

City of Brantford Welcomes His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught

GLORIOUS WEATHER FOR THE VISIT OF T.R.H. THE DUKE AND PRINCESS

Brantford in Holiday Attire For Occasion.

Address to be Presented at Grand Trunk Depot.

With glorious weather to-day Brantford officialdom is all ready to hobnob with royalty, and Brantford citizenship all ready to extend the glad hand of fellowship to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada.

The city today has put on holiday attire. There is a profusion of union jacks all along the route and thousands of people will greet the royal party.

Of necessity the visit of the Royal party will be of all too brief duration, and it must be remembered that the Duke is the prisoner of an itinerary schedule.

MAYOR SPENCE



Who extends the City's welcome to the royal party.

Telephone City. A time limit has been set on each stopping place, and it may be necessary to curtail some of the presentations at the Grand Trunk depot.

After the visit the Duke and party will spend Sunday at Niagara Falls quietly.

Civic Address.

The following is the address which will be read by Mayor Spence: Field Marshall, His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.M.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.G.V.O., P.C.

As Mayor of the City of Brantford and on behalf of the citizens, I extend a most hearty welcome, on this your third visit to our community. We are delighted also to welcome for the first time, Her Royal Highness, the Princess Patricia, who accompanies you.

We are a most progressive, industrial centre and all our industries are actively engaged in carrying out their individual callings. Implements and machinery of every kind are shipped to every quarter of the globe and the name of Brantford stamped on them

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Greetings to Connaught

By CHAS. E. EDMONDS In the name of our King we greet you, And the Empire for which our boys fought, With hearts true and loyal we greet you, Your Royal Highness, Connaught.

'Twas the wish of your dear brother— The Peacemaker—England's King, That in Canada you represent him, Or his successor—our King.

In many lands you have sojourned, In the great metropolis, Africa, India, and the tropics, And we welcome you now to this.

To this city—Brantford, Canada, Our Canada, the brightest gem— The fairest far of the fairest, In Great Britain's diadem.

The love we had for Victoria, Victoria the Good, our own, The Queen we all loved—she passed, Then her son ascended the throne.

Our love then went to King Edward— The Peacemaker, England's King; For eight short years dry were our tears, Then they gushed forth with sorrowing.

"The King died at midnight," 'Twas flashed all over the earth, And England's King, with all his might, Now has but six feet of earth.

The whole world in sackcloth and ashes Lamented Great Britain's plight, King George, his son, with reign begun, Succeeded to Britain's might.

Our allegiance now we offer To you in King George's stead; Both on you and Patricia forever May Heaven's best blessing be shed.

May your sojourn among us be fruitful, Bearing fruit an hundred-fold; When we've voiced our hearts' fullest greeting, The half then has only been told.

May all nations on earth be brothers, Let war to the four winds be hurled; Place PEACE upon every banner, And Christianize the whole world.

And hasten the welcome millennium, When war with its horrors shall cease; In His name, the name of Immanuel, May we all greet the great Prince of Peace.

QUEEN MARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT

Coming of Prince Alexander of Teck as Governor-General of Canada.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] MONTREAL, May 9.—A New York despatch to the Daily Mail quotes a London cable as follows:

The astuteness and shrewdness of Queen Mary has been again exhibited lately in the most practical fashion. It was entirely due to her influence that her brother, Prince Alexander of Teck, was appointed to the Governor-Generalship of Canada, thus helping him and his family out of the most stringent financial position in which they have been placed for many years.

The Queen has always worked to uphold the dignity of the family as far as the Teck household is concerned. The Prince's income is not more than \$100,000 a year, but as brother of the Queen he occupies a position which requires at least \$100,000 a year properly to maintain. It is understood that the Queen at a dinner at Buckingham Palace bluntly suggested to Premier Asquith that Prince Alexander should go to Canada as Governor-General. Mr. Asquith, stunned with surprise, said that the proposition was impossible, and went away shaking his head.

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HUERTA'S MEN DEPART TODAY FOR CANADA

But Uncle Sam Still Hustles Along With War Preparations.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] WASHINGTON, May 9.—With the departure of Huerta's mediation mission from Mexico City to-day, the South American envoys and government officials here were assured there would be no hitch in the Niagara Falls negotiations, through tardiness of the Mexican delegation.

