

called at Bishopsclose, and the following resolution of sympathy and condolence with Her Majesty the Queen was drawn up :—

Resolved:—" That the National Council of Women of Canada, holding their Annual Session in Victoria, B. C., do humbly offer to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen an expression of their sincere sympathy and condolence on the death of her son H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh and of Saxe Coburg Gotha. They pray that Almighty God may sustain Her Majesty and the Members of the Royal Family in their sudden bereavement."

It was agreed to ask her Excellency the Countess of Minto, the Honorary President, to forward the resolution, which she was graciously pleased to do. A reply has just reached me through Her Excellency, which I insert, as it will be of interest to all members of Council.

OSBORNE, AUGUST 25TH, 1900.

Dear Lady Minto:—The Queen desires me to ask you to be good enough to convey to the National Council of Women of Canada, her sincere thanks for the kind expression of sympathy and condolence contained in the resolution passed at their Annual Session at Victoria, British Columbia, and forwarded by you to Her Majesty.

Yours very truly.

(Signed) ARTHUR BIGGE.

*To Her Excellency, The Countess of Minto,
Hon. President National Council of Women of Canada.*

When forwarding this letter, Her Excellency said she had also heard privately from Princess Beatrice that the Queen was much gratified to receive the message of condolence.

This memorandum, I fear, is growing quite too long and I must hasten on. In response to invitations received from Vancouver and New Westminster, a party of twenty or more, left Victoria on Thursday morning, 2nd August, at 7 o'clock. Arriving at Vancouver, we were met on the dock by Alderman McQueen (representing the Mayor, who was absent in Victoria attending the meeting of the Legislature), a number of clergymen and leading citizens, with the ladies of the Local Council. Luncheon was provided by the City Council in a hall beautifully decorated for the occasion with flags and flowers, Alderman McQueen presiding. Words of welcome having been spoken and replied to, we were informed that "time was up", we must take the electric tram for New Westminster, which we did at 2 o'clock. There again we met a cordial welcome, the Mayor and citizens of New Westminster and the Council ladies meeting us with smiles, hand-clasps, and beautiful flowers. This is truly the land of flowers, every where the greatest profusion. Three hours were delightfully and profitably spent in visiting the automatic can factory, a