

The Vice-Regal Visit

AT CURLING.

The hearty welcome extended their Excellencies Governor and Lady Allardice here on Monday was but another demonstration of the loyalty of the people of this place to the Throne and person of His Majesty King George V. Our people pride in being a unit of that collegiate of nations which comprise the far-flung Empire of greater Britain.

At 10 o'clock on Monday morning the Vice-Regal party landed at Hags Bros. wharf from H.M.S. Wistaria, and were met by the Reception Committee. A Guard of Honour of ex-service men of the late war was drawn up on the wharf, and was inspected by His Excellency. The children of the various schools, very prettily clad and carrying small Union Jacks, lined both sides of the road, and lively cheered as the Vice-Regal party proceeded to the Curling Hall. Here Magistrate Scott introduced Governor and Lady Allardice, after which the Secretary of the Reception Committee, W. K. Angwin, read the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

As representing the residents of Bay of Islands, on the occasion of this, your first official visit as representative of His Majesty the King, we are pleased to have this opportunity of meeting you and extending to you our sincerest greetings and our heartiest welcome to this small corner of our Majesty's great Empire.

We welcome you the more cordially as we recall the distinguished services which you have been enabled to perform in lands far lying to the eastward, which have resulted in the increment of British prestige and the advancement of those over whom you have been called to "hold the reins" of government. We recall with pleasure the great interest which, since coming to this land, Your Excellency and your good lady have evidenced in the material and social uplift of our people. Your attitude has been such that, lacking the stimulus of a personal hand grasp, we even here are beginning to feel that you are "one of us."

May we be permitted to say, without appearing to be egotistical, that although mixed in race to some extent we come of no mean parentage. The blood of the "men of Devon"

pulses in the veins of some of us, many more have the canny instincts of the ubiquitous Scot inherited from Gaelic forebears, and others have not yet lost the racial characteristics of Wiclow and Galway as evidenced in our hospitality to the stranger and the enduring strength of home ties which will not be broken.

We recall that in nearby years we were permitted to mingle old blood with that of our brothers beyond the sea on the sacrificial ground of France and Flanders, in that great fight for the integrity of a "Scrap of Paper," thereby cementing with added strength the ties already binding us together.

Now, as brethren all, under the aegis of the "Mother of Nations," stimulated and guided aright by British law, we would work and wish for the establishment of a democracy in this rock-bound isle which will result in the uplift of the masses, in educational and social betterment, and in equitable adjustment of material wealth, which shall be as impregnable as the rocks which guard our coasts and far-reaching as the seas which have our shores. That your coming amongst us and association with us will lend an added impetus to this great achievement, none of us can doubt.

We cannot refrain from making a passing comment on the great industrial enterprise in our midst—a project which but a short time since, to many of us, seemed but "the baseless fabric of a dream." To-day it speaks to us through steel and concrete, iron and brick, of what may be accomplished by brain and brawn, enterprise and endeavor. In a few short months in confidence, anticipation we shall look for the culmination of this great project in the harnessing of the waters of Grand Lake, the transference of the subtle fluid to Corner Brook, its change again into potential energy which shall make the wheels of the great mill go round, and as with a magic wand transform the rough, uncouth timber of our forests into the potent printing paper, upon which may be transcribed thoughts which enoble and words that burn.

We would wish that Your Excellency may be with us, not only to witness the achievement of this stupendous undertaking, but the fulfillment of its destiny in a great success. In conclusion, we desire through you to convey to Her Excellency Lady Allardice the pleasure that we feel by reason of her gracious presence, and would express the wish that her short stay amongst us be one of unalloyed pleasure, and may she come to know that warm hearts beat in bonnie Bay of Islands.

His Excellency in reply thanked the people for the very cordial welcome extended Lady Allardice and himself. He referred to their trip up Labrador and along the East and West Coasts, and the many manifestations of welcome which had greeted them at all the places visited. In speaking particularly to the children, His Excellency referred to the Boy Scouts organization, and expressed the hope that in the very near future a branch would be established here.

Lady Allardice was very much touched by the presentation of a bouquet of flowers made by little Joan Fisher on behalf of the girls of the community and expressed sincere thanks. Her Ladyship referred to the Girl Guides Association and the Newfoundland Nurses Association, pointing out the objects of both these institutions, particularly the latter which is to provide nurses for the outlying sections of the country. In the course of her address, Lady Allardice stressed the point that the greatest objective for a girl is that of a "home builder." She expressed the opinion that there was too much playing of politics these days by those upon whom devolve the higher duties of citizenship and empire.