Huerta's representatives will proceed to the Canadian border city by way of Vera Cruz and Key West. They should arrive in ample time for the beginning of the mediation preliminaries May 18. Announcement of States by going to Niagara Falls by way of Salina Cruz and Vancouver. News that the Mexican mediators were on their way was expected to expediate the announcement of the American mission. It was believed that if the names of the United States representatives were not given out to-day, the announcement would not be delayed much after President Wilson had returned from the memorial services to the American victims of the occupation of Vera Cruz at the Brooklyn navy yard next Monday. While interest was renewed to-day in the diplomatic phase of the Mexican crisis, there was no abatement of execution of the program of preparedness in the war and navy departments. Secretary Garrison explained that he was trying to gather transports at Galveston that could be used to send the fourth and sixth brigades to Vera Cruz "in case it is thought wise in view of a precautionary attitude to have them there." He asserted no aggressive move was contemplated.

The Tecks have long been on Queen Mary's hands. Formerly she provided them with a suite at Windsor Castle, and in later years, when the Prince's children were growing up, the Queen gave the Prince the use of some rooms in a house near the castle, thereby sacrificing the rent thereof, a matter of about \$300 annually.

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Liberal Front Bencher Does Not Want Canada Governed By Royalty

[By Special Wire to The Courier] OTTAWA, May 9.—The House of Commons was somewhat startled yesterday afternoon when Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Liberal front bencher, and onetime Minister of Railways in the Laurier Government, expressed the hope that Prince Alexander of Teck would not come to Canada as Governor-General. What Mr. Emmerson said in his own words, was this: "I would like to ask if the government have any official information in respect to the appointment of a Governor-General to succeed the present incumbent in the office. I see rumors in the press, and I presume that the people of Canada would like to know what foundation there is for them. I hope that the rumors are not true. Still I speak individually."

Premier Borden—"There has been a telegram received by H. R. H. the Governor-General announcing that His Majesty has been pleased to approve the appointment of Prince Alexander of Teck to succeed H. R. H. as Governor-General."

TERRIFIC EARTHQUAKE TAKES MANY LIVES

A Dozen Villages in Sicily Are Wiped Out—Quake Resembled That at Messina in 1908.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] CATANIA, Sicily, May 9.—A violent earthquake greatly resembling that at Messina in 1908 late last night destroyed about a dozen villages in this vicinity. No estimate of the number of casualties has yet been made, but it is known that the damage was enormous. The great gravity of the disaster was not realized until this morning when reports came in from the surrounding country. The villages of Linera and Consentini were transformed into heaps of ruins. At Zifferana every house was destroyed. Enormous damage was caused at Santa Venerina. Roofs fell in and walls collapsed in the hamlets of Santa Maria Ammalati, Carico, Guadaria, Mangano, Santa Tecla and Bongiarico. The village of Santa Maria Vergene Calena was razed to the ground.

Fifty Killed. Fifty persons are known to have been killed in the destruction of the village of Linera, while among the ruins of Passopomo, Bongiarico and Malati, 30 bodies have been found up to the present. Catania, the scene of last night's earthquake, has suffered probably more than any other city in the world from volcanic eruptions and earthquakes owing to its immediate vicinity to the Volcano Etna at whose foot it lies.

The town itself is built on a bed of lava and most of its streets are paved with the same material. The town which has a population of 140,000 lies to the south of Messina on the east coast of Sicily. Ever since its foundation in B.C. 729 it has been visited frequently by earthquakes. In 121 A.D. it was partly destroyed by an eruption of Mount Etna and in 1169 again it suffered severely by an earthquake. One more in 1669 during an eruption of Mount Etna a great stream of lava flowed toward Catania but by some means its course was diverted and the town was saved. Later in the same century in 1693 when the whole island of Sicily was affected by an earthquake Catania was destroyed. The present town, the most populous in Sicily, has been erected since that date.

In the earthquake and tidal wave at Messina and Catania in December 18, 1908 official figures gave the number of deaths as 77,283, but it was variously estimated that from 150,000 to 200,000 people lost their lives while the damage to public and private property amounted to an enormous figure.

