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The Vice Regal Visit.

A Right Royal Welcome—The Duke, Duchess and Princess Enthusiastically Received.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses the Duchess and their daughter, Princess Patricia, received a right royal welcome from the people of this Province on the occasion of their visit, just terminated. The enthusiasm of the greeting was manifested by the outpouring of the people, the wealth and extent of the decorations, and the all pervading loyalty sentiment.

Their Royal Highnesses and suite arrived at Summerside on board the Government steamer Earl Grey at an early hour Sunday morning last. About 11 o'clock the Royal party landed and were met by Mayor Morrison and other gentlemen and driven to the Anglican Church. After the service in the church they returned to the steamer. In the afternoon they again came ashore and were driven through St. Eleanor's and other suburban points, escorted by the Mayor.

At 9 o'clock Monday forenoon the official programme was entered upon. After landing from the steamer the party proceeded to Dominion Square where Mayor Morrison read and presented the following address:

To His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught.

We the Mayor and Councillors of the Town of Summerside on behalf of the citizens of this County Town beg to extend to you a most cordial welcome.

Never before have we had a prince of the blood to preside over the political destinies of our Dominion. It is therefore with special joy and the highest satisfaction that we salute the arrival among us of your Royal Highness.

Since the former visit of your Royal Highness to Prince Edward Island it has become a Province of Canada. This country extending over a vast and largely fertile territory with its mineral wealth its forests and fisheries, its systems of transportation by land and sea is now the home of many people from the mother country and is destined in the near future to be the home and adopted country of many millions of people from Great Britain, other countries of Europe the United States and other parts of the world.

In presenting our homage to your Royal Highness, the New Governor-General of Canada, we welcome you most heartily to this country of present progressive activities and great possibilities, and wish not forget that you, our esteemed Governor-General, are at the same time the son of our late august Queen, and brother of the lamented Sovereign King Edward VII. We are highly grateful to you in accepting this position and coming to take charge of the Government of our Country. Your presence here as head of the Government your experience and wisdom, will shed new lustre upon our Country and intensify our aspirations as citizens of a Great Empire.

These Your Royal Highness are the sentiments we express in the name of the Town of Summerside. Permit us to join to them our respects and best wishes for the good welfare and happiness of your noble wife Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Connaught and your esteemed and lovable daughter, Princess Patricia. May the sojourn of Her Royal Highness and daughter, like your own, be always agreeable as our wishes for your happiness are earnest and the assurance of our welcome sincere.

JAMES A. MORRISON, Mayor. For Self and Councillors, NEIL McQUARRIE, Recorder.

After the Duke had replied to the address, the school children sang the "Maple Leaf" and "O Canada," the Royal visitors were then conducted to a couple of the fox ranches outside the town, where they manifested much interest in observing the denizens of these enclosures. The next item on the programme was the formal opening of the new Prince County Hospital.

When the party arrived his Royal Highness was handed a golden key by Judge McLeod, and with this the Duke opened the door of the hospital, which was then declared ready for business. The Royal party were then escorted to the special train in waiting and started for Charlottetown.

The train included No. 11 coach, packed out in grand style. Engine No. 25 was arrayed in royal style, under the direction of Master Mechanic McQuaid, the work being done in a manner that reflects great credit upon Messrs. I. McCoubry and Charles Simmonds and their assistants. Red white and blue were the predominant colors, while festoons of beautiful flowers lent a splendid effect. The engine had upon it the words "Caed Mille Failthe"—a hundred thousand welcomes—and on the tender is the word "Welcome" in large letters.

Conductor John McDonald was in charge of the train, with Engineer John Hunter as driver and E. Brown fireman, while the brakemen are Messrs. Frank McDonald and Arthur Byrne. On board, besides the Royal Party, were the following: Hon. Senator Yo, Premier and Mrs. Mathieson, Hon. J. E. Wyatt and Miss Wanda Wyatt, Hon. James A. McNeill, Hon. A. E. Arsenault, John Richards, M. L. A., Dr. P. C. Murphy, John Agnew, Superintendent McEwen.

