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## Our Royal Visitors,

### THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CORNWALL AND YORK.

One of the last acts, as it was one of the wisest of our late beloved Queen was Her arranging for a visit to be paid to the chief Colonies by the now Heir Apparent to the Throne, Prince George, in company with his wife, the Princess Victoria Mary, in whom shine so brightly the virtues that adorned her illustrious grandparent. During their trip they have been recognized as Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. In Australia, New Zealand and South Africa their reception was most enthusiastic. Their demeanour would have won the hearts of the people had there been any lack of loyal affection. The sailor Prince showed that he was also a statesman. Prince. Sailor in his frank, open-hearted, unostentatious manliness of bearing and speech, he showed the spirit of a statesman in the quickness with which he caught the spirit animating the people, the wisdom with which he interpreted their welcome as a manifestation of imperial unity, and the elevated views he enunciated as to the relations between the colonies and the mother-land which make for the permanent strength of the Empire.

The Duke of Cornwall and York is no stranger to Canada; this is his third visit. In his earlier ones he was attached to the protective service as a naval officer on a man-of-war, in this one he is attached to a higher but analogous branch of the Imperial service as an instrument in binding together the great sections and the great peoples constituting the British Empire. He is here as the representative of the King, as the symbol of the unity of those vast interests that find a common centre in the Crown. One touch of loyalty makes all in the Empire kin. For so multitudinous a political aggregation, comprising national communities of mixed races, such as the Empire under the benign sceptre of King Edward VII., the only possible chief must be a Monarch raised above all political parties and disconnected with all private interests. The British Empire is like a magnificent arch, the structural stones of which represent every strata of human society, the key-stone of which is the Monarch and the bonding cement the people's good-will, affection and loyalty.

On the 16th the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York had a right royal reception at Quebec. The Address of Welcome in the name of the city was read by Mayor Parent, to which the Duke made a most happy reply. At Laval University he was received with enthusiasm by the Archbishop of Quebec, other bishops, and a large gathering of clergy, professors and dignitaries.

Here, the commercial metropolis of Canada, the loyalty of our citizens was evidenced by thousands of flags, shields, medallions, and electric lights. Besides these displays, which covered whole street frontages with brilliance of colour and light, there were a number of arches erected along the route of the royal procession. The chief sight, however, was the people who, by tens of thousands, crowded the streets and made them ring with acclamations demonstrative of their loyalty to the Crown, and their delight at the opportunity of giving its representative and heir an enthusiastic welcome, a welcome intensified in heartiness and affection as a token of honour to a Prince whose manly unaffected dignity, devotion to duty and sound sense we admire, and of homage to the Princess, who, as a daughter and mother, has set a noble, example of all feminine and wifely virtues. God bless the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York!

GOD SAVE THE KING!