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STORY OF THE CASE IS TOLD BY THE ATTORNEY

Royal Visitors Here Today



THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT



PRINCESS PATRICIA

Splendid Receptions Accorded the Royal Visitors This Morning.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] BERLIN, Ont., May 9.—Ideal weather conditions prevailed this morning for the reception tendered by the city of Berlin to Their Royal Highnesses, the Duke of Connaught and Princess Patricia, who arrived at the G.T.R. station from New Hamburg, where they spent the night. The city is wearing its holiday attire, and between 20,000 and 25,000 citizens of the twin cities greeted the royal party as they paraded through the streets to the city hall.

Citizens of this city have responded nobly to the clean up campaign. According to Sanitary Inspector Glover nearly everyone in the city has put forth some efforts to clean up their premises and make them presentable for the visit of one of the Royal Family. Yesterday was "paint up" day and many of the residents took advantage of the programme and painted their fences and verandas, etc. The next thing to do, according to Inspector Glover, is to keep up the good work done this week, and keep the premises clean until Old Home Week.

Rev. Dr. Duval, for 26 years pastor of Knox church, Wilmberg, and former moderator of the General Assembly, has resigned his charge on the advice of his physician.

Increasing Interest in Becker Trial in New York.

Average Age of the Jurors is 45—Case Today.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] NEW YORK, May 9.—For a second time, Charles Becker, former lieutenant of police, charged with the murder of Herman Rosenthal, for which four men already have paid the death penalty, to-day heard the state's story of the plot to have Rosenthal, gambler, assassinated and listened to his own name hurled at the jury as the instigator of that plot.

General District Attorney Charles S. Whitman deviated but little from the opening statement of the people's case in the first trial of Becker. He told of the breaking of the alleged gambling combination between Rosenthal and Becker, who as head of the strong arm squad of the police department, had charge of the gambling raids. He charged that Becker suddenly desired to be rid of his former associate and to that end retained through others gunmen to murder the gambler on the eve of his expected visit to the district attorney when it was reported he planned to expose the head of the strong arm squad.

The jury that is to decide on the fate of Becker was filed late yesterday afternoon, but Justice Seabury ordered that the twenty on the panel of talesmen at adjournment should return today. The order was to provide for a vacancy in the jury should one occur before the presentation of evidence begin.

As constituted when court opened to-day the jury met with the approval of both Becker and his wife, both of whom passed upon each man as he was being examined. At the first trial Becker preferred men with families as jurors, but of the twelve men in the jury box to-day, six are unmarried. The average age of the present jury is under 45 years, which is younger than the previous jury.

The actual presentation of testimony by the prosecution will not begin before Monday, at which time it is expected that the District Attorney will call Jack Rose to the stand to tell the story of the alleged plot for the murder of Rosenthal.

Interest in the case increased to-day and large crowds stood in the corridors and in the streets outside the criminal court building.

TYRUS COBB MAKES JUMP DURING WEEK

Figures Wired Today Show Georgian Peach Climbing In Race.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] CHICAGO, May 9.—Ty Cobb jumped from thirty-eighth place to thirteenth place among the American League batters this week, according to averages published here to-day. Including last Wednesday's game, the Detroit star has a percentage of .307 as against .240 which the records showed for him last week. His rival, Joe Jackson, of Cleveland, has taken the lead, batting at a rate of .414. Then in the next dozen come: Wood, Cleveland, .412; Crawford, Detroit, .408; E. Foster, Washington, .397; Lelivelt, Cleveland, .346; Williams, St. Louis, .345; C. Walker, St. Louis, .333; Barry, Philadelphia, .325; Demmitt, Chicago, .324; Shotton, St. Louis, .320; Burns, Detroit, .316; McInnis, Philadelphia, .310; Philadelphia leads in cub batting with .259 and Cleveland is leading base stealer with Cleveland leading base stealer with 11 to his credit.

Art Phelan of Chicago and Reals Becker of Philadelphia are tied for first in the National League with .50 each. High tension again marked the relations between the United States and Mexico.

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