

example of her distinguished mother, through whose gracious permission the readers of this magazine are favored with a recent photograph of the Lady Marjorie. The other children of Lord and Lady Aberdeen are:—Lord Haddo, the eldest son, who attained his majority last year, the occasion emphasizing the admirable relations that exist on all the estates of Lord Aberdeen; the Hon. Dudley Gordon, and the Hon. Archie Gordon, who are the two youngest children.

Lady Aberdeen's interest in young people has always been most marked, and in the most kindly way she visited many educational institutions, acceding to their requests for addresses, which were often as witty as they were sensible.

Chicago University did honor to itself as well as to the Dominion by inviting her Excellency to deliver the principal address at the annual convocation of the university. Queen's University, in recognition of her interest in all matters affecting higher education, conferred upon her Excellency the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Lady Aberdeen is an earnest student of German literature, and on one occasion at least she delighted a German assemblage by addressing them fluently in their own language.

In November, 1894, their Excellencies visited British Columbia, their official tour partaking almost of the nature of a royal progress. They frequently visited their own ranch, the Guisachan farm and the Coldstream ranch, situated along sheet of water. One can see stretching across the lake what looks like a bridge or dam, known as "the Railway." This ingenious structure is the work of the skilful beaver architects, and is one of the objects of interest in Lord Aberdeen's home in British Columbia. Here their Excellencies, with their family,

spent delightful days, the memory of which lingers with them still. A number of views of the Coldstream ranch are given, through the kindness of Lady Aberdeen, as well as a view of Haddo House, Lord Aberdeen's seat in Scotland.

Of Lady Aberdeen it has been said that she is happiest when she is most useful. But her Ladyship is not at all a believer in the "all-work-and-no-play" doctrine. Not only is it her greatest delight to contribute to the pleasure of others, but she herself whole-heartedly enters into the gaieties to which her presence adds so pleasurable an element.

Diamond Jubilee, to commemorate the achievements of that wonderful reign. And whilst the symbolic maze delighted both spectators and participants, their Excellencies gladdened the heart of the revered Sovereign by a message of affection and fealty from those assembled at the festivity inaugurated in her honor.

During the regime of the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen at Rideau Hall the best traditions of Canadian hospitality were maintained, and the same "free-hearted hospitality" characterized their residence in other Canadian cities. Coming into such close touch with the people

British Columbia bench, strikingly portrays the Countess of Aberdeen's many admirable qualities:—

"Lady Aberdeen possesses a most charming personality, of commanding figure, with a classic head, finely set on a graceful neck, fine brown eyes, indicative of both intellect and wit. A striking figure were she a peasant instead of a Countess. Acquaintance with the possessor of these advantages does not lessen the admiration called forth by her personal charms. If I were asked what in my humble opinion are her most prominent mental characteristics I would answer, singular purity or honesty of purpose and truthfulness, coupled with an entire absence of affectation.

"I think it was of Walpole someone said: 'He is always acting, he cannot help it.' The converse would be true of Lady Aberdeen; she is never acting, she is always natural. Under any circumstance of time or place, whether among peasants or Peers, she is always a lady. Higher praise I cannot imagine. While Lord Aberdeen was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland much of the popularity of his Excellency deservedly enjoyed was due to Lady Aberdeen's effort to encourage Irish manufactures and undertakings, but more especially to her courteous and winning manners, and to-day she occupies a warm spot in many a kindly Irish heart of every rank and creed. In Canada she will be long remembered for her devotion to every movement in the direction of moral and social reform. Her Ladyship's gift of public speaking is probably attributable to the Irish strain in her ancestry, and on many subjects of public interest she expresses herself with great clearness and even eloquence, her words being delivered in a clear, musical voice.

"But with all this she is a most devoted wife and mother, as those know who have been privileged to see her at home, surrounded by her family, and she, with her worthy husband, combine in themselves the best traits of ancient Scotch and Irish hospitality, and never seem happier than when extending those rites to their many friends."



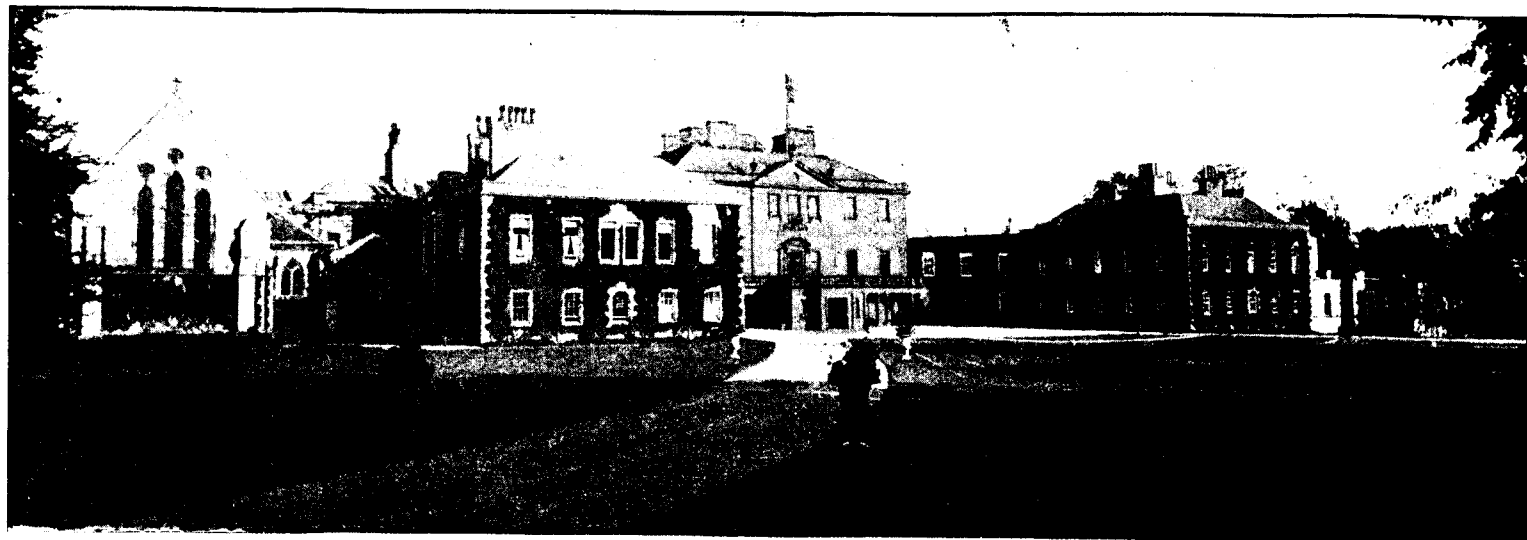
Long Lake Near Coldstream, B. C.

Some of the very jolliest skating parties were planned by her Excellency, and during the winter afternoons at Rideau Lady Aberdeen was always a bright, charming and attentive hostess, while the Lady Marjorie, who served tea of her own brewing in her little cottage, with its bright fire and cosy plenishing, made the life of an amateur pioneer seem almost an ideal one.

Her Excellency's social achievement was the Victorian Era Ball, given in 1897 in Toronto, in honor of Queen Victoria's

through association in their pleasures, as well as in their work, Lady Aberdeen has won for herself the sincere affection of those who call her "our own Lady Aberdeen." And if we are to characterize her influence, we may be safe in saying that the secret of it lies in her heart as much as in her intellect; in her unaffected goodness, even more than in her undoubted gifts of organizing and of administration.

The following pen-portrait, kindly contributed by a well-known Judge on the



HADDO HOUSE, SEAT OF THE EARL OF ABERDEEN