An informal reception was held, after which the Vice-Regal party visited a number of institutions. At noon a luncheon, provided by a number of ladies of Curling, was served at the residence of the Magistrate. At 3 p. m. the Vice-Regal party, accompanied by the Reception Committee returned to the ship and proceeded to Corner Brook.

AT CORNER BROOK.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Allardice landed at Corner Brook on Monday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock from H.M.S. Wistaria, which pulled up from Curling after the ceremony held there in the morning. This, the first official visit of His Excellency to Corner Brook, was anticipated with a great deal of pleasure, and their Excellencies' visit would have been welcomed with as great a demonstration as they might hope to receive in any part of Newfoundland but that the men of Corner Brook were unable, through the great stress of work, to be present at the landing. However, things went off quite as arranged and the committee, which worked so hard to organize the reception, may well feel proud of their efforts.

At the jetty where the landing was made the address of welcome which had been read at Curling in the morning was re-read. A guard of honour, consisting of ex-service men, was formed up on the jetty and was inspected by the Governor.

From the jetty the vice-regal party proceeded to visit the camp hospital situated close by.

Quite an attractive looking arch

had been constructed at the approach to the jetty in honour of His Excellency.

After the visit to the hospital the distinguished party boarded the ship and landed again at 8.30 to be present at the dinner given at the Glynn Mill Inn in their honour, the toast list being as follows:—

THE KING—H. E. the Governor and Lady Allardice—Prop. Mr. Angwin; Resp. H. E. the Governor Lady Allardice.

NEWFOUNDLAND—Prop. Mr. Alexander; Resp. Fr. Brennan.

THE NEW ENTERPRISE—Prop. H. E. the Governor; Resp. Mr. Stadler.

National Anthem.

We should not let this portion of the proceedings pass without making some comment on the speeches on this occasion, which were of an excellent order. Mr. Angwin's Toast to the distinguished party was couched in language that avowed of high literary accomplishment.

The Governor's speech in reply was brief, but graciously made. Lady Allardice in her usual capable manner thanked the people for the cordial welcome and emphasized particularly the need of co-operation amongst the ladies of the island in the cause of charity and helpfulness.

Mr. Alexander's Toast to Newfoundland was ably proposed with sincerity which is characteristic of himself. His words were eagerly absorbed by the mentality present and a warm acclamation was given him at the finish. He spoke of the high courage, perseverance and skill of the fishermen of our island home, their hospitality and loyalty, but went on to say that there is beginning in our midst a New Enterprise which would call for a new order of things in the labour sphere. Men who hitherto have been used to the more or less seasonal avocations of our land, must endeavour to change with the changing times, their uncertain periods of employment to the steady work which the new paper mill will afford throughout the year.

The Toast to Newfoundland was ably responded to by Rev. Fr. Brennan, a son of the Western Isld.

The third and last toast of the evening, The New Enterprise, was of a very inspiring nature. Proposed by His Excellency the Governor it could not have been more ably put. His Excellency spoke of new enterprises with which he had been connected in other lands. Sugar and sponge enterprises in the Falklands, hydro-electric and electrolytic zinc in Tasmania. He mentioned the skepticism existing during the promotion of new enterprises and in some cases the utter lack of vision on the part of the governments. He was thankful the Government of Newfoundland saw its opportunity in the case of our New Enterprise and it is hoped that there will be the happy realization of a century successfully undertaken and profitably carried out.

Mr. Stadler, the Managing Director, replied to this toast and presented to hear from the lips of the speaker words to awaken, enlighten and encourage the people of our country. We make this latter statement because we are convinced that Mr. Stadler's words were fraught with great significance for the prosperity of Newfoundland. He divulged for the first time the knowledge that this development is being finished at a cost a great deal in excess of that which the guaranteed debenture stock brought in. This money is being provided by the contractors, Messrs. Sir W. G. Armstrong-Whitworth & Co., Ltd. and will afford still further protection to the guarantors of the Debenture Stock. This country should be thankful that they have as contractors for this New Enterprise a corporation which is prepared to see the thing through and in so doing expend millions of their own money. As Mr. Stadler said if the two Governments are sharing a responsibility? The speaker went on to tell of his hopes for the Newfoundlanders. It is his intention to have Newfoundlanders trained to fill all the positions

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