

had defeated Murray's troops on the same Plains and had vainly hoped to re-conquer New France. Now these descendants had gathered from all over their native province, in festive attire and mood, to welcome the Sovereign of the British Empire and his Consort.

At the same time implementing the Imperial Conference of 1926 and the Statute of Westminster, the royal reception signalled Canada's status as an independent Dominion with its own King, by whom stood the Dominion Prime Minister, his sole adviser in Canadian matters. Thus was here compressed into a brief moment the whole cycle of an evolution two centuries long, an evolution through which a French colonial possession had become a sovereign nation of the British Commonwealth.

First the Prime Minister presented to Their Majesties the Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec and his wife, the State Minister and Leader of the Senate, Senator R. Dandurand, the Minister of Mines and Resources and Mrs. Crerar, Mrs. Ernest Lapointe, the Minister of Public Works and Madame Cardin, the Minister of Finance and Mrs. Dunning, the Minister of Trade and Commerce and Mrs. Euler, the Secretary of State, the Minister of National Defence, the Minister of Pensions and Mrs. Power, the Minister of