The train made the run from Summerside to Charlottetown in two hours, arriving here at 1.20 p. m. Immediately upon the arrival of the train the Royal Party were escorted to a gaily decorated pavillion near the track. They were greeted by his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Rogers, and Sir Louis Davies. His Worship Mayor Lyons was then introduced who read and presented to his Royal Highness the following address:

To Field Marshal, His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught, K. G., etc. Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of Canada.

May it please your Royal Highness:

In the name and on behalf of the citizens, we, the Mayor and Council of the City of Charlottetown, extend to Your Royal Highness a most cordial welcome on this your second visit to our city. When you first visited this city as Prince Arthur, 1869, our citizens were most enthusiastic in their greeting; thus manifesting their love and respect to your royal person and emphasizing their loyalty and devotion to your illustrious Mother Queen Victoria, then happily reigning.

Now, in the maturity of your manhood, having achieved fame and distinction in the profession of arms, you come to us as the direct representative of our beloved Sovereign, His Gracious Majesty King George the Fifth. The Fathers of Confederation expressed the hope that some day Canada's Governor-General would be a Prince of the Royal Blood, and we, in common with all loyal Canadians, rejoice that this hope has been realized in our time, and that we are privileged to greet as Canada's Viceroy the son of 'Victoria the good', and the brother of 'Edward the Peace-maker'.

In no part of this great Dominion will Your Royal Highness find more loyal and devoted subjects of our beloved Sovereign than in this City and Province, so closely associated with the names of your royal ancestry and noble kindred. Our city is called after Queen Charlotte and our Province bears the name of your illustrious Grandfather Edward Duke of Kent.

To their Royal Highnesses the Duchess of Connaught and the Princess Patricia we tender our homage and respect. It affords us special pleasure to include them in the hearty welcome extended to Your Royal Highness. We rejoice to know that the Duchess is restored to health after her recent serious illness. We sincerely trust that Your Royal Highness may enjoy every moment of your stay in our Garden Province and that you may carry away with you pleasing memories of your visit. In conclusion, we beg to express the hope that your term of office as Governor-General may redound to the happiness of Your Royal Highness, the glory of His Majesty the King and the lasting benefit of our beloved Canada.

(Signed.) Charles Lyons, Mayor. J. D. Taylor. W. W. Walker. Archibald McLean. Thomas Campbell. Dr. McLaughlin, M. D., J. D. Riley. John McKenna. John McNeill. W. W. Clarke, City Clerk. K. J. Martin, Recorder. H. D. Johnson, M. D., Health Officer.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., July 29th, 1912.

His Royal Highness replied to the address as follows: Your Worship and Gentlemen. Please accept my best thanks for your most cordial address of welcome, and also for your greeting to the Duchess and to my daughter. I am very pleased to renew my acquaintance with the capital of Prince Edward Island, and to recall the memories of my former visit. When I visited you in 1869, the conference at which the project of Canadian confederation first took definite shape had but a short time before been sitting here in Charlottetown. I am sure that you must feel legitimate pride in thinking that the members of that conference drew some part of their inspiration from their surroundings, and that your city, therefore, played a by no means unimportant part in the binding together of the provinces which form your great Dominion.

The City Councillors were next presented to the Duke by his Worship. The Royal Party then entered the coaches in waiting and started for Government House. They were attended by a Band and Military Guard of Honor and were escorted by a detachment of Cavalry of the P. E. I. Light Horse. The streets were lined with people and flags and bunting fluttered in the breeze at every point. The school children and cadets lined both sides of Great George Street from Water Street and clear up to the steps of the Provincial Building. All had small flags. These they vigorously waved and accompanied the action by lusty cheers. In this way the progress of the Royal Party to Government House was a splendid pageant.

After luncheon at Government House the Royal Party proceeded to Victoria Park. Drawn up on the Park Roadway to receive the Royal visitors were the bands, the Infantry, the school cadets and members of the A. O. H., the Knights of Columbus and the C. M. B. A., fraternal societies. Through these lines the Cavalry escort and the carriages conveying the Royal party passed. As they entered the lines, three rousing cheers were given for their Royal Highnesses. When the Park was reached, the party proceeded at once to the splendid pavillion that had been prepared for the occasion. Here Premier Mathieson read and presented the following address:

To Field Marshal, His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught, K. G., etc. Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of Canada.

