to the Town Hall was at length made, and there the display was worthy of the community. The building, which is a remarkably fine one, having a large portico with massive Corinthian columns, was liberally adorned with evergreens and flag decorations. Scrolls worked out in blue and white, and placed over the entrances, contained the words "With joy we greet you," with "Welcome Lorne" and "Welcome Louise" on each side. The adjoining houses were profusely decorated, and the streets in the vicinity were bright with streamers and flags. Two companies of the 40th Battalion constituted the guard of honour under command of Lieut.-Col. Graveley. There was also a cavalry escort of the Cobourg squadron under Lieut.-Colonel Bolton. Upon the platform were the Mayor and members of the Town and County Councils, Hon. James Cockburn, M.P., Judges Boswell, Clark, and Dumble, Sheriff Waddell, Mr. Geo. Field, M.P.P., the President of Victoria College and staff, Mr. John Sutherland, ex-Mayor, Mr. D. H. Minaker, Rev. Dr. Waters, Mr. Wm. Ayer, Mr. R. Mulholland, Dr. Kerr, Rev. Mr. Jeffrey, Dr. Burns, Lieut.-Col. Rogers, Dr. Ceningford, Dr. Power, Col. Chamblers, Mr. Barrin, &c.

In the neighbourhood of the town hall, the streets were crowded with people and a platform erected so as to obtain a good view of the proceedings was well filled. The assurance given on a streamer stretched across the street that Canada is an integral part of the Empire, caught the public fancy and received its approval. The proceedings commenced with the presentation of addresses.

A DRIVE THROUGH THE TOWN.

A number of presentations having been made, the visitors drove through some portions of the town, and passed the University and Science Hall, and the Ladies' Academy, the last-named building being specially decorated. His Excellency inspected the guard of honour, and, joining the Princess, they resumed their railway journey. It was expected that an address would have been presented from Lindsay, but no one attended to do so.

BELLEVILLE

was the last place at which a public reception was given the viceregal party, K