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**The Queen's Birthday.** Although not favoured with the proverbial "Queen's weather," the good city of Montreal observed Her Britannic Majesty's birthday, as the occasion for very general rejoicing and merry making.

The flag that has braved for a thousand years the battle and the breeze may have presented a bedraggled appearance; the holiday attire of the people may have been robbed of sheen and colour by the rain; but the spirit of loyalty and the desire to celebrate the day was manifest everywhere.

Regardless of the grey, leaden-looking clouds, the speedy bicyclists, the fleet-footed lacrosse players, the patrons of baseball, and the devotees to golf, searched for and found happiness in exercise and the open air. The occasional run for shelter from the rain only served to accentuate the enjoyment of the few hours when patches of blue sky promised even brief intervals of sunshine.

To strangers and a large multitude of our citizens, the event of the day was the parade and marching of the local militia force. Headed by Lieut.-Colonel Gordon and a brilliant staff, artillery, cavalry and infantry passed through the principal streets from the Drill Hall to the Champ de Mars. The remarks passed upon the men, music, horses and guns were of a character to please the most critical of commanders, and the soldiers of our Queen in the city of Montreal are well worthy of the interest taken by our citizens in their appearance, drill and welfare. Of course, the absence of the Highland Cadets was very generally regretted by strangers, to whom the fresh faces, athletic figures and light springing footsteps of the kilned boys is a joy and delight.

Altogether, the 79th birthday of the Queen and Empress was duly honoured by her subjects in Montreal, and it must have inspired every true son of Great Britain and her colonies, on Tuesday last, to know that all round the world, from land and sea the national anthem called for a blessing on a wise sovereign and a good and noble woman. God save the Queen.

**Sir John Bourinot.**

In the distribution of what are known as Queen's birthday honours, knighthood has been bestowed upon Dr. Bourinot, whose scholarly work in diffusing correct information regarding the constitutional history of Canada, has long attracted attention on both sides of the Atlantic. There will be nothing but universal commendation of this recognition of thirty years of literary work of a high and useful character. Past and present members of the Dominion Parliament will join the Royal Society of Canada and all who know how much Sir John Bourinot has contributed by his learning and industry to settle questions hitherto shrouded in doubt or confusion, in congratulating the newly created member of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

**Lipton Limited.**

The conversion of the business of Sir Thomas Lipton into a joint-stock company, the flotation of which caused such a sensational rush for shares, is being followed by premature and ill-natured criticism of the prospects of Lipton Limited. The *Scottish Critic*, a Glasgow publication, remarks "no commercial undertaking has been floated during a recent period at a price so much out of proportion to probable returns, nor has there been for a long time, any business put forward with the same amount of successful presumption on the gullability of the public."

It is presumable that the subscribers for Lipton Limited, who paid Sir Thomas some millions of dollars for the good will of his extensive business, have read the prospectus, and are quite satisfied to become the partners of Sir Thomas Lipton, who retains a very large and controlling interest in the business he created, and made a phenomenal success of. The baronet will probably disarm his critics by the regularity of the Lipton dividends. Unless our Glasgow contemporary can advance good reasons for his references to the "gullability" of investors in Lipton Limited, we must regard his attack upon this eagerly sought for stock as most reprehensible and requiring explanation.