May it please your Royal Highness:

On behalf of the Government and People of this Province, I beg to extend to you and to Your Royal Highnesses The Duchess of Connaught and The Princess Patricia, a most cordial welcome. No Province of the Dominion of Canada, or of the Empire, excels Prince Edward Island in its loyal devotion to our Gracious Sovereign, or in its unswerving attachment to that form of government which has been maintained in the United Kingdom and throughout the northern half of this continent from its earliest settlement until the present time.

It was therefore with great satisfaction that we learned of the appointment of Your Royal Highness as Governor-General of Canada, and we accept it as a distinguishing mark of His Majesty's interest in an affection for the people of the Dominion.

In presenting our welcome and the assurance of our high regard, we recall with interest your form visit to this Province, and we cannot forget that this Island bears the name of your distinguished ancestor, The Duke of Kent; that Your Royal Highness is the son of the august Queen Victoria, of happy and illustrious memory, and the brother of our late King, Edward the Seventh whose great wisdom and powerful influence were so conspicuously devoted to the welfare of his people and the maintenance of peace among the nations of the earth.

Your Royal Highness has come to us at an auspicious time, when the opening up of new industries, the enlargement of existing ones, and the early prospects of much more constant and efficient communication between this province and the mainland of Canada have awakened new hopes and a general feeling of satisfaction and contentment. We have an abiding faith in your wisdom and matured statesmanship; we feel assured that in the administration of your high office the best traditions of the Empire will be followed and exemplified, and that your presence at the Capital will shed new lustre upon the Dominion and will contribute to its welfare and progress. We sincerely regret that your present visit must necessarily be of such limited duration, but we cherish the hope that it may be of such interest and satisfaction to yourself and the members of your family, that we may again enjoy the honour and pleasure of welcoming you to this Province in the not distant future.

J. A. MATHIESON, Premier. Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, 19th July, 1912.

H. R. H. the Governor General replied as follows: Mr. Mathieson and Gentlemen. I beg that you will accept for the Government and people of Prince Edward Island my heartfelt thanks for your most loyal address of welcome. It was a source of the deepest satisfaction to me to be called on by my brother, the late King to serve the Empire in this new sphere; and since my arrival in Canada in October last my pleasure at being designated as His Majesty's representative in this Dominion has steadily increased. For each journey that I undertake, and my travels are wide and almost continuous, shows me the progress and contentment of the Canadian people; everywhere so I hear expressed the same deep-seated reverence for the Throne and Person of the Sovereign.

Your address shows me that the same sentiments reign in Prince Edward Island as in the other provinces, and with these sentiments as the basis of national character nothing can prevent Canada from occupying the prominent position in the world which it is her undoubted destiny to fill. The members of the Government and a number of prominent citizens were then presented, after which the Royal party drove to the marine wharf and boarded the Earl Grey.

Monday night the city was beautifully illuminated in honor of the Royal visitors. All along the park roadway there was a line of Chinese lanterns, and near Fort Edward there was a fine display of fireworks, and the harbor was covered with motor boats all aglow with Chinese lanterns. The illuminations on public and private buildings were on an elaborate scale. Government House, the Cathedral and the Bishop's Palace, the Victoria Hotel, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the residence of F. R. Hearts and the Charlottetown Club were not only beautifully decorated with flags, but were splendidly illuminated. Pyrotechnics were displayed from the residential grounds of F. R. Hearts and others. The Railway offices and numerous other public buildings were exceptionally fine in their decorations and illuminations.

Tuesday forenoon their Royal Highnesses enjoyed an excursion up the West River on board the steamer Harland, as the guests of Premier and Mrs. Mathieson. A large number of invited guests participated in honor of the visitors. The outing was very much enjoyed by all in attendance. All were presented to their Royal Highnesses before leaving the steamer.

Tuesday afternoon the Royal party visited the Experimental Farm, where the Duke planted a tree in front of the Superintendent's dwelling. They then visited the Golf Links, where the Princess participated in the game. Afternoon tea was served at the Club House. Tuesday evening the Royal party, the Premier and several guests were entertained to dinner at Government House. This ended the visit of their Royal Highnesses. They boarded the Earl Grey, which started for Pictou at six o'clock this morning.

Advertisement of the B.I.S. Picnic at Mount Herbert on Monday next, 5th inst., will be found in this issue.

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