

Chicago and San Francisco; in 1877 he visited an International Exposition at Philadelphia, and the next year received an honorary degree from Harvard University. He proposed to the Governor of New York State the creation of a National Park at Niagara Falls, a suggestion which was later adopted. Lord Lorne was an enthusiastic supporter of the idea of Dominion High Commissioners or Agents-General in Great Britain, (Galt and Tupper were appointed successive High Commissioners for Canada during his term of office), and wished to see them given greater representative powers than either the British or Canadian Governments were prepared to accord. The Marquis of Lansdowne, while Governor General, paid a short visit to England in 1886 in connection with the settlement of the prolonged fisheries dispute between Canada and the United States; and took a great personal interest in the first Colonial Conference, held in London in 1887. His biographer, Lord Newton, wrote that "his service as an intermediary between the Home Government, the American Government, and the Canadian Government had been of inestimable value." (1) The Earl of Minto paid a visit to the United States in October, 1899, when he was the guest of President Theodore Roosevelt. He went to England, together with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Lieutenant-Governors of the Provinces, and many other Canadian notables, to the Coronation celebrations in August, 1902, and took an active interest in the Colonial Conference held in London at that time.

(1) Lord Newton: Lord Lansdowne. p. 54.