

A Royal Visit.

H. R. H. Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, visited Pictou County on Wednesday last. They were well and fittingly received in Pictou, New Glasgow and Stellarton. Only the Marquis visited the latter towns. Among the doings of the day was a descent by the Marquis and party of the Ford Pit of the Albion Mines. The following address was presented to his Excellency to which he made a fitting reply. The address will be observed to embody the sentiments of the people of both town and country:

To His Excellency the Right Honorable

SIR JOHN DOUGLAS SUTHERLAND CAMPBELL,
MARQUIS OF LORNE,

One of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, and Knight of the Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, etc., etc., etc.

Governor-General of Canada.

May it please Your Excellency:—We the Mayor and Council of the Town of Pictou, as well for the inhabitants of the Town as on behalf of the people of this County desire humbly to tender to Your Excellency and your illustrious Consort a most cordial welcome, and to assure Your Excellency of our ardent attachment and loyal devotion to the person and throne of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen.

In common with all the inhabitants of this Dominion we highly appreciate the great honor conferred upon us by Her Majesty in appointing as our Governor-General a British Nobleman and Statesman so closely allied to the Royal family and in sending to reside among us her own daughter whose influence we feel sure will bind still more strongly the many ties which attach us to the mother Country. But living as we do in a County which contains upwards of thirty thousand Highlanders, and still preserving in our midst the Gaelic tongue, we have peculiar pleasure in welcoming in the person of our Governor-General the son of the Duke of Argyll who represents so worthily one of the oldest and most noble Highland families, and whose career both as a private individual and as a statesman reflects so much honor on the National character. Our knowledge of your Excellency's distinguished abilities leads us confidently to expect that the duties of your exalted station will be performed in such a manner as will add materially to the happiness and prosperity of our land.

Our town is now for the fourth time honoured by a visit from a member of the Royal Family, but never have we felt greater pleasure and delight than in receiving Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, whose many virtues and graces have given her a place in our hearts, only inferior to that held by her Royal Mother. We beg your Excellency to convey to Her Royal Highness the hearty expression of our profound devotion.

We trust that the visit which Your Excellency and Her Royal Highness are about to pay to the extensive Coal Mines of our County will be in the highest manner interesting and satisfactory.

We remember how much the motherland is indebted for her greatness and prosperity to the abundance of her coal supply, and we are assured that Your Excellency will sympathize in our hope that the product of our Nova Scotia Coal fields will not only in furnishing fuel for domestic use, but also in the reduction of metal and for all the purposes of the industrial arts, prove of like inestimable value to the Dominion of Canada.

Again assuring Your Excellency of our unswerving devotion and loyalty, we sincerely hope and pray that Your Excellency and Her Royal Highness may be long spared to one another, and to the empire, that you may both greatly enjoy your visit to the Maritime Provinces, and that the period of your residence in Canada may be one of great comfort and happiness.

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with buyers; excitement when a rough fellow of the baser sort bought a Bible (with half a dollar given to him by a priest, who lingered at a distance down the *alameda* watching), and deliberately tore out the leaves and burned it in front of the stand; and visits from the authorities, who, in spite of the closest watch all the week, found no cause to molest us nor pretext us from closing our doors. The colporteurs and their volunteer aids from our church did not leave the stand, day nor night, for five days, during which time the wide front, with its display of Bibles, was not once closed. The sales were small in themselves, but contrasted very favourably with the sales on like occasions, generally in Madrid and elsewhere.

The boast of our enemies had been loud and bold—that our work was on the point of being stopped, and our chapel closed by the government, and that in only a little while more Santander would be rid of us and our teachings. In the midst of these threats and boasts, lo and behold! a Bible stand in the great fair of Santander. It has been of great benefit to the evangelical work in this city and province.

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